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EASTERN CORRIDOR PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9, 2017

ODOT schedules open house to review results of technical studies and public feedback for area between the Red Bank Corridor and the I-275/SR 32 Interchange; information gained will be used to plan future transportation improvements

Hamilton County, OH (Feb. 9, 2017) - On Thursday, March 9, 2017, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host a Public Open House to share updated traffic volume, travel time, congestion and crash data for the portion of the Eastern Corridor that extends between the Red Bank Corridor and the I-275/SR 32 interchange near Eastgate (Eastern Corridor Segments II and III). ODOT will also share feedback received from the public through an interactive, online survey and a series of Focus Area Workshops that took place last spring.

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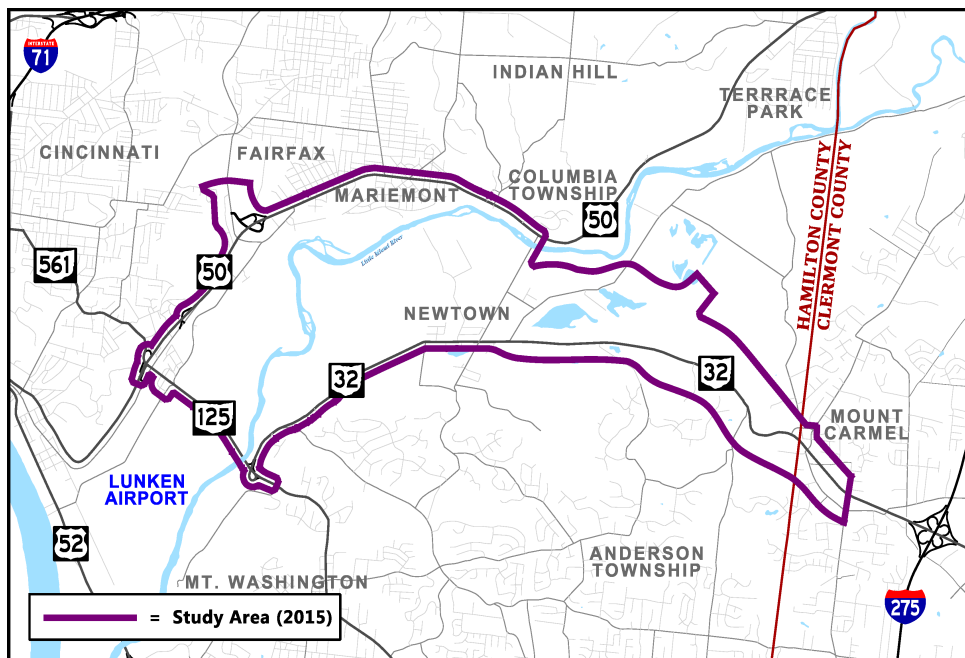
Thursday, March 9, 2017

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Miami Valley Christian Academy

6830 School Street, Newtown, OH 45244

Those interested in attending can come any time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; no formal presentation will be held. ODOT project team members will be available to answer questions and discuss material that will be shared on information boards.



Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Study Area (Red Bank Corridor to I-275/SR 32 Interchange)

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“We’ve conducted extensive public involvement and updated key technical data for this central region of the Eastern Corridor. The information we’ve gathered has helped identify needs which will be used to establish priorities moving forward,” said ODOT project manager Tom Arnold. “During upcoming months, we will work with local community representatives to identify potential options to address these needs, focusing on the existing transportation network.”

Over the course of the past year, ODOT held six Focus Area Workshops to gather public feedback on priorities, problem areas and improvements needed throughout the corridor. The project team also launched a comprehensive online data collection process that allowed community members to share their thoughts by computer and mobile device. Approximately 1,200 individuals participated. In addition, ODOT conducted multiple technical studies to inform current travel analyses and predict future needs.

“The purpose of this Open House is to confirm with the public that we’ve captured their concerns, and for us to collectively review both public and technical data in an open, collaborative setting,” said Arnold.

Following the Open House and a subsequent 30-day public comment period, ODOT will begin working with local community representatives and planners to develop priority-driven solutions to the transportation needs identified. Recommendations for localized transportation improvements will be shared for public review and input soon after. At that time, planners will begin the process of seeking planning and construction funding for approved improvements.

Information presented at the Open House will be posted on the www.EasternCorridor.org on March 9, 2017.

Comments from the public can be submitted at the Open House; sent via email to EasternCorridor@EasternCorridor.org; submitted through the Feedback tool on the Eastern Corridor website; or sent to Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8, 505 S. State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036. The public comment period closes at midnight on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

The Public Open House is ADA accessible. Individuals needing interpretation or special assistance services should contact Andy Fluegemann, ODOT, at Andy.Fluegemann@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6597 by February 27, 2017.

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The Ohio Department of Transportation maintains the state's largest man-made asset--the transportation system. ODOT's mission is to provide the safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place. As a \$2.8 billion per year enterprise, ODOT invests the bulk of its resources in system preservation through maintenance, construction and snow and ice operations.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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