

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The “Old” Red Bank Road Reconstruction and Babson Place & Hetzel Street Extensions projects are two of five components of the Red Bank Corridor Improvement Plan, which are part of the Eastern Corridor Program to improve regional access, connectivity, and travel options. The Red Bank Corridor improvements will be constructed in a phased approach. One project, the Duck Creek Connector, has already been constructed. The Babson Place & Hetzel Streets Extensions and “Old” Red Bank Road Reconstruction projects will be advanced when funding is available.

The purpose of the proposed Red Bank Corridor projects are to:

- Improve congestion and safety in the heavily traveled Red Bank Corridor area
- Improve mobility in the Red Bank Expressway/Madison Road area
- Improve pedestrian/bicycle connectivity and safety
- Support ongoing development in the Red Bank Corridor area

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Babson Place & Hetzel Street Extensions

- Realign and extend Hetzel Street from the reconstructed “Old” Red Bank Road (PID 98685) to Red Bank Expressway and extend Babson Place from the existing cul-de-sac to Red Bank Expressway at the proposed extension of Hetzel Street
- Reconstruct “Old” Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Red Bank Drive
- Reconstruct Red Bank Expressway at the proposed intersection of Hetzel Street and Babson Place to accommodate future improvements
- Install a new culvert at Deerfield Creek
- Construct a new 5-foot wide sidewalk for pedestrian/bicycle access
- Remove the existing cul-de-sac on Babson Place and the connector road from the cul-de-sac to Red Bank Expressway
- Install a new curb, sidewalks, drainage improvements, traffic control and retaining walls

“Old” Red Bank Road Reconstruction

- Reconstruct “Old” Red Bank Road from just south of Hetzel Street to its existing terminus with Red Bank Expressway
- Construct a new sidewalk (5 feet – 8 feet wide) for pedestrian/bicycle access
- Construct a new bridge over the Genesee and Wyoming (G&W) Railroad to restore the connection of “Old” Red Bank Road
- Construct a new curb, drainage improvements, traffic control and retaining walls

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MADISONVILLE COMMUNITY

- Babson Place will reconnect to Red Bank Expressway for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Hetzel Street will reconnect between Red Bank Expressway and “Old” Red Bank Road for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- New sidewalks will be installed along “Old” Red Bank Road and Red Bank Expressway for safer access to local businesses.
- Shared-use paths will be installed along Red Bank Expressway for bicyclist use; these can be connected with future projects to further develop a safe bicycling network in Madisonville to connect to adjacent communities.
- Roadway improvements to Babson Place, Hetzel Street, and “Old” Red Bank Road will allow for additional access to small businesses along Red Bank Expressway for both vehicular traffic and pedestrian/public transit users.
- Projects will increase the amount of bicycle infrastructure and improve neighborhood walkability by improving sidewalk connectivity and pedestrian safety.

*These improvements are consistent with priorities outlined in the Goals and Values for the Red Bank Corridor Project prepared by the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC) in February 2012, as stated below:*

- Improves road access and new connections support safer access to business and residential redevelopments in the Madisonville and adjacent communities for all users.
- Road design creates “location friendly” access from Red Bank Expressway to small businesses and nearby residential neighborhoods.
- The road design adopts modern design principles (Complete Streets) to encourage growth of walkable, bikeable, family-friendly neighborhoods and business districts (2018 Green Cincinnati Plan).

