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# ODOT RELEASES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MIDDLE SEGMENTS OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR

# Recommendations based on results of updated technical studies, feedback

**CINCINNATI, OH** (August 14, 2019) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has released its recommendations for 68 transportation improvement projects to be implemented within 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.

"We've been working very closely with communities in this region to thoroughly assess transportation needs in the area and the kinds of improvements that need to be made," said Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8 planning engineer and Eastern Corridor Segments II and III project manager. "Our recommended plan is built upon their feedback, blended with the results of technical studies and the transportation needs of the region."

ODOT's recommendations have been compiled into an Implementation Plan that will be made available to all communities within the Eastern Corridor area. The plan identifies information for each of the recommended projects, including estimated project costs, anticipated level of environmental review needed, general project priorities (high, medium and low), and suggested project sponsors. The projects vary in size and scope, and the plan also includes recommendations for improved pedestrian and bicycle connections.

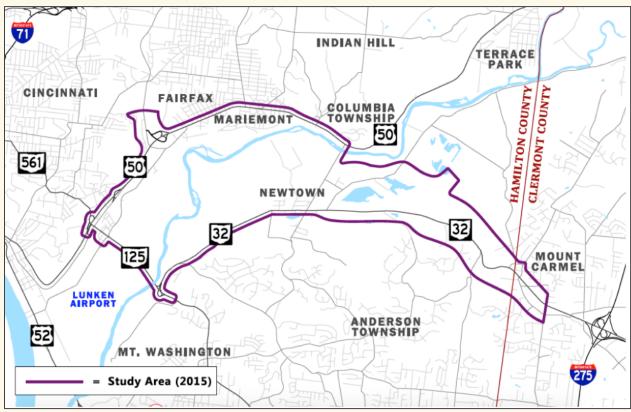
"The Eastern Corridor is not a single project as many have come to think," said Tammy Campbell, District Deputy Director for ODOT District 8. "It is a program of many individual transportation improvement projects being implemented across the east side of the Greater Cincinnati region to help make travel easier and safer. Improvements across the corridor are in varying stages of planning, design, construction and completion."

There are about 15 projects that fall under ODOT's jurisdiction and these are being integrated into ODOT's planning process. Funding has already been committed to several of the projects; others may be incorporated into other planned projects, and some will undergo future needs assessment once other improvement projects have been completed.

A complete copy of the Implementation Plan and its appendices is posted on the Red Bank to I-275/SR 32 Documents page of the Eastern Corridor website.

## 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



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The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation projects that, together, provide improved east-west connectivity for the Greater Cincinnati region. The Program works to address critical congestion issues and mobility challenges in the region extending between central Cincinnati and 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).