

# The Eastern Corridor

## **Development Team Meeting**

**February 22, 2012**

**Anderson Center, Anderson Township**

**7:00 to 9:00 PM**

# Implementation Partners

- Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District
- Clermont County Transportation Improvement District
- City of Cincinnati
- Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
- Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA)
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

*The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners.*

# Purpose of Meeting

- Provide background on Eastern Corridor Program
- Discuss status of projects
- Share planned public involvement activities
- Review Eastern Corridor Development Team roles and responsibilities
- Address questions and comments



# Eastern Corridor Program Overview

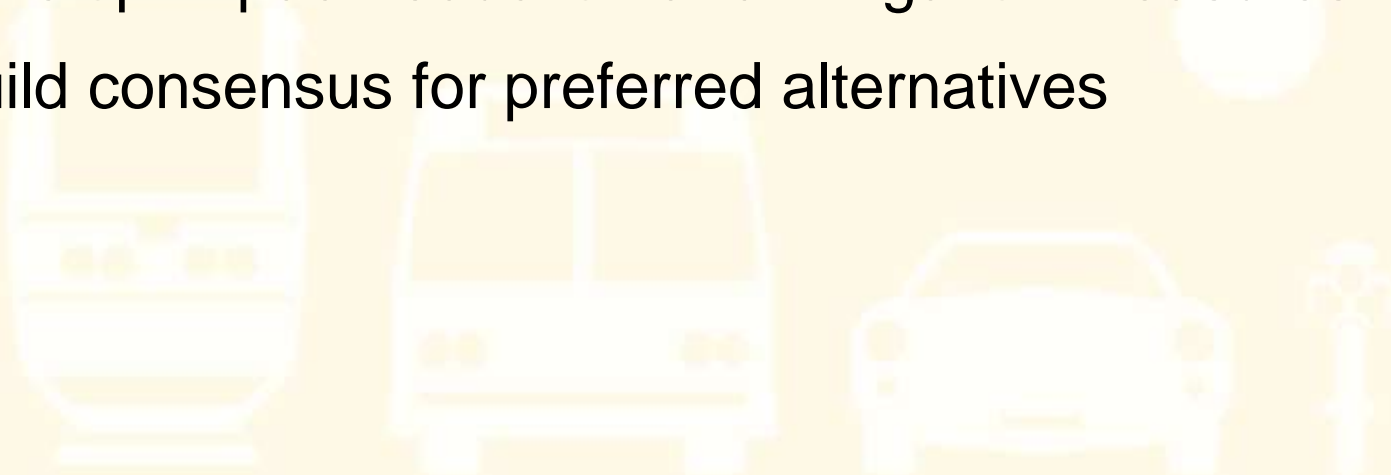
- **Purpose** – Implement a multi-modal transportation program that enhances the regional transportation network by improving travel and connections between central Cincinnati and communities extending east through Hamilton County and into western Clermont County.
- **Guiding Principles** as stated in 2000 Major Investment Study (MIS)
  - Identify effective, comprehensive solution
  - Provide support and sustenance to the regional economy
  - Implement improvements consistent with larger regional environmental goals
  - Consider existing and future land uses when structuring solution

# Eastern Corridor Program Development

- **Comprehensive studies completed:**
  - Eastern Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS), 2000
  - Eastern Corridor Land Use Vision Plan, 2002
  - Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Tier 1 DEIS), 2004
  - Green Infrastructure Concept Master Plan, 2005
  - Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (Tier 1 FEIS), 2005
  - Tier 1 Record of Decision (ROD), 2006
  - Eastern Corridor Land Use Vision Plan, Green Infrastructure Plan & Jurisdictional Updates Report, 2009
- **Extensive public outreach and involvement**
- **Continuing coordination with resource agencies**

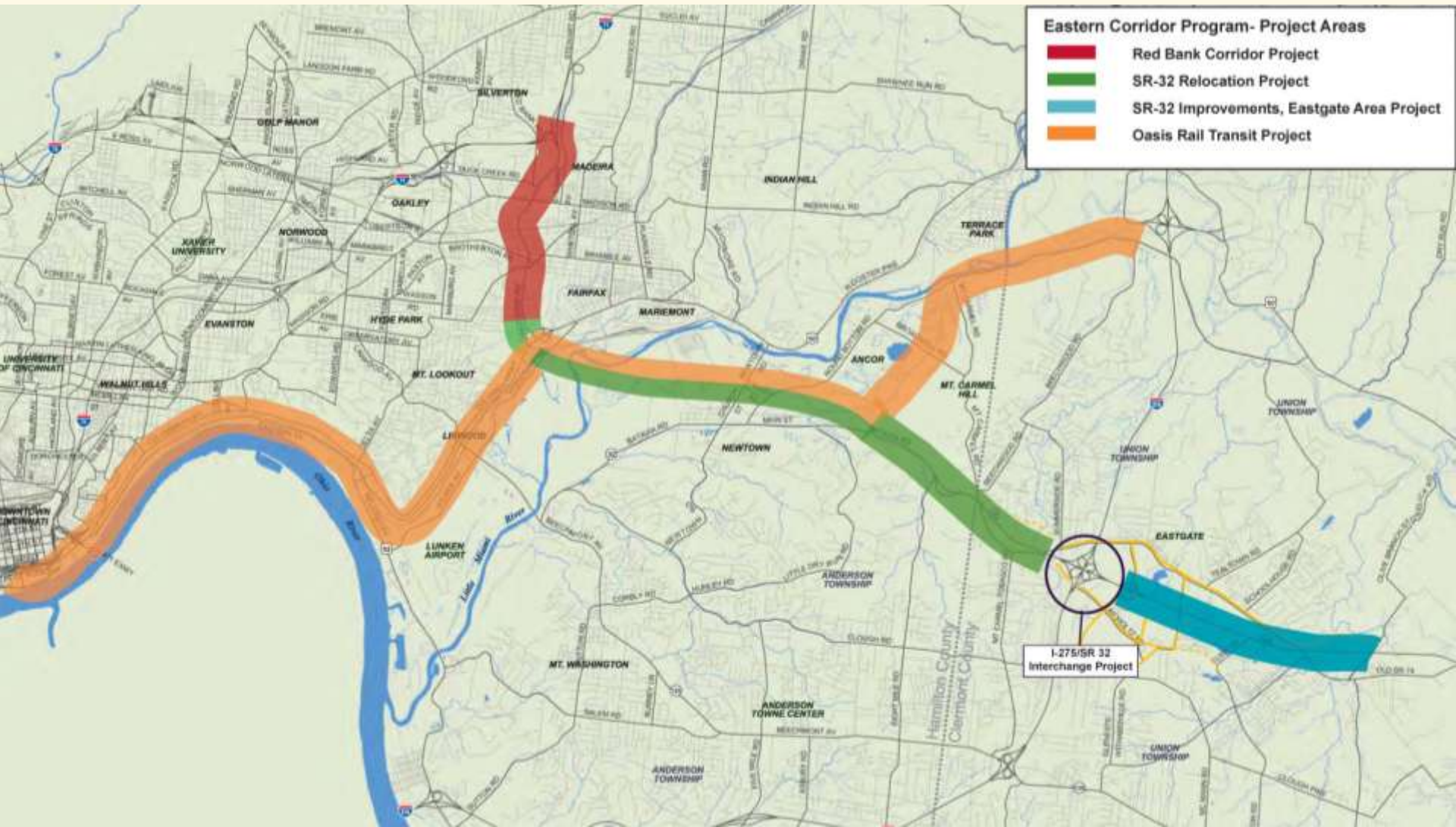
# Tier 2 Study Purpose

- Conduct detailed evaluation and analysis, by mode and segment, for selection of preferred alternatives
- Refine, narrow down feasible alternatives
- Develop specific alignments
- Assess environmental and other impact categories; develop impact reduction and mitigation measures
- Build consensus for preferred alternatives





# Eastern Corridor Projects



# SR-32 Improvements, Eastgate Area

## I-275/SR-32 Interchange Reconfiguration

- **Project Team**
  - ODOT/Clermont County/Implementation Partners
  - Stantec
- **Schedule**
  - To be completed in phases
  - Portions may begin construction in 2013

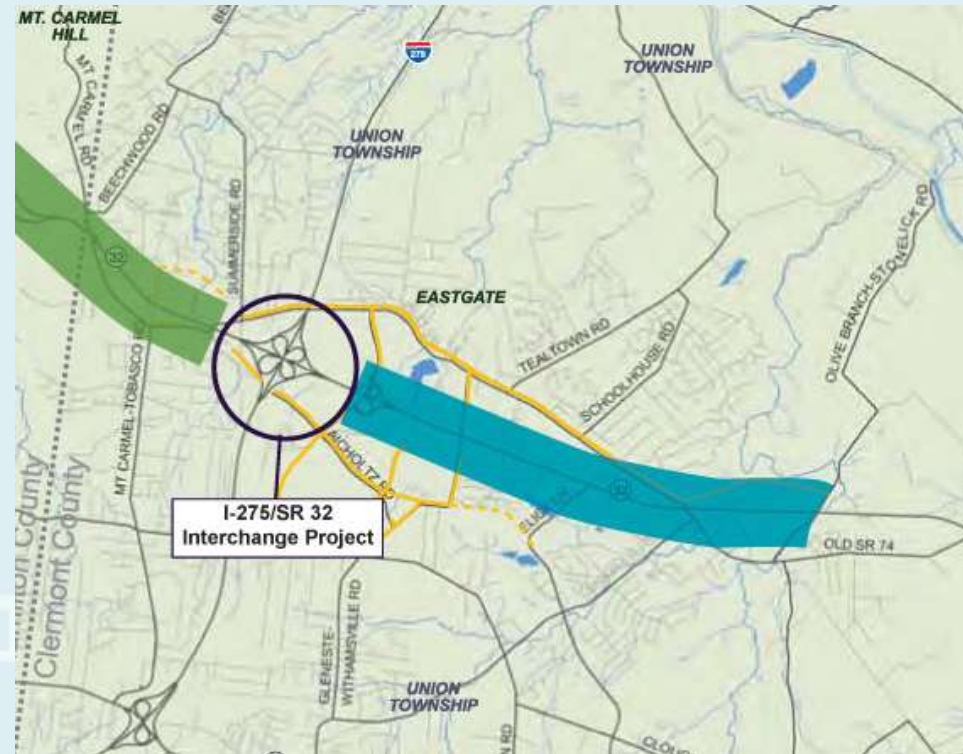


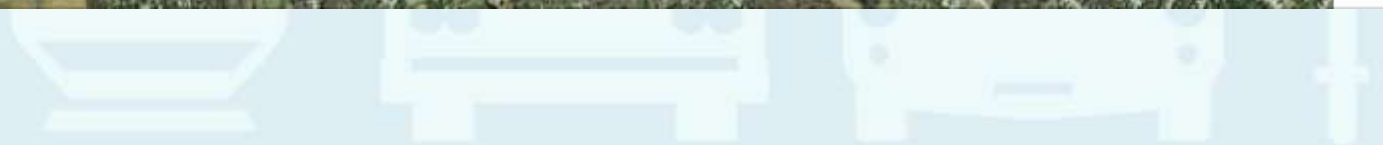


# SR-32 Improvements, Eastgate Area

## Eastgate Area to Olive Branch-Stonelick Rd.

- **Project Team**
  - ODOT/Implementation Partners
  - TranSystems
- **Current Status**
  - Conceptual Alternative Study (CAS) has been submitted for review







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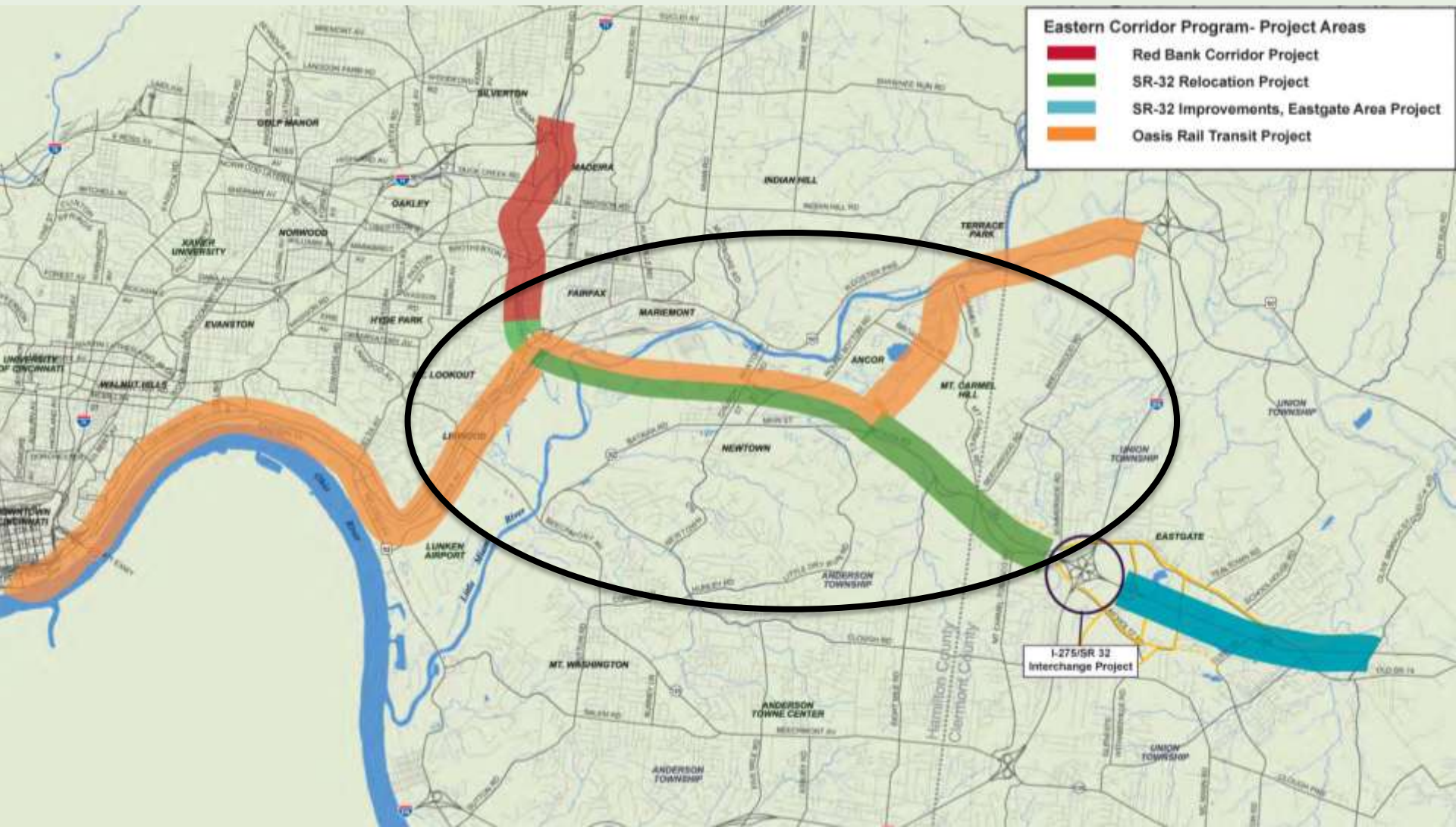
Eastgate Area to Olive Branch-Stonelick Rd.

- **Next Steps**
  - Refine alternatives
  - Complete preliminary engineering and environmental fieldwork
  - Present refined alternatives to community
  - Select preferred alternative





# SR-32 Relocation Project Area



# SR-32 Relocation Project

- **Project Team**
  - ODOT/Implementation Partners
  - Stantec
- **Current Status**
  - Received confirmation from FHWA of Tier I FEIS in February 2012, allowing Implementation Partners to move forward with Tier 2 development
  - Developing project schedule
  - A Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012



# SR-32 Relocation Project

- **Next Steps**
  - Develop project alternatives consistent with stated objectives and purpose identified in the ROD
  - Continue Tier 2 environmental studies



# Red Bank Corridor Project

- **Project Team**
  - ODOT/Implementation Partners
  - URS Corporation
- **Status**
  - Prepared basemap and compiling survey data
  - Identifying environmental issues to be considered
  - Conducting traffic analyses
  - Held a Community Partner Committee (CPC) meeting in December 2011
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> CPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 2012

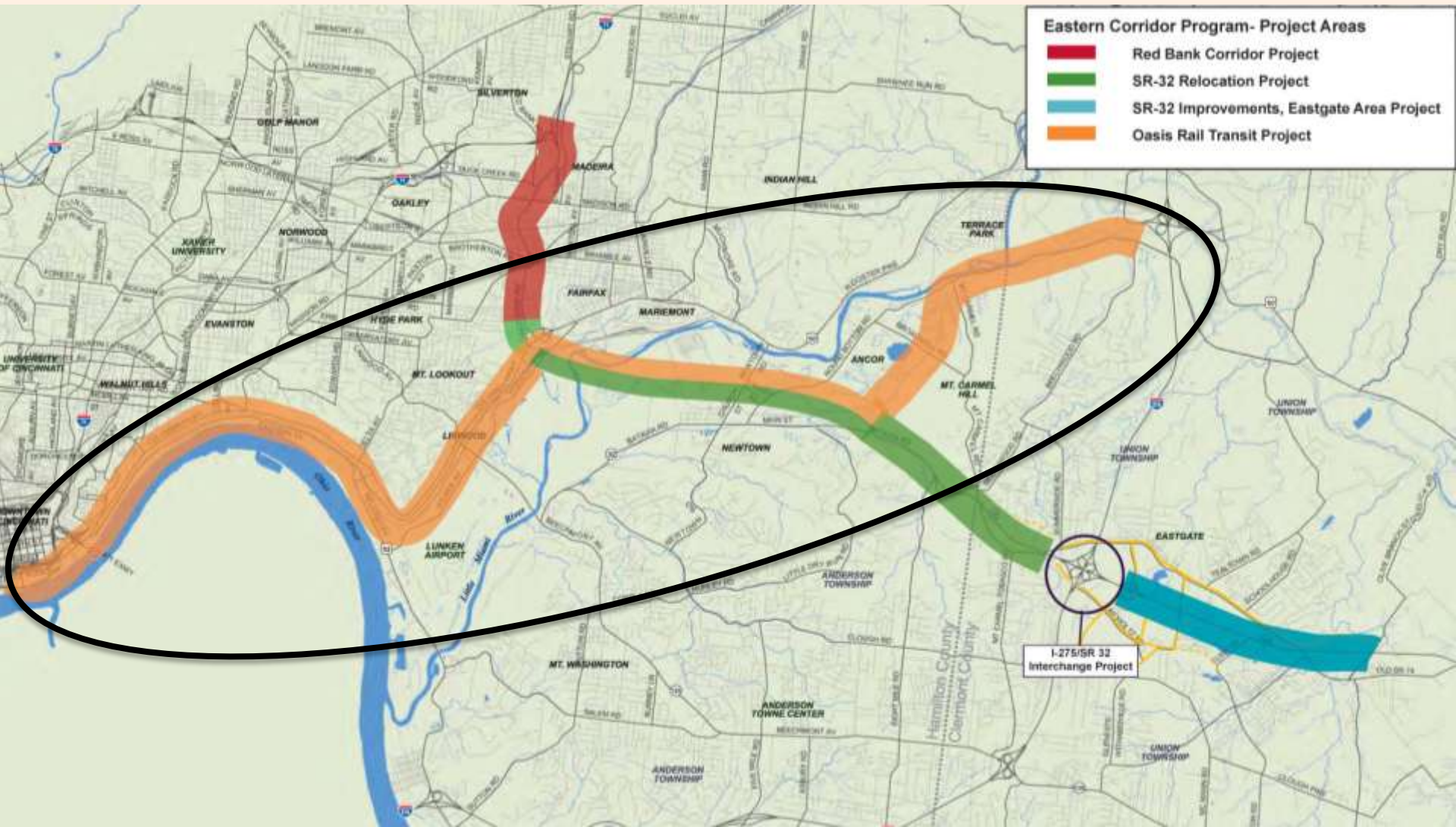


# Red Bank Corridor Project

- **Next Steps**
  - Continue meeting with local stakeholders
  - Continue environmental and traffic studies
  - Develop project alternatives consistent with stated objectives and purpose identified in the ROD and consistent with community context



# Oasis Rail Transit Project Area





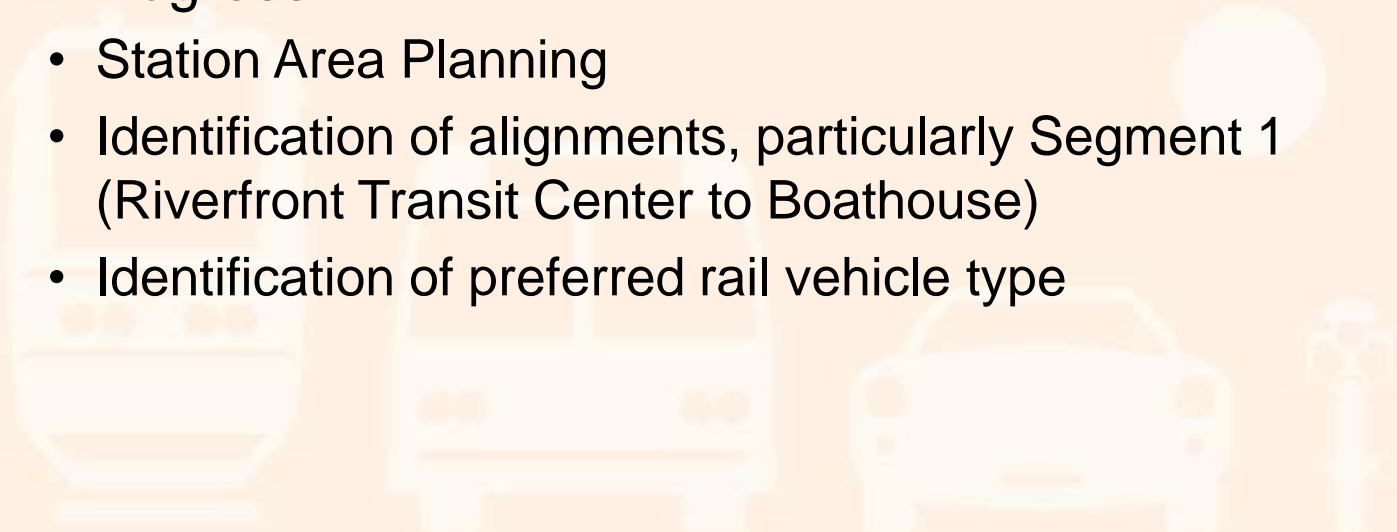
# Oasis Rail Transit Project

- **Project Team**
  - ODOT/Implementation Partners
  - HDR, Inc.



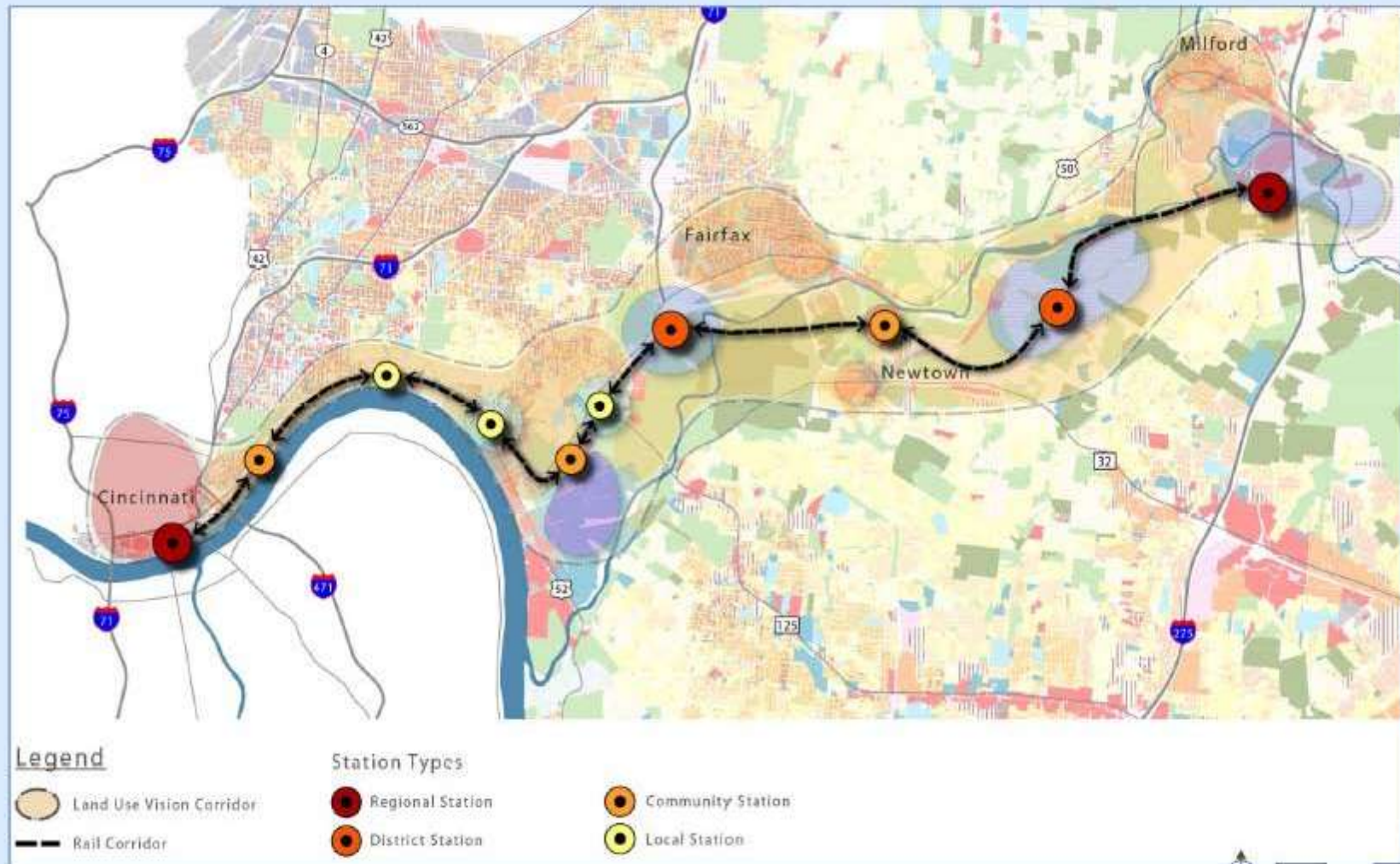
# Oasis Rail Transit Project

- **Status**
  - Completed
    - Initial environmental and demographic studies, economic modeling
    - Three community meetings in Spring 2011
  - In Progress
    - Station Area Planning
    - Identification of alignments, particularly Segment 1 (Riverfront Transit Center to Boathouse)
    - Identification of preferred rail vehicle type





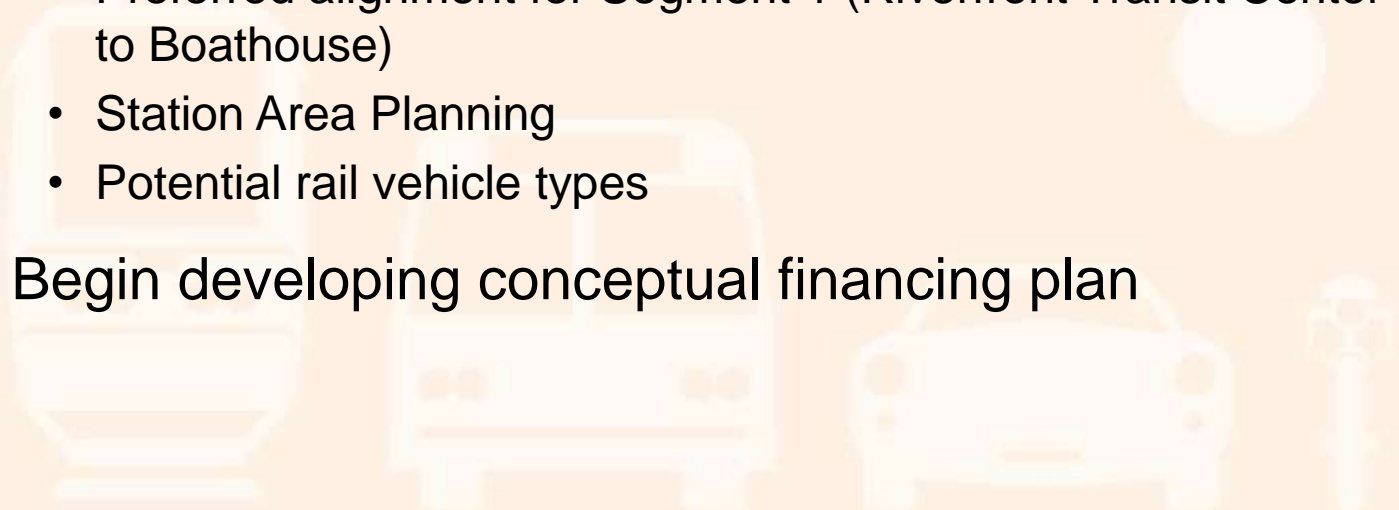
# Oasis Station by Type and Location



# Oasis Rail Transit Project

- **Next Steps**

- Continue Station Area and Land Use Planning efforts
- Complete ridership modeling efforts, economic analyses and environmental studies
- Participate in community meetings to gather public input on:
  - Preferred alignment for Segment 1 (Riverfront Transit Center to Boathouse)
  - Station Area Planning
  - Potential rail vehicle types
- Begin developing conceptual financing plan

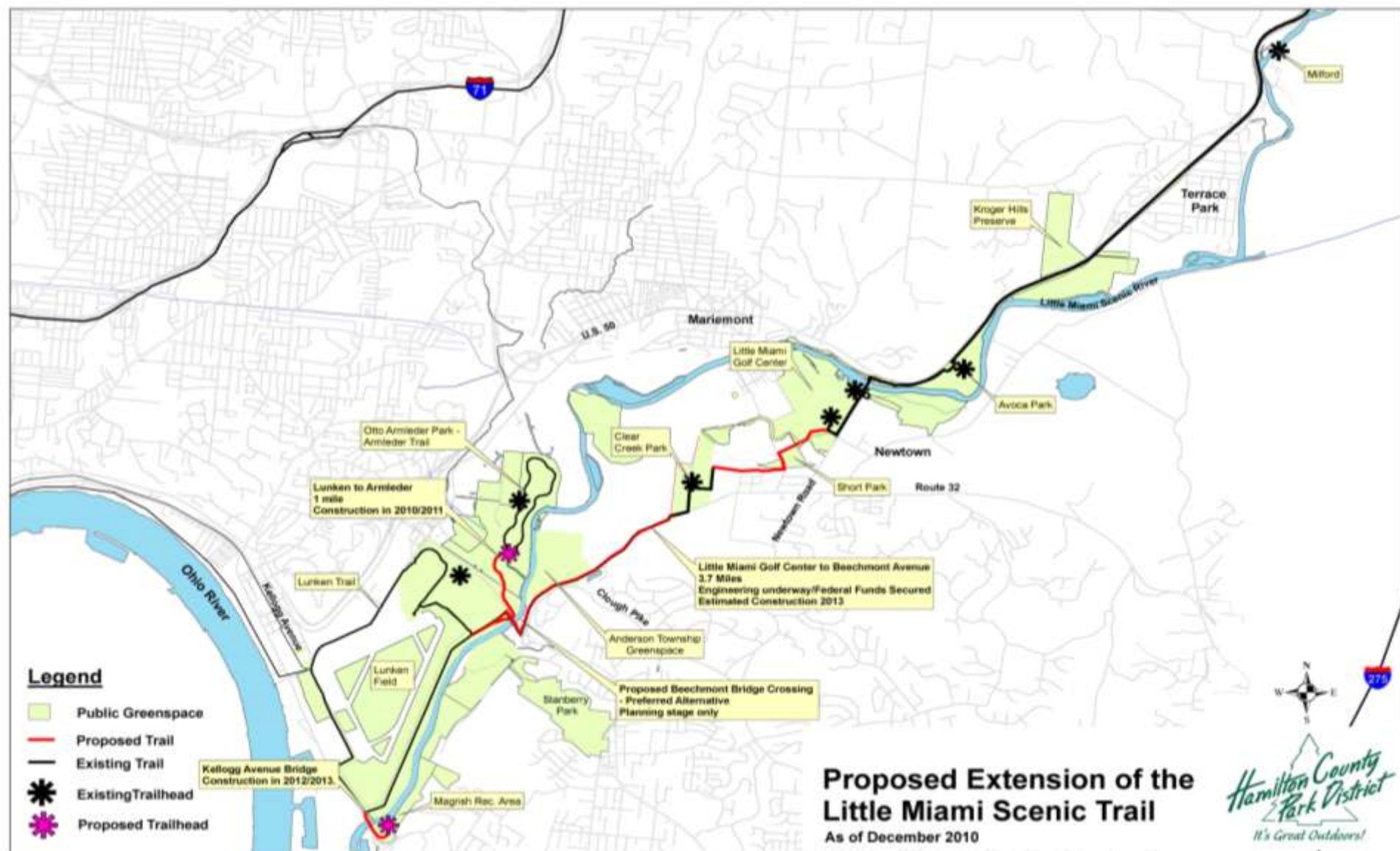


# Bike Trails

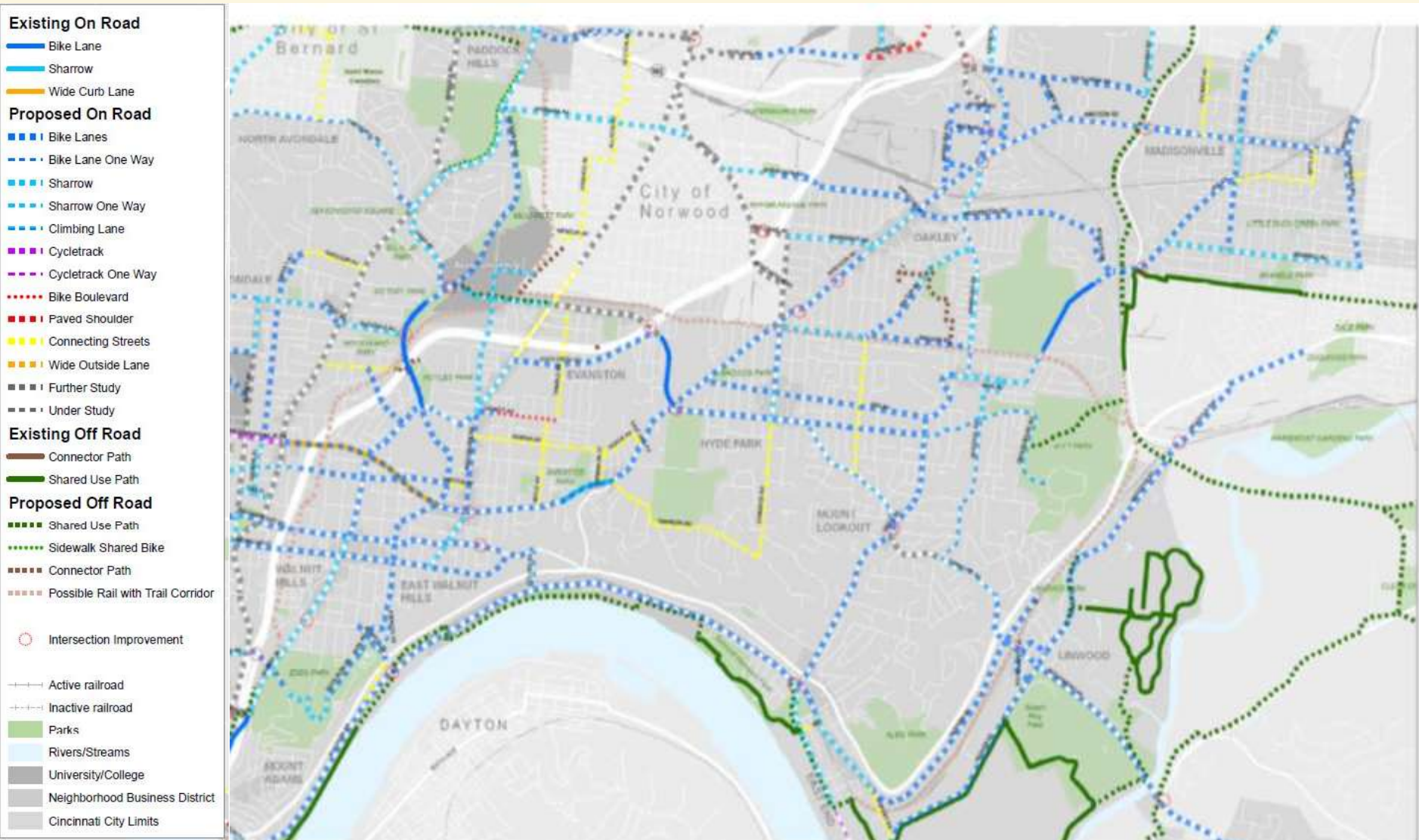




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# Eastern Corridor Program Funding

- Tier 2 funding provided primarily by the Federal Highway Administration and Ohio Department of Transportation, with support from Implementation Partner agencies
- Funding sources for future phases to be obtained through a combination of federal, state and local resources, both public and private





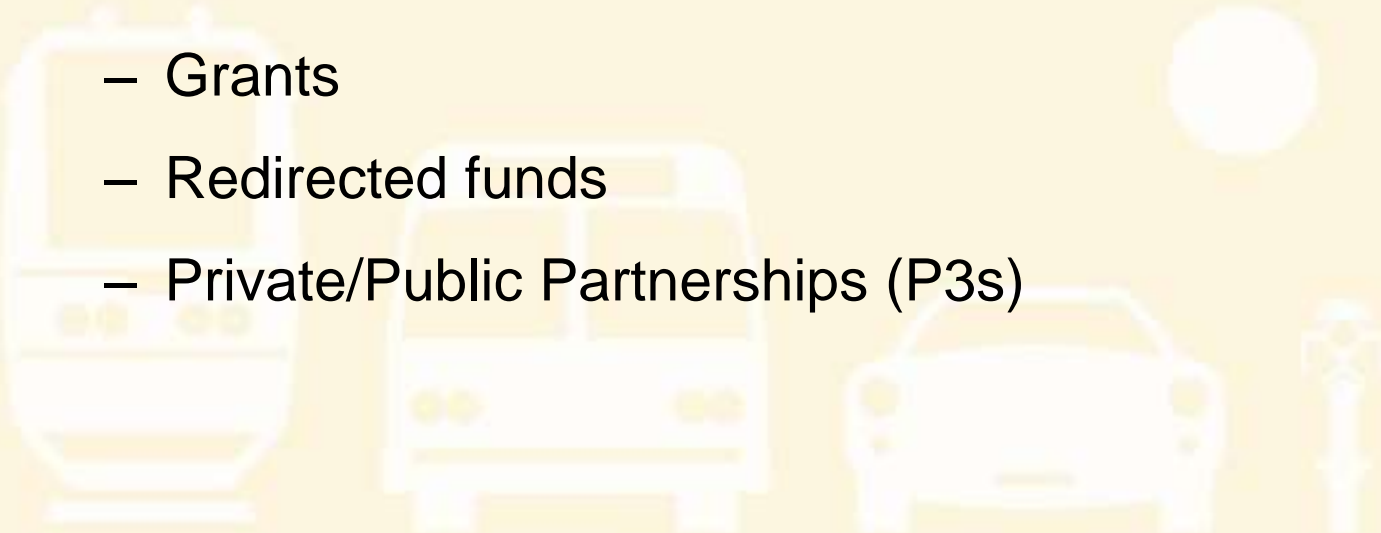
# TRAC Funding Update

- Draft funding recommendations released in January 2012
- Preliminary development of Eastern Corridor projects are continuing to move forward
- SR-32/I-275 Interchange project update
  - Proceeding with right-of-way acquisitions
  - Advancing toward “shovel-ready”



# Funding Sources

- Traditional sources
- Additional funding options include, but are not limited to:
  - Federal transportation bill
  - Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones (RIIZs)
  - Bonds
  - Grants
  - Redirected funds
  - Private/Public Partnerships (P3s)



# Public Involvement Update

- Eastern Corridor Development Team (ECDT)
- Community Partner Committee meetings
- Social media networking (Facebook/Twitter)
- Newsletter
- Website
  - [www.easterncorridor.org](http://www.easterncorridor.org)
- Telephone
  - (513) 888-7625



# Eastern Corridor Development Team

- **Your Role**

- Represent your community/organization in discussions relating to project studies, community goals and anticipated project outcomes
- Participate in project-focused Community Partner Committees (CPCs)
- Provide Eastern Corridor updates to your community/organization, disseminate information materials
- Share community/organizational questions, concerns, comments with Implementation Partners, project teams
- Assist with public outreach efforts, as appropriate

# Questions/Comments



# Public Comment Period





# Thank You



# Funding Available for Tier 2 Study

Project	Type	Amount	Source
Red Bank Road	Preliminary Engineering	\$3,554,235	HCTID Earmark – 80% Fed, 20% Local (\$2.84 million/\$710,000)
SR-32 Relocation	Preliminary Engineering	\$13,842,316	80% Fed, 20% Local
Oasis Rail Transit	Preliminary Engineering	\$4,400,000	80% Fed, 20% Local
SR-32 Improvements, Eastgate Area	Preliminary Engineering	\$3,965,677	\$3.3M at 80% Fed, 20% State Clermont County TID Earmark – \$666,900 at 80% Fed, 20% local
SR-32 Improvements, Eastgate Area	Design Development	\$2,700,000	80% Fed, 20% State
SR-32 Improvements, I-275/SR-32, Phase 1	Construction (2019)	\$48,642,500	