

The City of Hamilton has been experiencing a resurgence of economic growth and redevelopment. While these changes have had a positive impact on jobs and progress in our community, they've also strained the local transportation infrastructure. The City and Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID) have already completed multiple improvements to reduce congestion and improve safety. We're now working in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation to plan the next effort: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX).

NHX Project Goals

The NHX project is being developed to:

- Improve mobility and reduce congestion
- Improve the safety of motorists and the public by reducing congestion and constructing designated pedestrian paths
- Improve connections between the east and west sides of Hamilton
- Make travel across the Great Miami River easier
- Explore opportunities to improve and expand sidewalks and bike paths, and improve public transportation options
- Support growth and redevelopment

Current Conditions

Preliminary studies show that travel through northeastern Hamilton is often slowed down due to:

- Increasing numbers of vehicles on local streets
- A higher-than-average frequency of crashes
- Delays caused by trains crossing streets
- Congestion on bridges across the river

It's expected that these conditions will get worse as more people and businesses are attracted to the city and nearby areas.

The NHX Feasibility Study

Currently, we're conducting a Feasibility Study to develop and evaluate possible solutions (or "alternatives") to address transportation concerns in the study area. We've identified the following three strategies so far:

- Establish a new bridge connection over the Great Miami River
- Construct a new railroad overpass
- Improve connections between North B Street, US 127, SR 4, and SR 129

As part of the study, we're exploring what kind of street, bridge, and pedestrian/bicycle connections are needed and where they would best be located. We're also looking at the expected benefits, projected costs, and possible impacts of each alternative on the natural environment, as well as possible impacts on existing buildings, historic landmarks, and neighborhoods.

We'll share the alternatives developed for community review during a public meeting, answer questions, and gather community input. The feedback received will be combined with input gathered from stakeholders and the results of the technical studies that have been completed. The City, BCTID, and ODOT will use this information to determine which alternatives to advance for more detailed study.

We expect to complete the Feasibility Study in early 2023. From there, our focus will turn toward conducting more detailed studies and project development. It's still too early to know when construction will begin. That will depend on the availability of funding for the recommended improvements and is likely five years or more away.

Public Input

Public input is important and will be sought throughout the project development process. Feedback received will be used to help guide project development and decision-making. Questions and comments can also be sent to the project team anytime by contacting:

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NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY AREA