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September 24, 2018 (Initial announcement)



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

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

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 (see map below).

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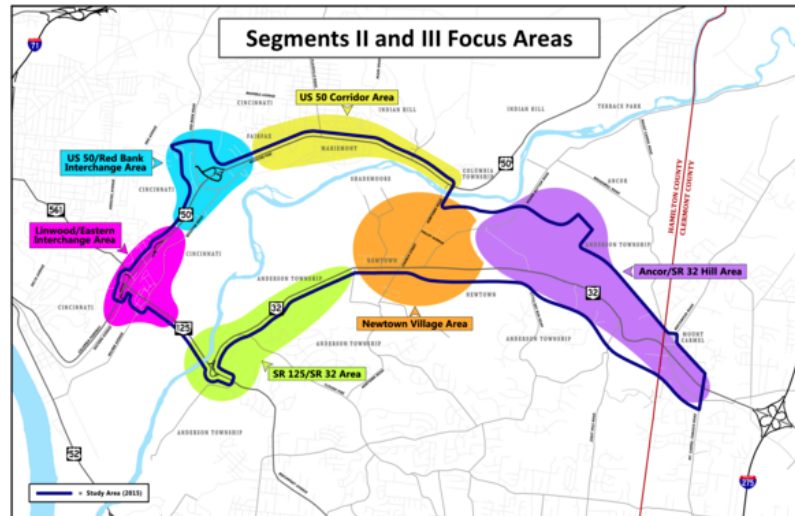
Attendees can come any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. No formal presentations will be held. ODOT project team members will be at the Open Houses to discuss the various concepts and answer questions. ODOT will also be seeking public comment regarding any potential social, environmental, historic preservation 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.

"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.



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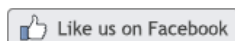
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U.S. 50 Corridor/Wooster Pike Roadway Improvements

SECTION 106 NOTIFICATION

Proposed traffic flow improvement project would require modifying a median island located in Mariemont, a National Historic Landmark

To help improve traffic flow along U.S. 50/Wooster Pike on the east side of Mariemont, a National Historic Landmark, ODOT proposes to add a second travel lane between East Street and Petosky Avenue. Currently, the road in this area narrows from two lanes to one for a length of approximately 500 feet.

The [Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Transportation Needs Analysis Report \(July 2017\)](#) highlighted this area of U.S. 50/Wooster Pike as one that experiences inefficient traffic flow, resulting in queues that extend east along U.S. 50/Wooster Pike into the Mariemont High School area. Sideswipe crashes have also occurred as drivers change lanes in anticipation of the lane drop. The proposal to extend a second travel lane through this area was evaluated and recommended as part of the current effort to address primary transportation needs in [Eastern Corridor Segments II and III](#).

The majority of space needed to accommodate a second travel lane can be obtained by restriping the lanes of the existing road. However, the east end of the median island located immediately west of Indian View Avenue must also be narrowed and ODOT proposes to remove and relocate portions of the island's curb. This action would reduce the island's overall size by approximately 30 percent; most work would be limited to the island's east end. In addition, the existing light post and signage would need to be moved back, however, trees would not be affected.

Plans for this project will be available for viewing at the upcoming [Eastern Corridor Segments II and III Public Open Houses](#), which have been scheduled to get public input on this and other proposed transportation improvements throughout the Segments II and III study area:

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ODOT proposes to add the median island modification work into the HAM-US 50-30.22 Roadway Resurfacing project (PID #101309), which is scheduled to be constructed in the summer of 2019. The scope of this project involves road resurfacing and curb ramp reconstruction on U.S. 50 from Belmont Street to Terrace Park, and new pavement markings to accommodate a new eastbound bike lane between Spring Street and Newtown Road.

SECTION 106 PARTICIPATION

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires Federal agencies (or local agencies using Federal funds) to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the effects of undertakings on historic properties can become consulting parties. Anyone interested in becoming a consulting party on the proposed HAM-US 50-30.22 Roadway Resurfacing project (PID #101309) will have the opportunity to fill out and submit an application form provided at the Open Houses.

If you are unable to attend either of the Open Houses and are interested in learning about the Section 106 process and/or becoming a consulting party for this project, please visit the [Segments II and III Public Involvement page](#) of the Eastern Corridor website where Section 106 Consulting Party Applications are available.

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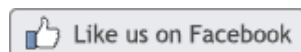
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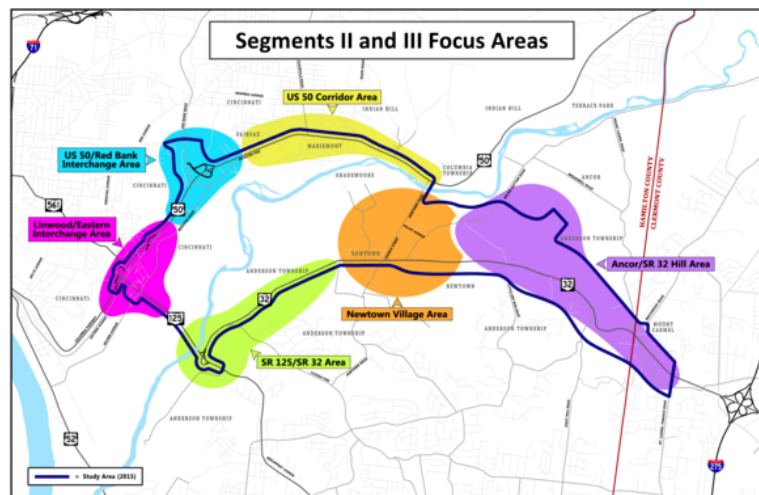
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- View exhibits of proposed improvements
- Discuss concepts and questions with ODOT team members
- Weigh in on the concepts being considered

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Additional information is available in our [news release](#).



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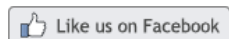
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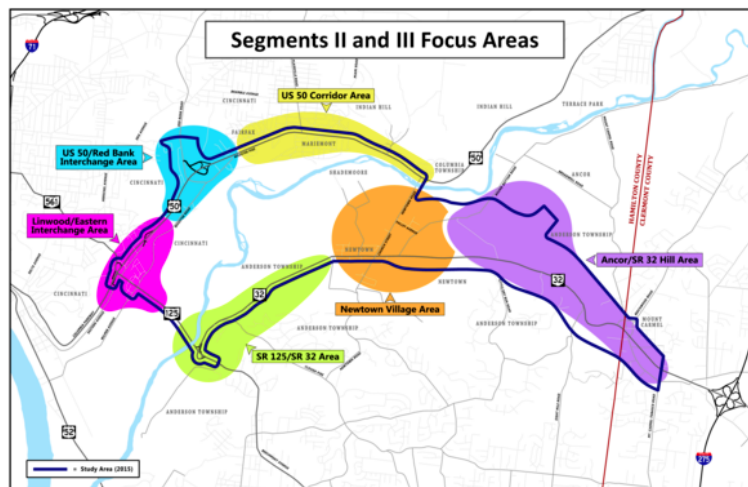
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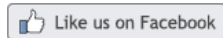
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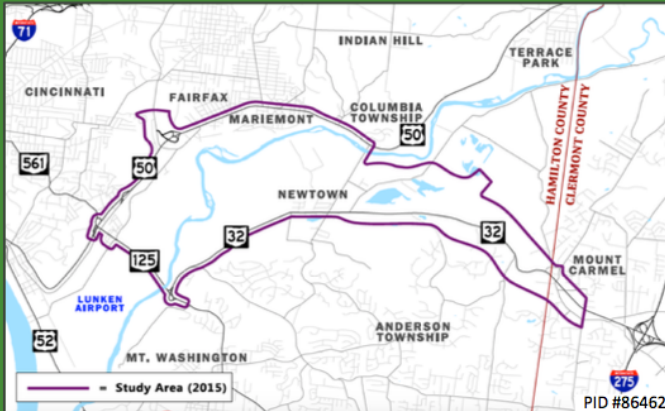
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Spangler Candy Company has en family owned and operated in --yan since 1906. It is one of the largest lollipop producers in the world with its Dum-Dums brand, and the only major candy cane producer in the United States, the company said.

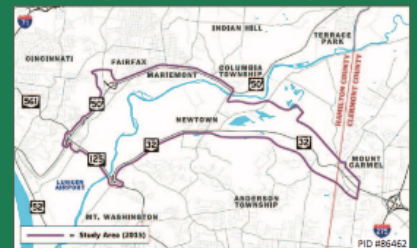
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Issue 1

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If Ohio Issue 1 passes, those offenses would become misdemeanors instead of felonies that could result in prison time.

Would Ohio Issue 1 reduce penalties for drug dealers?

Put simply: No. Put more complicatedly: Ohio Issue 1 would not change penalties for people convicted of trafficking (the legal term for dealing) drugs.

And those caught using a first-, second- or third-degree amount of drugs could still face prison for drug possession. The argument is anyone with that many drugs must be sharing them or selling them.

However, prosecutors and GOP politicians argue that a fourth-degree felony amount of drugs is still a lot of drugs. Anyone found with that many drugs might be selling them as well. For example, nearly 1 kilogram of marijuana would be enough for 3,000 blunts if each were a third of a gram.

I'm hearing a lot about fentanyl. How would Ohio Issue 1 penalize users of that drug?

Fentanyl is a potent opioid used le-

gally as a pain medication and for anesthesia, when combined with other drugs.

But it's often used illegally to lace other drugs, making them even more potent. The drug is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine.

More than 90 percent of drugs analyzed at the Hamilton County crime lab in the first four months of 2018 had fentanyl in them.

Gov. John Kasich recently signed a law to crack down on people who sell this dangerous drug.

But the tougher penalties won't take effect until Oct. 31.

Here's where this becomes a potential problem: Ohio Issue 1 would reduce penalties for fourth- and fifth-degree offenses that were on the books as of Jan. 1, 2018. At that time, fentanyl wasn't labeled as one of the state's most dangerous drugs.

So anyone caught with less than 20 grams of fentanyl would face a misdemeanor instead of prison time. A lethal dose of fentanyl can be as small as 2 milligrams. That means 20 grams could kill as many as 10,000 people.

Proponents of Issue 1 say people found with larger amounts of fentanyl are regularly charged with drug trafficking, attempted drug trafficking or child endangerment. Lawmakers could even change trafficking rules to make them easier to prosecute.

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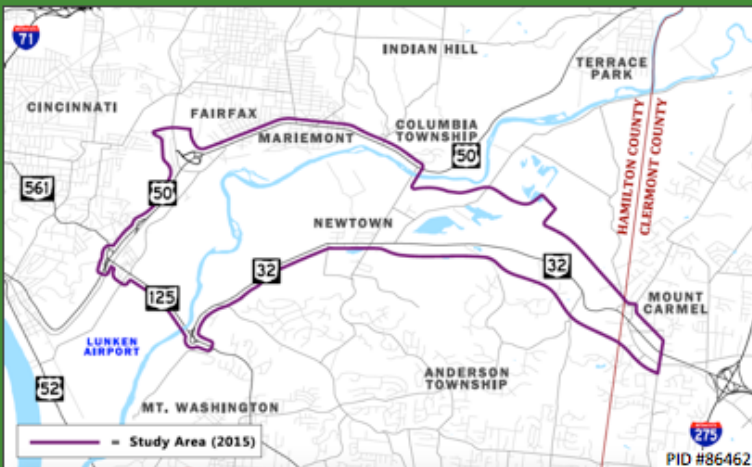
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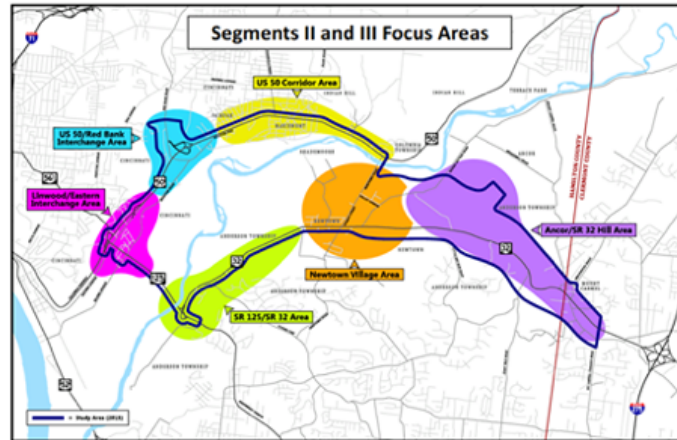
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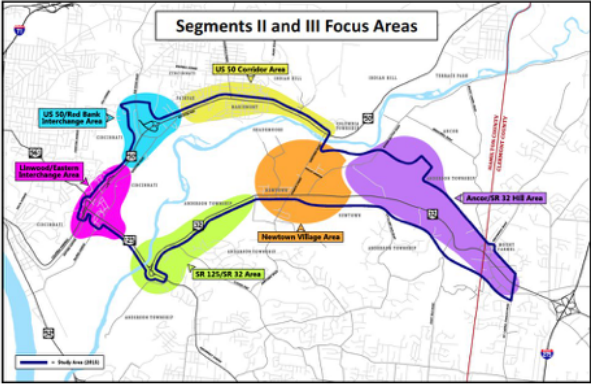



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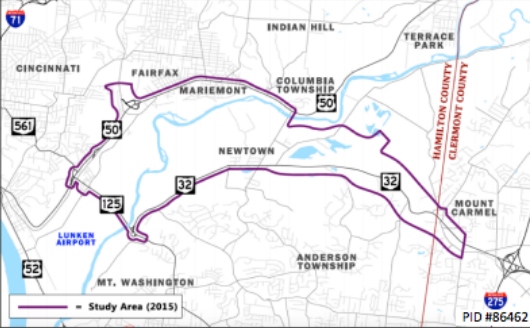
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- View exhibits highlighting proposed improvements.
- Discuss concepts and questions with ODOT team members. ODOT is also seeking input about potential social, environmental, historic preservation and economic impacts of proposed concepts.
- Come any time - no formal presentations will be made.
- Comments should be submitted no later than Nov. 25, 2018 to be considered during this phase of development.
- Questions or special needs requests, should be directed to Tom Arnold at tom.arnold@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6588.

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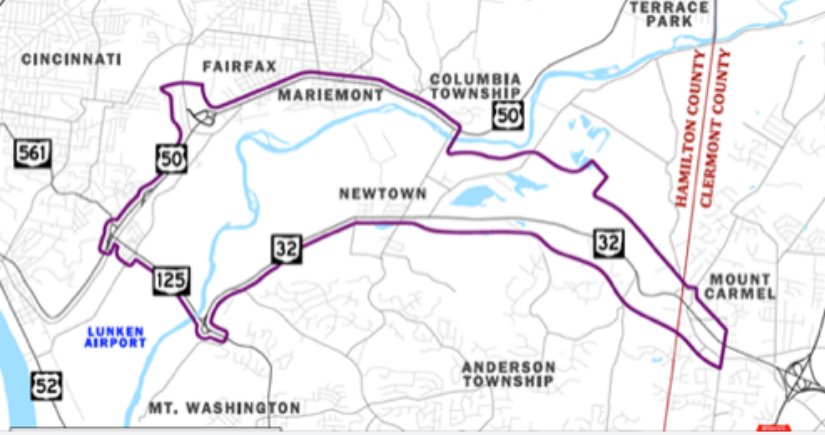
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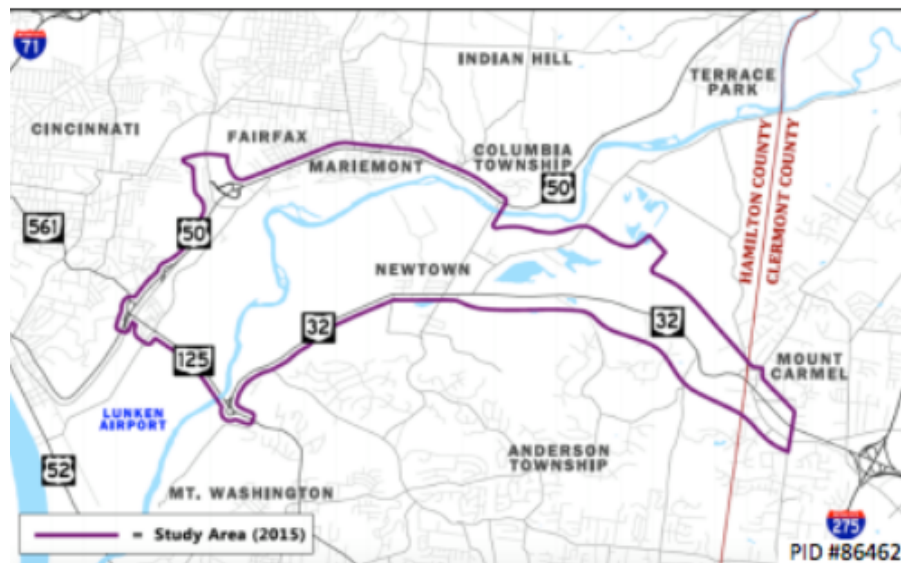
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If you can't make it tonight – don't worry, we will be in Fairfax tomorrow night at the R.G. Recreation Cribbet Center, 5903 Hawthorne Avenue. Come any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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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.

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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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“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.

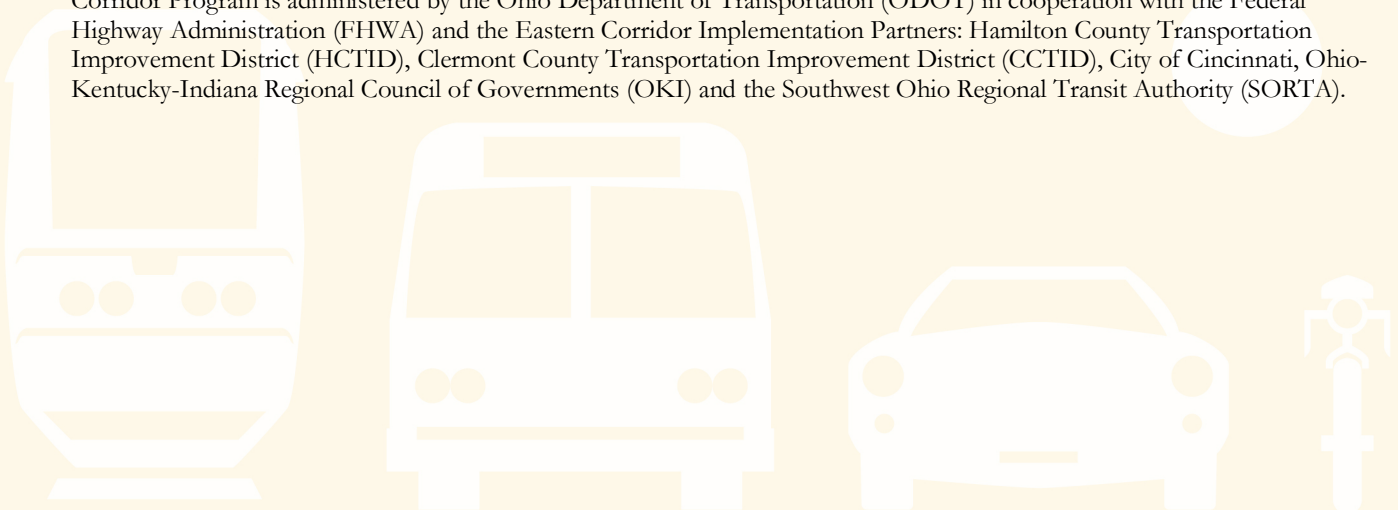
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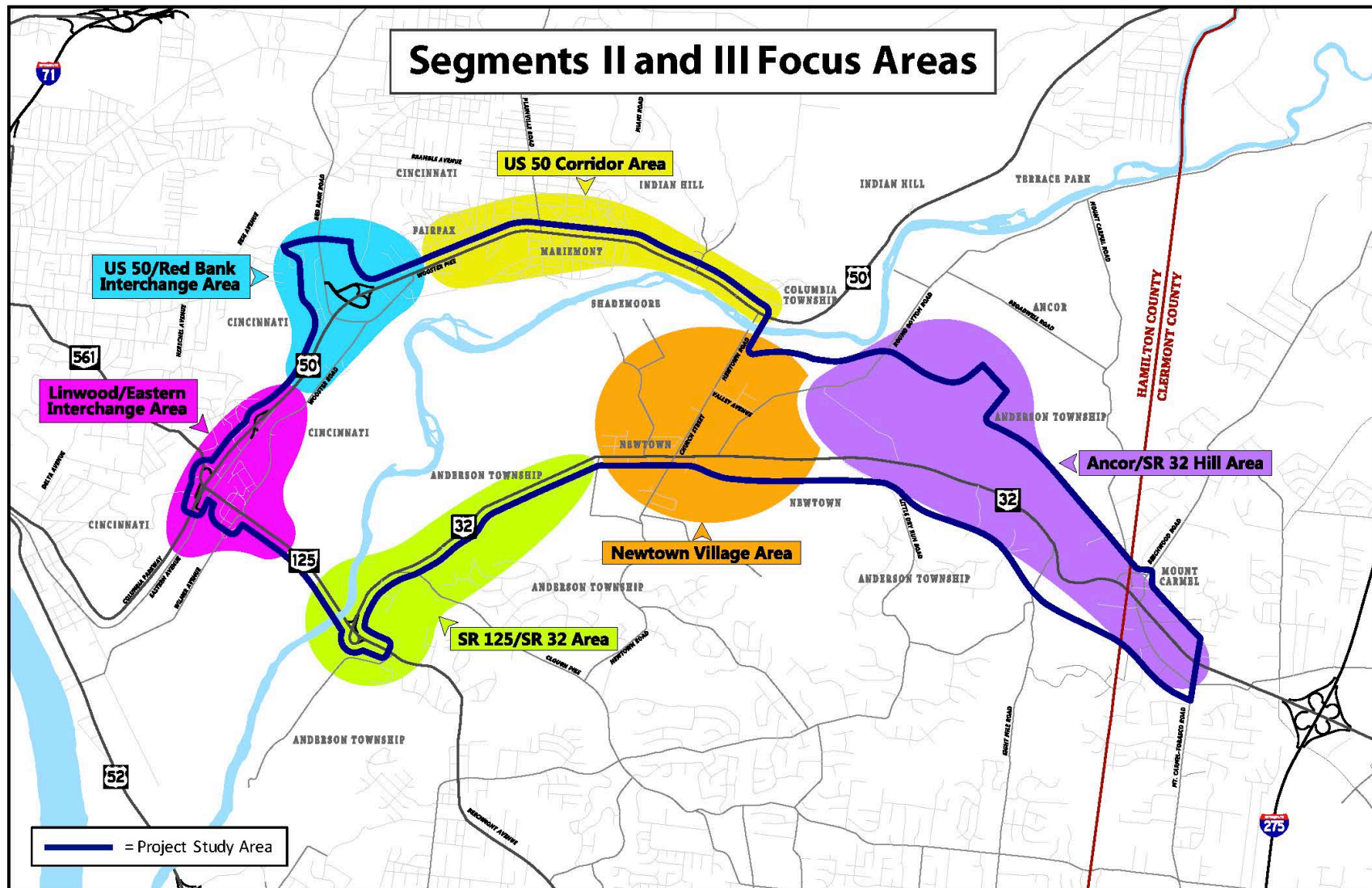
More information about transportation improvements for Eastern Corridor Segments II and III (PID #86462) is available on the Segments II and III (Red Bank to I-275/SR 32) pages of the Eastern Corridor website, www.EasternCorridor.org.

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

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The 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.



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EASTERN CORRIDOR PROGRESS CONTINUES AS NEW PROJECT CONCEPTS ARE PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Open houses are scheduled for this Wednesday and Thursday to gather public input on improvement plans for the area between Red Bank and Eastgate

CINCINNATI (October 22, 2018) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), in close coordination with local communities, planners and interest groups, has developed a series of concepts to improve travel and access to employment and other destinations between downtown Cincinnati and Clermont County. Part of an integrated multi-modal program of transportation investments, the Eastern Corridor planning team will present improvement concepts for public input at two open house meetings this week. The public is invited to review design plans and provide feedback on Eastern Corridor Segments II and III, which extend along U.S. 50 and SR 32 from Red Bank and the Beechmont Levee (SR 125/SR 32) to the I-275/SR 32 interchange near Eastgate.

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“The Eastern Corridor Program is a series of many individual transportation improvement projects being implemented across the eastern portion of the Greater Cincinnati region to help make travel easier and safer,” said Tom Arnold, planning engineer and Eastern Corridor Segments II and III project manager for ODOT District 8. “Projects across the corridor are in varying stages of planning, design, construction and completion. Concepts that will be highlighted at the open house meetings; however, are in the initial planning and design phases.”

Public input continues to provide the foundation for the Eastern Corridor project review process

Working with advisory committees comprised of local elected officials, transportation planning professionals and community and interest group representatives, ODOT has reviewed nearly 150 project concepts to address primary transportation needs identified within the Segments II and III study area.

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Following three rounds of evaluation, analysis and discussion with the advisory committees, many concepts were eliminated from further review based on evaluation results, projected cost and/or impact concerns. The remaining concepts will be presented at the open house meetings for further public review and input. Following the meetings, ODOT will meet its advisory committees to review comments; refine or eliminate concepts as needed; identify implementation priorities and potential funding sources; and determine lead sponsors for each remaining 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.

Future projects will build upon significant investment already made along the corridor.

As they are implemented, these projects will be added to a growing list of Eastern Corridor projects that are now complete. Some of the more recognizable efforts include:

- Construction of the Kennedy Connector in the Madisonville/Oakley area; completed 2013
- Reconfiguration of Eastgate North Frontage Road in the Eastgate area; completed 2013
- Reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 in the Eastgate area; completed 2014
- I-275/SR 32 Interchange Improvements in the Eastgate area; completed 2015
- Reconnection of Aicholtz Road between Mt. Carmel-Tobasco and Eastgate Blvd.; completed 2016
- Construction of the Duck Creek Connector in Madisonville; completed in 2017
- Intersection improvements at SR 32 & Bells Lane/Old 74 in the Eastgate area; currently under construction
- Addition of an eastbound lane on SR 32 from Gleneste-Withamsville to Stonelick-Olive Branch interchange; currently under construction

In addition, more than 180 smaller-scale roadway projects were identified in earlier stages of Eastern Corridor Program development. The majority of these projects have been completed. Like the concepts proposed for Segments II and III, these projects included signal timing modifications, intersection improvements, minor improvements to existing roads, new park and ride facilities, and the development of new biking and walking trails.

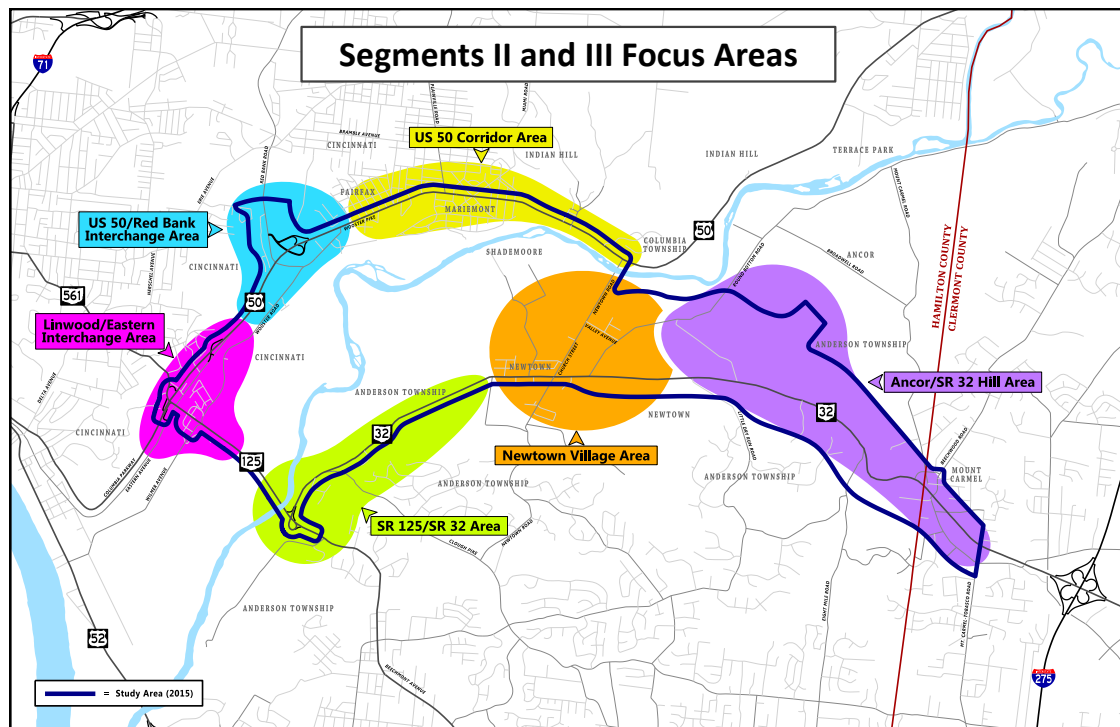
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Open house meeting materials, exhibits and comment forms will be posted on the Eastern Corridor website, EasternCorridor.org, immediately following the meetings for further public review and comment.

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