



MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Location: Hamilton County Park District, Winton Center
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to update the HCPD on current Eastern Corridor Part B work, and discuss current HCPD plans in the area to coordinate with Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development and green infrastructure.

Meeting handout included an Eastern Corridor project summary sheet/agenda. The HCPD provided a map of upcoming bike trail/park projects in the area and estimated funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENTRAN opened the meeting by providing a brief Eastern Corridor overview leading to the current riverfront rail transit work and special archaeology, river geomorphology and alternatives studies in the multimodal Segment II/III (Anderson Township/Newtown) area. This current work is expected to be substantially completed by April 2009.

Upcoming HCPD Projects – The HCPD discussed plans for the Little Miami Golf Center (LMGC) and reviewed proposed alignment and land acquisition/funding issues for the extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail from the LMGC to Kellogg Avenue, as follows:

1. *Little Miami Golf Center* – Since the Eastern Corridor Part A work, the HCPD has improved the LMGC to include a new parking area and entrance drive, a relocated PAR 3 course and lawn bowling area, and an expanded driving range. The following issues were discussed:

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- An estimated corridor for the Eastern Corridor project (relocated SR 32) has been maintained - generally following an existing sewer easement just to the south of the golf center access drive.
 - The HCPD has a parcel for potential future greens expansion. However, they noted that their current club house could not support such an expansion, and the work needed to build the club house above floodplain is cost-prohibitive at this time. If the EC project had surplus fill, HCPD might be interested in order to help raise the club house out of the floodplain.
 - The EC alternatives result in varying degrees of impact to the LMGC, ranging from impacts to access/parking to the taking of the club house.
2. *Bike Trail from Bass Island to Riverside Park* – The former Indian Valley golf course (across Newtown Road from the LMGC) was purchased by New Horizon Church and a new building structure is being constructed. The HCPD is interested in acquiring a corridor along the LMR on this property. There is an easement for a bike trail at this location already in place by Anderson Township. The HCPD is also interested in purchasing an existing building structure along Newtown Road for use as a ranger station. The church has not agreed to any sales.
 3. *Little Miami Scenic Trail from LMGC to Clough Pike* – This section of the proposed bike trail will receive \$1.9M CMAQ/ODOT funds; HCPD and Anderson Township will provide local share.
 - HCPD has been working closely with Anderson Township and Village of Newtown to locate/connect this section of the bike trail through Short Park and Clear Creek Park.
 - Two sections of private land acquisition are needed: between Short and Clear Creek Parks and frontage property along SR 32 between Clear Creek Park and Clough Pike. No landowners have yet agreed to sell. HCPD noted that the Fischer landowner is exploring surface mining (gravel) on his property along SR 32.
 - The current preferred location for this section of the bike trail is different from that discussed during the EC Part A work. At that time, the bike trail more closely followed Clear Creek. The current preferred alignment follows higher ground, avoids crossing Clear Creek, minimizes the splitting of agricultural land, includes an at-grade crossing of the rail line, and follows an existing sewer line easement for part of the length. It is also located closer to residential areas and businesses in Newtown (better connectivity). However, the original alignment along Creek Creek remains an alternative if the preferred alignment cannot be built.
 4. *Little Miami Scenic Trail from Clough Road to Speedway and Speedway to Kellogg Avenue* – The section from Clough Pike to Speedway follows existing SR 32 and most of the required land has been secured through donation and Clean Ohio acquisition funds. The remaining section to Kellogg Avenue follows existing parkland and will be completed using Ohio Capital Funds through ODNR (expected to be completed by 2010).

Green infrastructure – ENTRAN noted that the green infrastructure planning begun in Eastern Corridor Part A would be continued into the next phase of work. Findings from the archaeology

and LMR geomorphology studies currently underway will provide additional information on mitigation and preservation/restoration opportunities that can be incorporated into a refined green infrastructure plan. The project team is also interested in continuing to explore conservation easements (initial concepts were discussed during the Part A work), and the HCPD noted that they are still interested in the management of easements. Initial mitigation/conservation easement concepts may be affected by possible landowner plans for gravel mining in the area, however, areas along and north of Clear Creek could still be available.

The HCPID also expressed interest in continuing to be a part of the Green Infrastructure Planning Committee. During the Part A work, this provided them with an opportunity to get to know the landowners in the area. ENTRAN noted that the green infrastructure work and planning committee is expected to commence again in early to mid-2009 during the next phase of work for the Eastern Corridor.

NOTE: During the phase of work currently underway, Eastern Corridor project update meetings are being held one-on-one with the various jurisdictions in the Segment II/III study area - including the HCPD, Anderson Township, Newtown, Fairfax and Mariemont - which include review of previous Eastern Corridor green infrastructure work and fit of current studies with future green infrastructure efforts.

Coordination needs/opportunities - During the course of discussion, the HCPD noted several opportunities for coordination with the Eastern Corridor and green infrastructure development that may be considered as the project moves forward, including:

- The Eastern Corridor project team will need to coordinate with HCPD regarding impacts to the LMGC and provision for safe access to this facility.
- The HCPD is interested in continuing to acquire or manage riparian and/or other conservation easements along the LMR in the Horseshoe Bend/Newtown bottom area.
- The HCPD is considering long-range LMGC club house improvements/golf course expansion.
- The HCPD is interested in acquiring riparian corridor along the LMR on the New Horizon Church property for a future bike trail.

Temporary bike path discussion – Next steps for completing the draft MOA pertaining to the temporary bike path on the Oasis line along the Ohio River were discussed. Initial comments on the draft MOA have been received from ODOT Central Office and the HCPD. SORTA is currently reviewing the draft MOA and will provide comments when completed. ODOT suggested that, once comments have been received from SORTA, that the MOA be revised to incorporate comments from all local parties and presented again for state/federal review and signature, with the goal of obtaining written concurrence from either FHWA or FTA that the temporary use of the Oasis line for a bike trail would not require future Section 4(f) evaluation as the Eastern Corridor project moves forward. It was agreed that a meeting of the local MOA signatory parties (ODOT-8, HCPD, HCTID and SORTA) should take place to review the MOA one more time before it is sent to state and federal agencies. The HCTID will follow-up with SORTA, HCPD and ODOT-8 next week to check on status of reviews and arrange a time for the next meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, October 20, 2008
Location: Village of Fairfax Administrative Building
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to update the Village of Fairfax on current Eastern Corridor Part B work, and discuss current village plans in the area to coordinate with Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development and green infrastructure.

Meeting handout included an Eastern Corridor project summary sheet/agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENTRAN opened the meeting by providing a brief Eastern Corridor overview leading to the current riverfront rail transit work and special archaeology, river geomorphology and alternatives studies in the multimodal Segment II/III (Fairfax/Anderson Township/Newtown) area. This current work is expected to be substantially completed by April 2009.

The Village of Fairfax noted the following development plans and access issues for consideration as the Eastern Corridor project moves forward:

Development area on east side of Red Bank Road from Shannon Way (formerly Track Street) to US 50 – This area is just south of new and planned development on the old Ford Plant site (future Walmart, two new and one planned office building and a future restaurant), consisting of existing commercial development along Fair Lane and potential re-development of the old Swallens property (owned by Gorilla Glue) and the Quebecor World site (owned by First Highland). Urban Equity (Bob Little) is working with current property owners in this area and the Village of Fairfax to redevelop these sites as part of a coordinated effort. Various development strategies are under consideration. Relative to the Eastern Corridor, Fairfax is interested in preserving as much of the

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existing and planned commercial development as possible, as well as considering suitable site access. Various future access connections are of interest to Fairfax, including:

- Connection from Fair Lane to Shannon Way
- Extension of Shannon Way to Virginia Avenue
- Connection from Red Bank Road to Virginia Avenue
- Reconnection of Jonlen Drive to Virginia Avenue (under Columbia Parkway)

It was noted by ENTRAN that these service road connections had been considered during the initial Eastern Corridor Part A work for the Red Bank Road area. According to Fairfax, no new connections or other development issues are being considered at this time for this area, and the preliminary access work that was completed in Part A is still valid.

Interchange options for US 50/Red Bank Road – ENTRAN reviewed three preliminary interchange concepts that had been developed during the Eastern Corridor Part A work. These will be further evaluated in the next phase of the Eastern Corridor after the river crossing alternatives are narrowed down as a result of the river geomorphology and alternatives evaluation work (CAS study) currently underway. Fairfax noted that there was interest in a future condominium development across Red Bank Road from Hyde Park Lumber, but noted that in the same area, the intersection of the two railroads and US 50 would be an ideal location for a future transit station in conjunction with the Eastern Corridor.

Other discussion items:

- The Village of Fairfax has just received CMAQ funds for a Wooster Pike (US 50) improvement project through the village, consisting of roadway reconfiguration from 4-lanes to 3-lanes (center turn lane) and associated sidewalk and signal improvements, to be done within existing right-of-way. This would be an access management project that would also include service road connections and improvements, plus some local streets will be cul-de-saced, removing intersections along Wooster Pike. Funds will be available for a 2010 construction.
- The local fire district (Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue), which serves Newtown, Columbia Township, and Fairfax, may purchase the old E-check property in Newtown to convert to a new firehouse and possible administration offices.
- A portion of the NuTone site along Red Bank Road has recently been purchased by a medical outfit from Norwood.

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Location: Anderson Center
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to update Anderson Township on current Eastern Corridor Part B work, and discuss current township plans in the area to coordinate with Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development and green infrastructure. Meeting handout included an Eastern Corridor project summary sheet/agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENTRAN opened the meeting by providing a brief Eastern Corridor overview leading to the current riverfront rail transit work and special archaeology, river geomorphology and alternatives studies in the multimodal Segment II/III (Fairfax/Anderson Township/Newtown) area. This current work is expected to be substantially completed by April 2009.

Anderson Township noted the following issues/plans for consideration as the Eastern Corridor project moves forward:

- Anderson Township noted that their primary concern is being able to identify a preferred alternative for Segment II/III so that right-of-way can be preserved. They get regular inquiries from landowners in the area requesting update on the Eastern Corridor status. ENTRAN noted that this current phase of work will narrow down the number of alternatives being considered through the Anderson Township area, but that further work will be required to identify a preferred alternative under the ODOT/FHWA process.

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- Anderson Township noted that they are in favor of using existing rail corridor as much as possible. ENTRAN/HCEO noted that it has been part of the Eastern Corridor plan since the Part A work to develop a shared multi-modal corridor through the Segment II/III area, with rail paralleling relocated SR 32 and including a multi-modal crossing of the Little Miami River and multimodal transit stations at US 50 and Newtown Road. This multimodal corridor also includes a shared use (bike) path that provides opportunity to link with other planned bike paths in the area (i.e., the planned extension of the Little Miami Trail).
- Anderson Township noted that a planned Dry Run sewer project by MSD is expected to open up more development along Eight Mile Road; this Phase II project is planned for 2011 construction.
- Cincinnati Water Works is planning a larger water line – associated with the Ancor Connector.
- Anderson Township will provide conceptual site plans for the new church being constructed along Newtown Road (*Steve Sievers forwarded these plans to ENTRAN after the meeting*).
- Anderson Township noted that Indian re-burials are located along Clear Creek. These burials were overseen by the Burial Rites Council. The Anderson Township Park District (Ken Kushner @ 474-0003) should have additional information about this work. Anderson Township also provided a map (poster) showing the location of historic sites in the township.
- Old Fort area – the Township has acquired about half of the 600 total parcels in this area using non-greenspace funds. There are four residences still remaining. The Township has no immediate plans for this site, but long term plans may include passive recreational use. The deed for the parcel along the river contains ODNR approval for a canoe access. Following the meeting, Steve Sievers provided ENTRAN with a pdf map of the Old Fort area showing property ownership by parcel.
- Anderson Township is interested in continuing the green infrastructure work from Part A, including continuing to explore conservation easements along the river and agricultural bottomlands.

Meeting follow-up: Deb Osborne contacted Steve Sievers regarding specifics of the other Township Greenspace areas along SR 32 east of Newtown. Steve noted that all of these areas were purchased with township funds obtained by a township levy authorized by state law (ORC). The purpose is to preserve these areas as permanent greenspace. The public is allowed to use the sites, but no improvements (parking, trails or other amenities) are provided. Susan Clingman (688-8400) is the Greenspace Inspector who can provide more specific information on the sites.

Deb Osborne and Mike Striker (from Gray & Pape) met with Ken Kushner from the Anderson Township Park District on Friday November 14th to obtain additional information regarding the re-burials in Clear Creek Park and other known archaeology information from the general area.

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, November 14, 2008
Location: Village of Newtown, Town Hall
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to update Mayor Cosby on current Eastern Corridor Part B work, and discuss current village plans in the area to coordinate with Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development. Meeting handout included an Eastern Corridor project summary sheet/agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENTRAN opened the meeting by providing a brief Eastern Corridor overview leading to the current special archaeology, river geomorphology and alternatives studies in the multimodal Segment II/III (Fairfax/Anderson Township/Newtown) area. This current work is expected to be substantially completed by April 2009.

Mayor Cosby noted the following issues/plans for consideration as the Eastern Corridor project moves forward:

- The primary concerns of the Village of Newtown are 1) avoiding impacts to businesses and 2) avoiding or minimizing impacts to residences. Mayor Cosby noted that the southernmost alternative corridor that follows existing Norfolk & Southern Railroad and SR 32 would not be acceptable due to substantial business and residential impacts. Newtown is in favor of an alternative that extends as far north as possible paralleling the Little Miami River (LMR).
- The project team noted that the work currently underway will provide crucial information about the LMR channel movement and sensitive archaeology resources along the floodplain that will help identify a potential river crossing location and reduce the number of alternatives carried over from Tier 1. Other environmental resources and community issues, such as those noted by Newtown regarding relocation impacts, will also be considered in this evaluation of alternatives. Once alternatives have been

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narrowed down, the next phase of work in Segment II/III will involve additional engineering to “weave” alternatives through sensitive areas and further avoid/minimize impacts to businesses and residential areas, ultimately leading to the selection of a preferred alternative.

- Mayor Cosby noted that Hydro Systems, located along Round Bottom Road, is planning on expanding to the opposite side of the road; no site plans are available from Newtown. In addition there is another new business in the same vicinity on the north side of Round Bottom Road that is not shown on our aerial map that would be impacted by the alignment shown in yellow (Segment M). Newtown also noted that there are plans to place an artificial turf complex in Short Park sometime next year.
- Newtown asked about the configuration of the intersection at Church Street, and the project team noted that an at-grade crossing is currently planned. The project team noted that Segment II/III also includes rail transit with a transit station planned along Church Street. Newtown was in favor of the transit component and noted that using portions of the existing rail corridor would also be favorable.
- Newtown requested a copy of the Segment II/III alternatives map. ENTRAN will follow-up with a copy, and HCTID will forward Mayor Cosby a pdf of the Tier 1 Segment II/III alternatives map from the DEIS.

Meeting follow-up: Following the meeting, the Ted Hubbard emailed Mayor Cosby a pdf map of the Eastern Corridor alternatives exhibit from the Tier 1 EIS. Deb Osborne dropped off a copy of the Segment II/III alternatives map to Mayor Cosby on Tuesday, November 18th, and discussed the Part A green infrastructure work, noting potential opportunity to coordinate future green infrastructure planning efforts with Newtown’s long-range interest in preserving cultural artifacts. Mayor Cosby requested a copy of the green infrastructure plan (*mailed by ENTRAN on 11/19*) and requested to be notified when planning efforts commenced to determine Newtown’s participation, emphasizing again the need to minimize impacts to Newtown’s business and residential community.

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008
Location: Village of Mariemont, Municipal Building
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to update the Village of Mariemont on current Eastern Corridor Part B work, and discuss current village plans in the area to coordinate with Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development. Meeting handout included an Eastern Corridor project summary sheet/agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENTRAN opened the meeting by providing a brief Eastern Corridor overview leading to the current special archaeology, river geomorphology and alternatives studies in the multimodal Segment II/III (Fairfax/Anderson Township/Newtown) area. This current work is expected to be substantially completed by April 2009.

Mariemont noted the following issues/plans for consideration as the Eastern Corridor project moves forward:

- The primary concern of the Village of Mariemont is potential noise issues associated with the new transportation corridor - especially pertaining to the northernmost alternative which skirts the southern edge of Mariemont and is closest to the residential subdivision along the bluffs area. Mariemont would be in favor of other alternatives located further south. Mariemont is already affected by noise issues associated with the Bulkmatic company located below the bluff area along the Claire Yard.
- The north alternative traverses the Mariemont Community Gardens. Most of this area is in agricultural use – under agreement with the Hafner family who in turn provides the village with a place to dispose their yard waste (at the Hafner landfill). A small area is open to the public to develop garden plots. No trails of recreational uses are associated with the Mariemont Gardens.

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- Mariemont noted that they are having stability issues with the bluffs area, especially this past year after heavy and continuous rains. They provided a copy of a geotechnical report prepared by Pohana, P.E. in May 2008. They understand the problem to be primarily erosion-related (not slippage), and are in the process of replanting the hillside from honeysuckle to viburnum and trees, placing curbs along Miami Bluff Drive and other related improvements to reduce the erosion potential.
- Mariemont also discussed the extensive cultural resources potential of the area. The Madisonville Site – located near the Mariemont Pool, was heavily excavated in the early 1900's when numerous bodies and artifacts from the Ft. Ancient culture were removed. More recently, Gray & Pape conducted a field survey associated with improvements to the sewer line, and discovered numerous artifacts and bone fragments. A state historical marker has been erected on the Madisonville Site to proclaim its significance.
- Mariemont is overall in favor of the Eastern Corridor project as it should serve to reduce congestion along US 50 that passes through the heart of the community. It was also noted that rail transit would bring back commuting options to the Village, as rail once connected the Village with downtown Cincinnati.
- Mariemont is working with property owners to establish a bike trail route along US 50 from the Library, extending along the High School property, crossing US 50 just west of Kroger, then joining with the abandoned rail line behind Kroger, eventually tying to the Little Miami Bike Trail at Newtown Road.

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008
Location: Village of Newtown, Town Hall
Project: EASTERN CORRIDOR – Segment II/III
Purpose: Project Update – Follow-up to November 14th meeting

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

This meeting was a follow-up to the November 14th meeting with Newtown to further discuss Eastern Corridor Segment II/III alternatives development and Newtown concerns.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Newtown's primary concern is that the alternative corridors carried over from the previous Eastern Corridor work are disruptive to the village's business and residential community, and questions why a corridor location further north outside Newtown towards the Little Miami River (LMR) is not under consideration. The project team noted various regulatory constraints in the area between the planned new church and the LMR (FEMA floodway, zoned riparian riparian buffer area, Dry Run, transmission corridor). At this time in the development process (expected to be completed in early 2009), key environmental and community issues, including business and residential disruption to Newtown, are being evaluated according to federal process to reduce the number of alternative corridors carried over from the previous work. As corridors with the potential for substantial impacts are eliminated during this phase of work, recommendations will also be made regarding locations where the remaining corridors will be shifted within the Eastern Corridor study area boundaries to further avoid/minimize impacts. Potential opportunities for corridor adjustments to avoid impacts to Newtown businesses and residences were noted during the meeting. Information about the corridors recommended for elimination and those recommended to be carried forward for further study is anticipated to be available in April-May 2009. A preferred alternative will not be identified until later in project development.

It was discussed during the meeting that Newtown formally submit an outline of concerns and key issues of importance to the Village. This input would be helpful and fully considered in the corridor evaluation currently underway and recommendations for further project development.

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Newtown requested a copy of the Segment II/III corridors map with the designated study area boundaries shown. ENTRAN will follow-up with a copy of the study area map, as requested.

It was also suggested during the meeting that the project team be available at a future date to answer questions for village council regarding project development.

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The Village Of Newtown

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December 10, 2008

Mr. William W. Brayshaw
Hamilton County Engineer
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Dear Mr. Brayshaw:

At the direction of the Newtown Village Council, I am enclosing a copy of a resolution introduced at the December 9, 2008 Council meeting. The motion to move it forward to a second reading passed unanimously. It is anticipated that the resolution will pass at Council's January 13, 2009 meeting.

The village is not opposed to the concept of the Eastern Corridor. However, all of the proposed alignments eliminate major portions of the village business districts, as well as residential neighborhoods. These alignments would not only have a disastrous effect on individual business but would also affect our ability to provide vital services because of the loss of village revenues.

We would welcome further discussions to find an alignment that we can support, but the current proposals leave the village no choice but to use all means available to stop the progression of the corridor.

Very truly yours,



Curt Cosby, Mayor
Village of Newtown

cc: Mr. Ted Hubbard
Mr. Todd Portune
Mr. David Pepper
Mr. Pat DeWine
State Representative Tom Brinkman
Senator Bob Schuler

First Reading: December 9, 2008
Second Reading: January 13, 2009
Third Reading: dispensed

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - _____

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENTS OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR, DISPENSING WITH THE THIRD READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Newtown has in the past expressed its support for the concept of an Eastern Corridor to alleviate traffic congestion and provide for the improved movement of traffic through the eastern area of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, recently, the office of the Hamilton County Engineer transmitted to the Mayor and the Newtown Village Council several different proposals for possible alignment of the proposed Eastern Corridor as it travels through the Village of Newtown; and

WHEREAS, every alignment of the proposed Eastern Corridor presented to the Village by the Hamilton County Engineer would cause serious damages and irreparable harm to the residents and business community of the Village of Newtown; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Newtown wishes to express its extreme displeasure and dismay over each and every proposed alignment of the Eastern Corridor as presented to the Village of Newtown;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Newtown, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council of the Village of Newtown declares its complete opposition to each and every proposed alignment of the Eastern Corridor as they have been depicted to the Village by the office of the Hamilton County Engineer. The Council finds that the all of the proposed alignments pose an immediate and irreparable threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses of the Village of Newtown.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the Village is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions he deems necessary in order to stop the currently proposed alignments of the Eastern Corridor from being constructed.

SECTION 3. The Council of the Village of Newtown calls upon the office of the Hamilton County Engineer to create a new alignment of the Eastern Corridor that will not constitute a detriment to the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and businesses of the Village of Newtown.

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