

The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), are using ODOT's project development process (PDP) to plan the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. This process has five phases: Planning, Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Final Engineering/Right-of-Way, and Construction.

## We Are Still In Early Phases

Right now, we're concluding the initial Planning phase and working on tasks in the Preliminary Engineering phase.

The Planning phase focuses on:

- Identifying the transportation problems
- Assessing existing and future conditions
- Identifying stakeholders
- Determining project scope, purpose, and goals
- Identifying project schedule and budget

The Preliminary Engineering phase focuses on:

- Conducting initial technical studies, field investigations, and preliminary engineering
- Identifying and evaluating potential project alternatives
- Refining information and analyses

## Feasibility Study and Alternative Evaluation Report

The Preliminary Engineering phase includes conducting a Feasibility Study which evaluates possible alternatives and concludes by recommending alternatives to advance for further study. These are alternatives that appear to have the greatest potential of addressing the project's purpose and goals while taking into account their possible environmental, social, and economic impacts.

This phase also includes developing an Alternative Evaluation Report (AER) which studies each alternative advanced by the Feasibility Study, its options and potential impacts with a much closer lens. The process involves detailed technical analyses and extensive

coordination with stakeholders, resource agencies, and potentially affected communities. The AER takes the work begun in the Feasibility Study, which looked at potential alternatives at a conceptual level, and develops them in much greater detail. Upon completion, the AER will identify a preferred alternative for construction.

## Project Status & Next Steps

We're currently concluding the Feasibility Study. For more than a year, we've been working with a Stakeholder Committee comprised of representatives from the City, Butler County, nearby townships, potentially affected communities, and interest groups to identify and evaluate possible project alternatives. These alternatives will be shared for public review and input during in-person and virtual open houses starting Jan. 23, 2023.

Public input will be used to help identify alternatives to advance for further study. From there, the project team will conduct additional technical studies related to those alternatives as part of the AER. These will include field surveys and engineering studies to help us better understand potential impacts and opportunities to be considered.

We will also be meeting with potentially affected communities to discuss the project and explore community needs and considerations in greater depth. These engagements will give the community and planning team the opportunity to work together to ensure that the project considers the goals of the community as the alternatives are developed and a preferred alternative is selected. The AER is expected to be completed in early 2024.

## Public Open House Meeting

Learn more about NHX and the alternatives that have been developed and share your comments at our next Public Open House:

**January 23, 2023 | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**  
**Fairwood Elementary School**  
**281 N. Fair Avenue**

*A 45-day Virtual Open House containing the same content and input opportunities as the in-person meeting will also begin on Jan. 23 at [NorthHamiltonCrossing.org](http://NorthHamiltonCrossing.org).*

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

