

B.16 Feasibility Study – Agency Comments

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Good afternoon,

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to review the project in an early stage. Below are some items we request ODOT consider during project development:

1. All of the proposed alternatives would potentially impact the Great Miami River, a heavily used recreational resource and state designated water trail in Ohio. ODNR requests that ODOT consider projects and construction sequencing that will minimize the short and long-term recreational impact to the river.
2. We believe ODOT to already be aware, but as a reminder, Ohio Revised Code Section 1521.16(A) states that any person who owns a facility that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount greater than one hundred thousand gallons per day from all sources must register the facility with the ODNR Division of Water Resources within three months after the facility is completed. Water used for any phase of the construction process (i.e., dust control) that meets the above threshold will need to be registered with us. O.R.C 1521.16(C) requires the owner of the facility to file an annual report listing the amount of water withdrawn per day by the facility, the return flow per day, and any other information the Chief may require.
3. Page 62 states, *"Under each of the build alternatives, plan notes to protect groundwater resources would be included in the project plans. There would be no impact to Drinking Water Resources under the No Build Alternative."* A suitable water replacement plan should be developed if/when a well owner is impacted by the construction project.
4. After reviewing the Natural Heritage Database, ODNR finds we have no records of rare or endangered species in the proposed project area for all alternatives, including a one-mile radius (records searched date from 1980). There is, however, one historical record for a state endangered minnow, last seen in 1974. Its recorded location was below the dam, potentially in the vicinity of all alternatives with river crossings south of the dam. Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area.
5. ODNR recommends avoiding and/or minimizing impacts to wildlife as much as feasibly possible and has a preference for the alternative that causes less habitat fragmentation. Therefore, from a biological standpoint, ODNR's Division of Wildlife would not recommend Alternative.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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Hello,

The Ohio Department of Transportation is requesting your review and comment on the Feasibility Study (FS) for the above subject project. The link to the FS is attached and is also available in Environet. We are requesting your review since this project will likely be processed as an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The City of Hamilton, in conjunction with the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), has undertaken the proposed North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project to improve mobility and reduce congestion in the northeastern portion of Hamilton. The proposed NHX project is in northeast Hamilton and extends between an eastern terminus at the intersection of SR 129 and Hampshire Drive and a western terminus at North B Street. The study includes 18 concepts to address transportation needs identified through a public needs survey, as well as several meetings with project stakeholders. This feasibility study was prepared as part of ODOT's Project Development Process (PDP) to document the process used to evaluate preliminary alternatives and select those that should be further studied for the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. This report provides a summary of the engineering and environmental studies that were undertaken throughout the feasibility study, as well as the public involvement activities that were conducted.

We would appreciate your comments by August 24, 2023. If you have questions, please email Keith Smith, PE, District 8 Environmental Coordinator, Keith.Smith@dot.ohio.gov or myself.

Thanks!

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