

Eastern Corridor Program Overview

The Eastern Corridor Program is a regional effort to improve travel and connections between central Cincinnati and communities extending east through Hamilton County and into western Clermont County.

Defined by the results of extensive studies and public involvement, the Program integrates regional passenger rail, enhanced bus service, accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, new roads and roadway improvements to provide long-term transportation solutions and community enhancement and economic development opportunities for the Eastern Corridor region.

Extensive studies have been completed to define transportation problems and identify long-term solutions.

PROGRAM GOALS

Four goals have guided the development, evaluation and future implementation of a recommended plan:

- Identify an effective, comprehensive transportation solution
- Support and grow the regional economy
- Implement improvements consistent with larger regional environmental goals
- Consider land use visions when structuring the transportation solution

A Tiered Approach

Tier 1

Completed in 2006, the Tier 1 study examined a broad range of possible actions. The study resulted in a multi-modal transportation plan and a series of conceptual alternatives to be studied further. The recommended plan included:

- New rail transit options
- Improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Expanded bus routes
- New and expanded roadways
- Improvements to local roadway networks

Tier 2

The Tier 2 study is now underway. As part of Tier 2, the Implementation Partners:

- Will continue to gather and use public input to help guide decision making
- Are examining Tier 1 recommendations in detail and evaluating them for function, context, feasibility and cost
- Are narrowing and refining conceptual alternatives
- Will identify preferred alternatives that will eventually undergo detailed design and construction

Funding Quick Facts



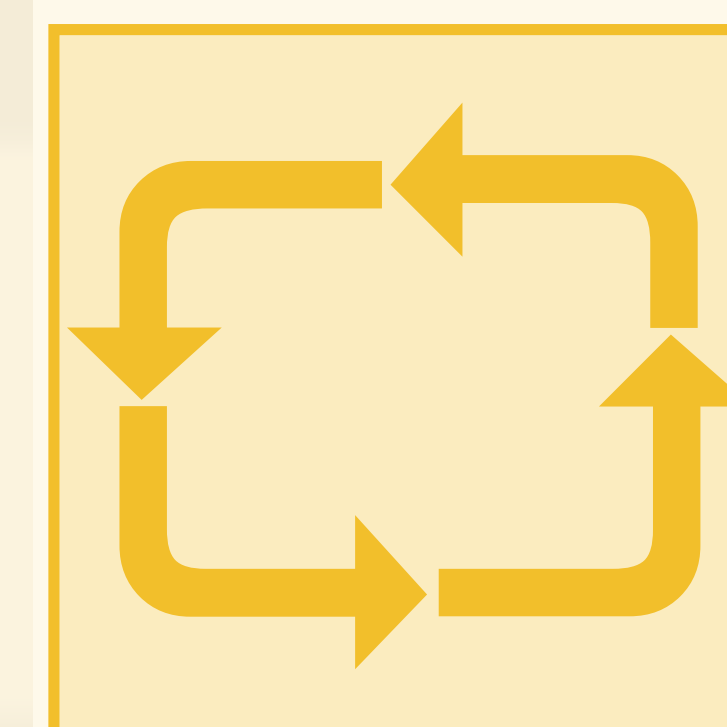
It's standard practice for large transportation and infrastructure projects to move forward with preliminary design and environmental analysis before construction funding is identified. Preliminary engineering and design help define the scope of a project and the funding dollars needed.



The Implementation Partners are focusing on developing solid, construction-ready projects for which work can begin once funding is secured. Having a project ready and well-planned can help advance it faster through funding prioritization lists.



Funding dollars are tight and many good projects are in competition for the limited resources available. The Eastern Corridor Program is rated highly on several key prospective funding lists.

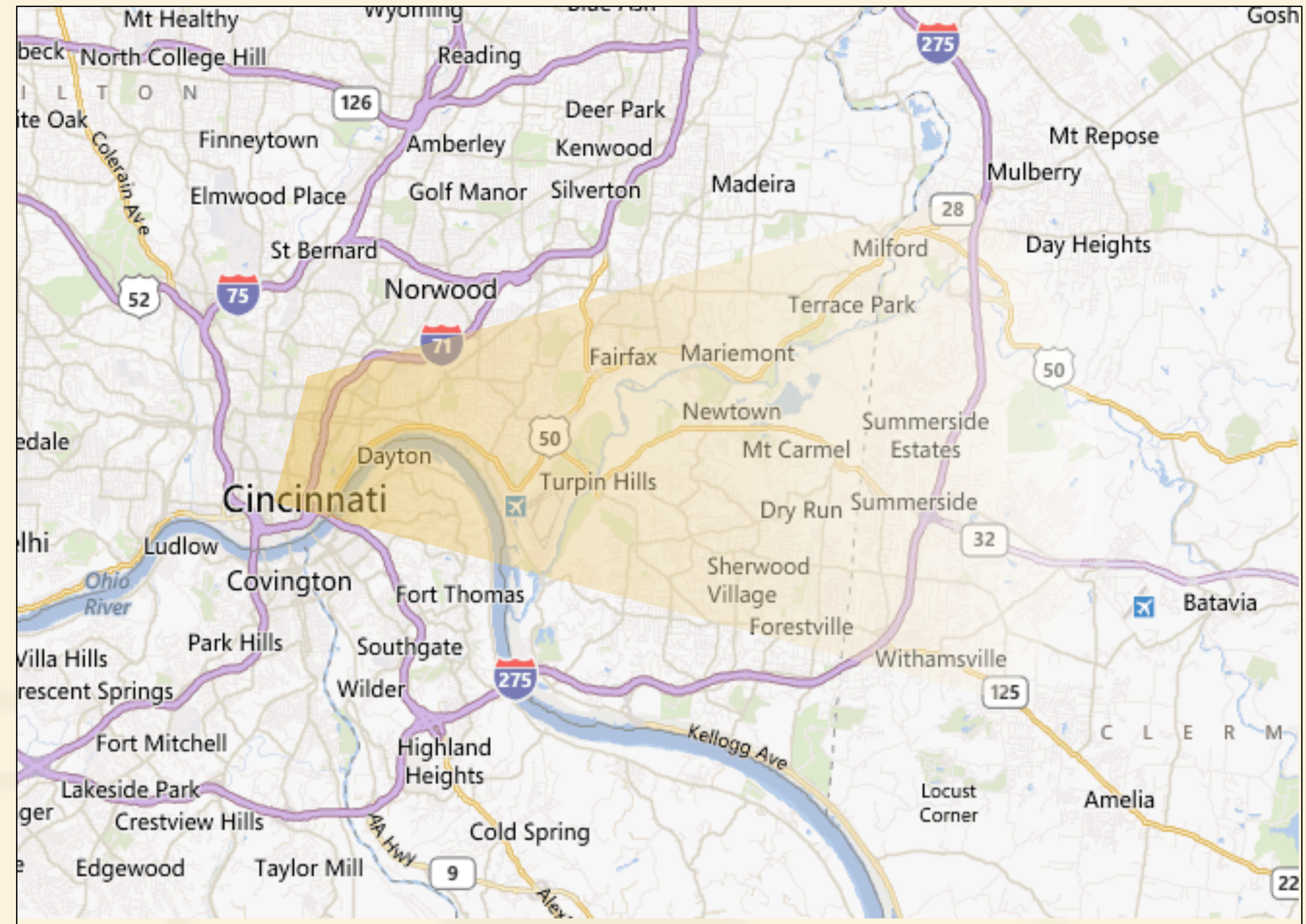


Project phasing is an option for getting started more quickly. Less money would be needed at one time if the projects are constructed in phases. The benefit to phased construction is that work can begin sooner.

The Eastern Corridor

Providing east-west connectivity for the Greater Cincinnati region

- Regionally-supported
- Improve travel, access, safety
 - Address critical congestion issues
 - Help people spend less time in the car
- Offer more options to get around
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled and emissions
- Support local, regional visions for community enhancement, economic development and sustainable regional growth



Greater Cincinnati's Eastern Corridor Region

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