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ODOT TO HOST OPEN HOUSES ON OCT. 24 AND 25 TO REVIEW TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR EASTERN CORRIDOR SEGMENTS II and III

(the center portion of the Eastern Corridor region)

ODOT seeks public input on concepts to address transportation needs between the Red Bank corridor and I-275/SR 32 interchange

CINCINNATI (Sept. 24, 2018) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is hosting Open Houses on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 to gather public input on transportation improvement concepts developed to improve travel and access through Segments II and III of the Eastern Corridor. This area extends between the Red Bank corridor and the I-275/SR 32 interchange and includes U.S. 50, SR 32 and the village of Newtown.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Miami Valley Christian Academy

6830 School Street

Newtown, OH 45244

Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

R.G. Cribbet Recreation Center

5903 Hawthorne Avenue

Fairfax, OH 45227

Attendees can come any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. No formal presentations will be held. ODOT project team members will be at the Open Houses to discuss the various concepts and answer questions. ODOT will also be seeking public comment regarding any potential social, environmental, historic preservation and economic impacts of the proposed concepts. Public comments must be submitted to ODOT no later than Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 to be considered during this phase of development. ODOT will use feedback received to help develop its final recommendations for implementation.

“We’ve been working very closely with a group of five advisory committees – comprised of local elected officials, transportation planning professionals, and community and interest group representatives – for nearly a year to identify and evaluate workable solutions to address transportation needs,” said Tom Arnold, planning engineer and Eastern Corridor Segments II and III project manager for ODOT District 8. These needs are detailed in ODOT’s Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Transportation Needs Analysis Report (July 2017), which was prepared using the results of comprehensive technical studies (traffic volume, travel time, congestion and crash data) and extensive stakeholder input.

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Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners

Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District • Clermont County Transportation Improvement District • City of Cincinnati
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments • Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority • Ohio Department of Transportation

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

“The advisory committees and our project team have explored a broad field of possible solutions, reviewed the results of analyses conducted for each, and narrowed options down to a set of feasible alternatives,” Arnold said. “At this point, we want the public to weigh in on these concepts. Their input is essential in helping us determine which of the remaining options will best meet their needs.”

Proposed improvements vary widely throughout the study area depending on location. Examples of concepts being considered include the installation of roundabouts, lengthening existing turn lanes or adding new turn lanes, improving traffic signal timing and constructing additional travel lanes. Concepts for improving bicycle and pedestrian connectivity have also been developed throughout the study area.

Following the public meetings in October, ODOT will meet with its five advisory committees once more to review comments, discuss any refinements to be made, identify implementation priorities and determine lead sponsors for each project. ODOT will compile the results of these discussions and its final recommendations in an implementation plan that will be shared with local jurisdictions and used to guide future project planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments can be submitted at the Open Houses, sent via email to EasternCorridor@EasternCorridor.org, submitted through the Submit Feedback tool on the Eastern Corridor website or sent to Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8, 505 S. SR 741, Lebanon, OH 45036. The public comment period closes at midnight on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

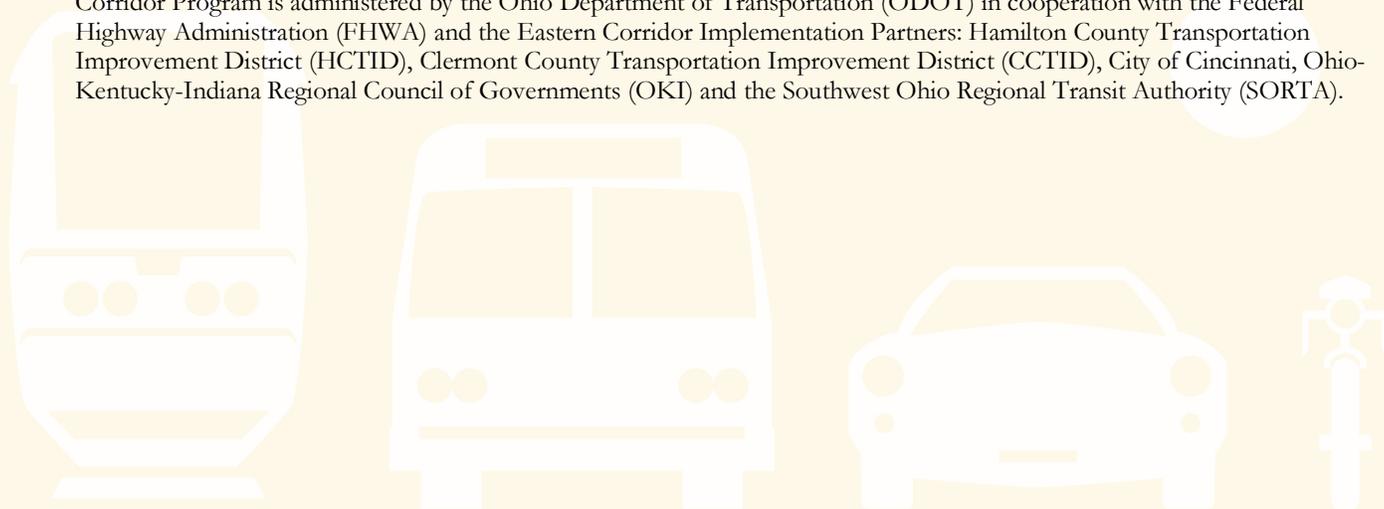
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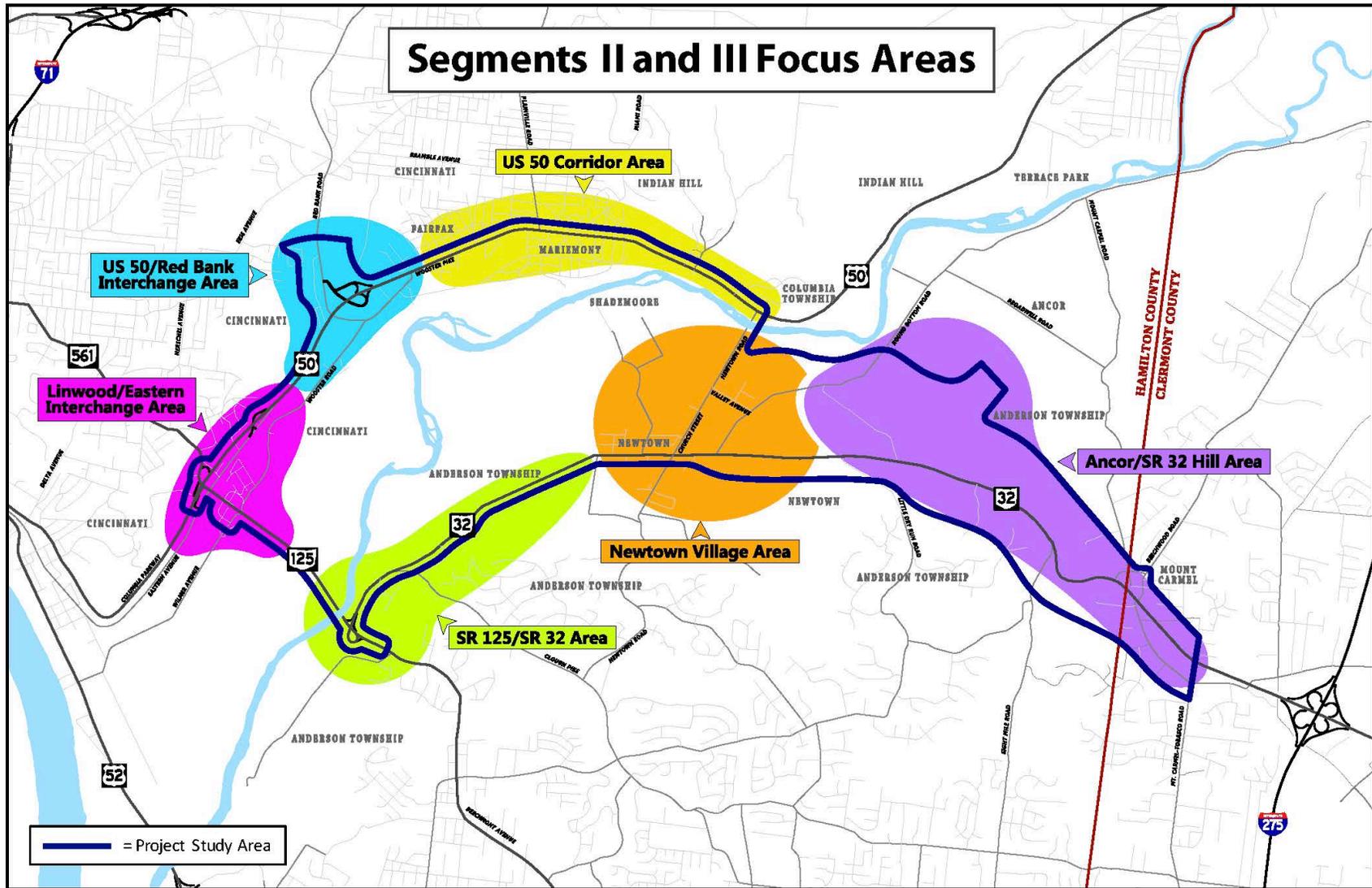
More information about transportation improvements for Eastern Corridor Segments II and III (PID #86462) is available on the Segments II and III (Red Bank to I-275/SR 32) pages of the Eastern Corridor website, www.EasternCorridor.org.

A map of the Study Area is provided on the following page.

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The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments that, together, will provide essential east-west connectivity for the Greater Cincinnati region. The Program will address critical congestion issues and mobility challenges expected to worsen by 2030. Planned enhancements will improve travel and connections between central Cincinnati and communities extending east through Hamilton County and into western Clermont County. The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners: Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID), Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), City of Cincinnati, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA).





The study area for Eastern Corridor Segments II and III (PID #86462) was divided into six specific focus areas: the SR 125/SR 32 interchange area, the Linwood Avenue/Eastern Avenue interchange area, the US 50/Red Bank Road interchanges, the U.S. 50 Corridor (from Fairfax to Newtown Road), the ANCOR/SR 32 Hill area and the village of Newtown.