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Proposed traffic flow improvement project would require modifying a median island located in Mariemont, a National Historic Landmark

To help improve traffic flow along U.S. 50/Wooster Pike on the east side of Mariemont, a National Historic Landmark, ODOT proposes to add a second travel lane between East Street and Petosky Avenue. Currently, the road in this area narrows from two lanes to one for a length of approximately 500 feet.

The Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Transportation Needs Analysis Report (July 2017) highlighted this area of U.S. 50/Wooster Pike as one that experiences inefficient traffic flow, resulting in queues that extend east along U.S. 50/Wooster Pike into the Mariemont High School area. Sideswipe crashes have also occurred as drivers change lanes in anticipation of the lane drop. The proposal to extend a second travel lane through this area was evaluated and recommended as part of the current effort to address primary transportation needs in Eastern Corridor Segments II and III.

The majority of space needed to accommodate a second travel lane can be obtained by restriping the lanes of the existing road. However, the east end of the median island located immediately west of Indian View Avenue must also be narrowed and ODOT proposes to remove and relocate portions of the island's curb. This action would reduce the island's overall size by approximately 30 percent; most work would be limited to the island's east end. In addition, the existing light post and signage would need to be moved back, however, trees would not be affected.

Plans for this project will be available for viewing at the upcoming Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Public Open Houses, which have been scheduled to get public input on this and other proposed transportation improvements throughout the Segments II and III study area:

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ODOT proposes to add the median island modification work into the HAM-US 50-30.22 Roadway Resurfacing project (PID #101309), which is scheduled to be constructed in the summer of 2019. The scope of this project involves road resurfacing and curb ramp reconstruction on U.S. 50 from Belmont Street to Terrace Park, and new pavement markings to accommodate a new eastbound bike lane between Spring Street and Newtown Road.

SECTION 106 PARTICIPATION
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires Federal agencies (or local agencies using Federal funds) to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the effects of undertakings on historic properties can become consulting parties. Anyone interested in becoming a consulting party on the proposed HAM-US 50-30.22 Roadway Resurfacing project (PID #101309) will have the opportunity to fill out and submit an application form provided at the Open Houses.

If you are unable to attend either of the Open Houses and are interested in learning about the Section 106 process and/or becoming a consulting party for this project, please visit the Segments II and III Public Involvement page of the Eastern Corridor website where Section 106 Consulting Party Applications are available.

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- Weigh in on the concepts being considered

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Additional information is available in our news release.
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Materials and concepts shared at the Open Houses were also posted on the Segments II and III Public Involvement page of the Eastern Corridor website.

Comments on the proposed improvements are due this Sunday, Nov. 25. Comments can be submitted using the online comment form, sent to the project team via email, submitted through the Submit Feedback tool on the Eastern Corridor website or sent to Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8, 505 S. SR 741, Lebanon, OH 45036.

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Issue 1
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If Issue 1 passes, those offenders would become misdemeanors instead of felonies that could result in prison time.

Would Ohio issue 1 reduce penalties for drug dealers?
Not simply. No.
Not more completely. Ohio law would not change penalties for those convicted of trafficking the illegal form for dealing drugs.

And those caught using a first-, second- or third-degree amount of drugs could still face prison for drug possession.

The argument is anyone with that many drugs must be selling them or selling.

However, prosecutors and crime activists argue that a fourth-degree felony conviction can result in a life of drugs. Anyone found with that many grams would be selling them. For example, nearly 1 kilogram of marijuana would be enough for 3,000 users, if each were a third of a gram.

I'm hearing a lot about fentanyl. How would Ohio issue 1 penalize users of that drug?
Fentanyl is a potent opioid used legally as a pain medication and for anesthesia, when combined with other drugs. But it's often mixed illegally to lace other drugs, making them even more potent.

The drug is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. More than 99 percent of drugs analyzed by the Hamilton County coroner's office in the first four months of 2018 had fentanyl in them.

Gov. John Kasich recently signed a bill to crack down on people who sell this dangerous drug. But the new law would not take effect until Oct. 31.

Here's how this becomes a potential problem: Ohio issue 1 would reduce penalties for fourth- and fifth-degree offenses that were on the books as of Jan. 1, 2018. At that time, fentanyl wasn't labeled among the states most dangerous drugs.

And anyone caught with less than 20 grams of fentanyl would face a misdemeanor instead of a felony. It would take two days of fentanyl use to equal as small as 2 milligrams. That means 20 grams could kill as many as 10,000 people.

Preparations of Issue 1 say people found with larger amounts of fentanyl are regularly charged with drug trafficking, attempted drug trafficking or child endangerment. Lawmakers could even change trafficking rules to make it easier to prosecute.

Would Issue 1 save the nation?
No. Several years ago, the state passed a law to prevent the law from taking effect.

Would it be federal law?
Under good faith, the bill would face federal protection.

Anyone using 400 grams of fentanyl would face federal charges.

What a drug destroys them?
Drug courts save 80 percent of people as they eliminate drug use.

The state's current laws would be in place.

That helped Kings County to reduce their

How much do you think it would cost to prevent 1000 kids from using fentanyl for at least five years?

Please join us! The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) wants your input on travel and access improvements being considered along U.S. 50 and SR 32 Between Red Bank Levee, Red Bank Corridor and the I-275/SR 32 Interchange and in the Village of Newtown (Eastern Corridor Segments I and III).

• View exhibits highlighting proposed improvements.
• Discuss concepts and questions with ODOT team members.
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• Come any time - no formal presentations will be made.
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• Questions or special needs requests, should be directed to Tom Arnold at tom.arnold@odot.oh.gov or (513) 993-6588.

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Open Your Heart, Share Your Home and Earn Money Supporting a Child in Need.

Envision serves people with developmental disabilities and is seeking caring individuals in Greater Cincinnati to serve as therapeutic foster parents who can provide a child with a family environment of trust and support.
September 25, 2018

Facebook:

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Twitter:

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October 18, 2018

Facebook:

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Madisonville Community Council Village of Fairfield Linwood, Cincinnati Ohio Mount Lookout, Cincinnati Anderson Township, Ohio - Government Village of Marlemont Village of Newtown Columbia Township

Twitter:

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It’s shaping up to be a great week to talk about transportation improvements! Join us Wednesday and Thursday as we focus on U.S. 50 and SR 32 between Beechmont Levee, Red Bank and the I-275/SR 32 Interchange. Come to either meeting, any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., to weigh in on travel and access improvements being considered. More details at: https://bit.ly/2An2ZHq

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Village of Newtown Miami Valley Christian Academy
Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

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Appendix C
NEWS RELEASES
ODOT TO HOST OPEN HOUSES ON OCT. 24 AND 25 TO REVIEW TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR EASTERN CORRIDOR SEGMENTS II and III

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MORE INFORMATION

A map of the Study Area is provided on the following page.

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CINCINNATI (October 22, 2018) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), in close coordination with local communities, planners and interest groups, has developed a series of concepts to improve travel and access to employment and other destinations between downtown Cincinnati and Clermont County. Part of an integrated multi-modal program of transportation investments, the Eastern Corridor planning team will present improvement concepts for public input at two open house meetings this week. The public is invited to review design plans and provide feedback on Eastern Corridor Segments II and III, which extend along U.S. 50 and SR 32 from Red Bank and the Beechmont Levee (SR 125/SR 32) to the I-275/SR 32 interchange near Eastgate.

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“The Eastern Corridor Program is a series of many individual transportation improvement projects being implemented across the eastern portion of the Greater Cincinnati region to help make travel easier and safer,” said Tom Arnold, planning engineer and Eastern Corridor Segments II and III project manager for ODOT District 8. “Projects across the corridor are in varying stages of planning, design, construction and completion. Concepts that will be highlighted at the open house meetings; however, are in the initial planning and design phases.”

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**Future projects will build upon significant investment already made along the corridor.**

As they are implemented, these projects will be added to a growing list of Eastern Corridor projects that are now complete. Some of the more recognizable efforts include:

- Construction of the Kennedy Connector in the Madisonville/Oakley area; completed 2013
- Reconfiguration of Eastgate North Frontage Road in the Eastgate area; completed 2013
- Reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 in the Eastgate area; completed 2014
- I-275/SR 32 Interchange Improvements in the Eastgate area; completed 2015
- Reconnection of Aicholtz Road between Mt. Carmel-Tobasco and Eastgate Blvd.; completed 2016
- Construction of the Duck Creek Connector in Madisonville; completed in 2017
- Intersection improvements at SR 32 & Bells Lane/Old 74 in the Eastgate area; currently under construction
- Addition of an eastbound lane on SR 32 from Gleneste-Withamsville to Stonelick-Olive Branch interchange; currently under construction

In addition, more than 180 smaller-scale roadway projects were identified in earlier stages of Eastern Corridor Program development. The majority of these projects have been completed. Like the concepts proposed for Segments II and III, these projects included signal timing modifications, intersection improvements, minor improvements to existing roads, new park and ride facilities, and the development of new biking and walking trails.

ODOT encourages the public to attend the open houses on Oct. 24 and 25 to weigh in on the most recent improvements being proposed. Attendees can come to either meeting any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. No formal presentations will be held. ODOT project team members will be available to discuss the various concepts and answer questions. In addition to general comments, ODOT is also seeking input regarding any potential social, environmental, historic preservation and economic impacts of the proposed concepts. Feedback received will be used to help develop its final recommendations for implementation.

Open house meeting materials, exhibits and comment forms will be posted on the Eastern Corridor website, EasternCorridor.org, immediately following the meetings for further public review and comment.

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![Segments II and III Focus Areas](image)

The Eastern Corridor Segments II and III study area is divided into six specific focus areas: the SR 125/SR 32 interchange area, the Linwood Avenue/Eastern Avenue interchange area, the US 50/Red Bank Road interchange area, the U.S. 50 Corridor (from Fairfax to Newtown Road), the ANCOR/SR 32 Hill area and the village of Newtown. Transportation improvement concepts for each focus area will be shared at the open house meetings.