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Public meetings scheduled in January for the North Hamilton Crossing Study

As the feasibility study concludes, the project team seeks public feedback on preliminary recommendations.



City of Hamilton
Dec 13th, 2022

As the City of Hamilton and Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID) begin wrapping up the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) feasibility study, the project team is planning opportunities for the public to review and provide feedback on the study's results and its preliminary recommendations. These will be conducted through an in-person public meeting and virtual open house beginning January 23, 2023:

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING

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

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

January 23, 2023 – March 12, 2023

www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

In September 2021, the City and BCTID conducted a robust virtual public input opportunity through which it gathered feedback from the public confirming the purpose of the project and the needs it is intended to address. East-west connectivity through Hamilton, safety along State Route 129, mobility and congestion on the local roadway network, and insufficient crossings of the Great Miami River are just a few of the issues the project is designed to address. More than 4,300 people throughout the City and surrounding area visited the online opportunity and nearly 1,600 provided input. Since then, the project team has met four times with a roughly 65-member stakeholder committee comprised of local officials from the Hamilton, Butler County, and adjacent townships, residents from neighborhoods in the study area, as well as business representatives and other interested parties to identify and evaluate approximately 16 possible route alternatives for the NHX road. Using the results of environmental, engineering, and traffic studies plus feedback received from the stakeholder committee, these options were narrowed to two alternatives that are being recommended for further study (see Conceptual Alternatives map below).



“Our goal for the public open house meetings is two-fold,” said Allen Messer, Assistant Director of Engineering for the City of Hamilton. “First, we want to share with the public the results of the studies completed to date and the recommendations being made. Second, we want to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and give us their input. The feedback we receive is important and will be used to further shape the study’s recommendations.”

Dan Corey, Director of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District, noted that the next phase of project development will focus on studying the recommended alternatives in much greater detail and

developing preliminary project designs. He also said that no decisions have been made yet.

“Up until now, we’ve been looking at these alternatives from a 30,000-foot view,” said Corey. “Now, we are going to zoom in and look at them and their potential opportunities and impacts in much more detail. As part of this process, we’ll be working closely with potentially affected neighborhoods to help further study the options and put better shape to possible alignments.”

One of the areas that has the most potential to be affected is the North End, as variations of the alignments being recommended for further study pass through that community.

“We’ve already begun meeting with the North End neighborhood to discuss the project and we will continue doing so throughout the next phase of project development,” said Messer. “They are understandably concerned about how the road might affect their community and its assets. We’re hoping that by working side-by-side with the neighborhood, we will be able to find a solution that not only meets the needs of the project but also responds to the goals of the community.”

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

The in-person public meeting will be held as an open house. Anyone wishing to attend can come at their convenience between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Information will be presented on a series of information boards staffed by project team representatives. Participants can share their comments with the project team at the meeting, by email, mail, or phone. Following the meeting, copies of project materials will be available for public review at the Hamilton Lane Library at 300 N. Third Street.

The virtual open house will present the same information shared at the in-person meeting, but through a website-based narrative. The public can share their input by answering questions that will be embedded throughout the material. Accessible through the project website, www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org, the virtual open house will be open 24/7



Anyone needing interpretation or translation services or other reasonable accommodation to participate in either the in-person or virtual public input opportunities, to review materials or provide comment, should contact Allen Messer at Allen.Messer@Hamilton-oh.gov or (513) 785-7286.

ABOUT NHX

The goals of the North Hamilton Crossing study are to identify transportation improvements that will 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 public transportation options; and support growth and redevelopment. First identified as a need in the Butler County TID's 2002 Preliminary Evaluation of Possible Transportation Improvements in the Hamilton North/New Miami Area, the NHX project is included in the Butler County Thoroughfare Plan, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and is a priority in the City of Hamilton's comprehensive plan, Plan Hamilton.

Project updates will be sent out throughout the project development process. Participants can sign up to receive the updates when they visit the project website at www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org.

ODOT Project ID: 115755

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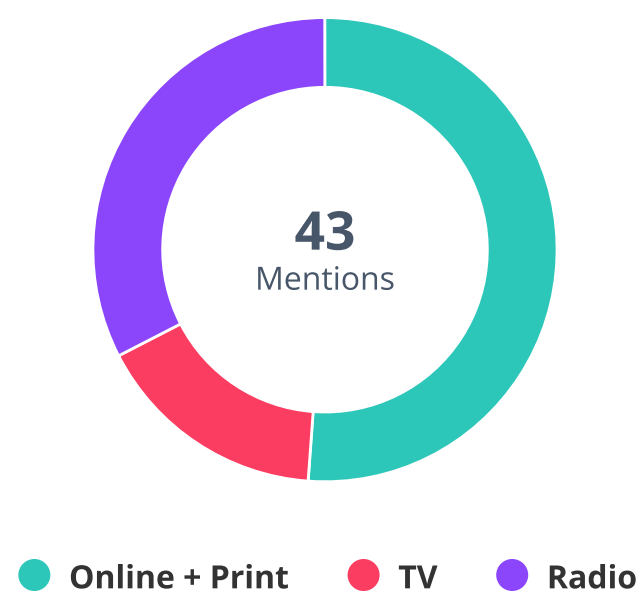
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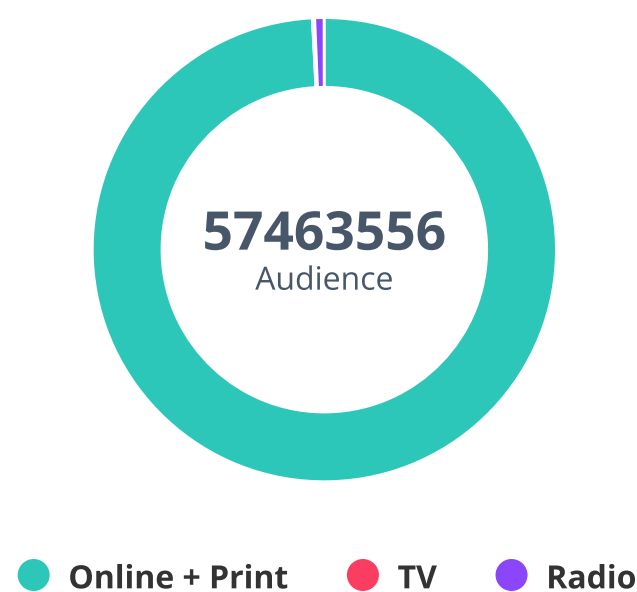


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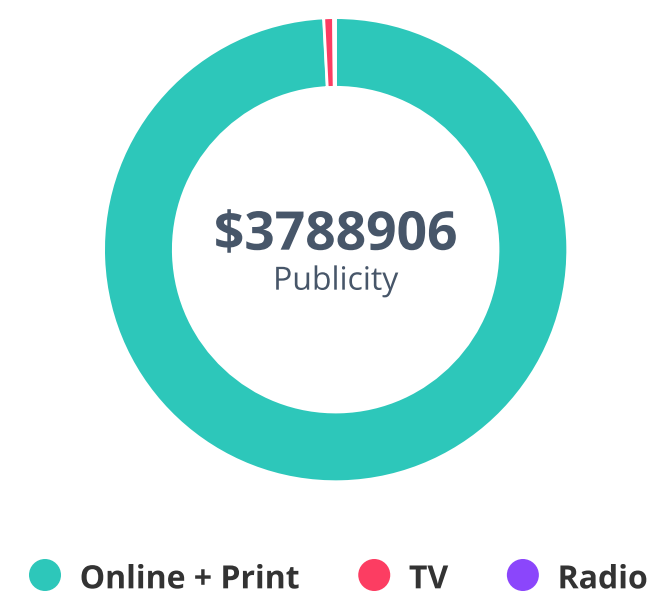
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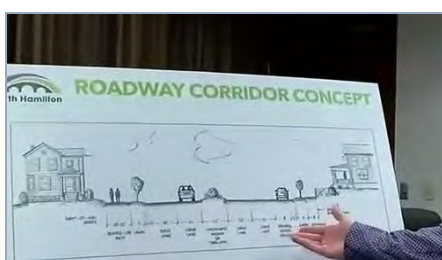
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Total Online + Print Publicity
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Total Number of Clips 43



Resident concerned North Hamilton Crossing Project will impact cemetery

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Source NewsBreak

Author Tayler Davis

Est. Audience 480,939

Est. Publicity Value USD \$320,626

Market United States

Language English

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 FOX19 NOW at 6:30

Time Mar 10, 2023 6:34 PM EST

Local Broadcast Time 6:34 PM EST

Category News

Call Sign WXIX (Fox)

Market DMA: 36 Cincinnati, OH

Language English

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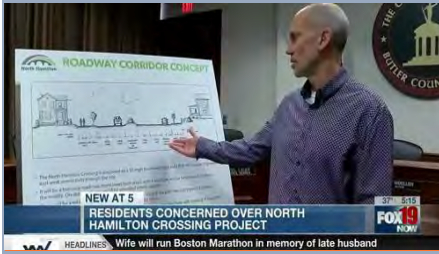
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Est. Audience 39,671
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Market Cincinnati, OH
Language English

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FOX19 NOW at 5

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Local Broadcast Time 5:14 PM EST
Category News
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North Hamilton Crossing: Second public commenting round ends soon

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Source [Journal-News](#)
Author Michael D. Pitman

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Est. Publicity Value USD \$235
Market Hamilton, OH
Language English

There are 16 potential routes for the major thoroughfare.

The second public commenting period for the **North Hamilton Crossing** project ends at the end of the day on Sunday.

Officials for the project are seeking the community's thoughts, comments, and concerns regarding the pricy transportation project, which can be done online, over the phone, or by email.

The project, which is a mirror project to the South ... **Hamilton** Crossing at Grand Boulevard, has been on the Butler County thoroughfare plan for decades, creating another avenue that provides unimpeded traffic.

Hamilton recently held an open house highlighting 16 potential routes, and cost estimates ranged widely, from \$68 million to \$171 million, depending on the chosen route. The project will entail eminent domain, which is the government's right to take property for projects that have been determined to benefit ... the general public.

The public can comment via the **North Hamilton Crossing** project website at northhamiltoncrossing.org, or they can contact **Hamilton** Assistant Director of Engineering Allen Messer either by phone (513-785-7286) or email (allen.messer@**hamilton**-oh.gov).

"Public involvement is an important part of the project development process for proposed roadway improvements," according to a statement by the city of **Hamilton**. "Input received will be used to help identify transportation issues, develop possible solutions, and ...



Officials debunk eminent domain theory tied to land along proposed North Hamilton Crossing route

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Source The Journal-News (Hamilton, Ohio)	Market Ohio, US
Author Denise G. Callahan, Journal-News, Hamilton, Ohio	Language English

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Source Calhoun Times	Market Calhoun, GA
Author Denise G. Callahan, Journal-News, Hamilton, Ohio	Language English

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WMOH-AM

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Local Broadcast Time 8:33 AM EST
Call Sign WMOH-AM (Salem Radio Network)
Market DMA: 36 Cincinnati, OH
Language English

Est. Audience 100
Est. Publicity Value USD \$1



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WMOH-AM

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Language English

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Est. Publicity Value USD \$1



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WVXU

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Market DMA: 36 Cincinnati, OH
Language English

Est. Audience 69,540
Est. Publicity Value USD \$277



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WVXU

Time Feb 8, 2023 7:06 AM EST
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Call Sign WVXU (NPR)
Market DMA: 36 Cincinnati, OH
Language English

Est. Audience 82,279
Est. Publicity Value USD \$600

in my career it will be done and i think one of the first possibly primary task will be to get a safe new **bridge** over the great miami so that when the hundred year old **black street bridge** has no more ability to handle the weight of vehicle cars it can be turned off without all that traffic going onto one twenty nine where there's already for the top sixty accident locations in state ohio we talked about so that is one element the other elements of safety and changing is that you know we have a great separated now the great separation allen mentioned there's been fatalities in the accidents of various magnitudes with when you have a mixture between people crossing the great separated it's a **bridge** over the railroad is most people would think of that is allowing people to go over the over the railroad instead of that its location where the train is at so as well as vehicular so there are multiple ideas that will come out of this but you know one thing that people need it's going to take a lot of money and money is going to take you i can't tell you because we haven't identified all the funding sources but i know we are at least not even beginning one of the faces for five years if not longer and it will take multiple phases in between each phase the local governments will need to come up with their match money to the state and federal funds and so you know fifteen to twenty years before all this is in a pro to say at this point i've been talking with the city of **hamilton's** assistant director of engineering alan messer **butler county transportation improvement district** director dan corry and north end resident amy thank you all so much for your time today you've



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Language English

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Est. Publicity Value USD \$2,000

you know if they go through our neighborhood they're taking all of the green space the canal and the bird sanctuary that will endanger you know wildlife in the canal we have the joe noel ball fields that does have a historical marker so i don't even know why it's being considered an option to go through that i mean we have a park playground ball fields basketball courts the elderly use this park for walking and bicycling and people take their dogs their daily you know this is truly our neighborhood sanctuary are these ball fields and that whole area so you know that's why it's so disheartening and again you know there are huge safety concerns so you know this isn't just because you know it's going through our neighborhood which obviously that's a huge concern you know these elderly people these disabled people these lower income households how are they supposed to you know afford expenses to relocate and you know they don't want to leave home that they've been in for forty years you know it's just there's so many things and i get that the row has to go somewhere but through the north end in my opinion there are so many reasons not to and it's all right there and they know about so to me that's where i'm at we're talking about the **north hamilton crossing** project in butler county the alternate roots being discussed and the concern some residents have you can join the conversation by calling five one three four one nine seventy one hundred or emailing talk at allen we were talking before about how dozens of homes under some of these alternative roots could be impacted by this would would be sitting in the path of this new project what are some of the ideas that the city has discussed around land swaps or using vacant properties in the neighborhood to help people who do get displaced if they get displaced by this project the city already owns a number of vacant lots throughout the throughout the north end neighborhood and we've been in discussions with the neighborhood housing services of **hamilton** which is a nonprofit organization that their mission is to provide affordable housing talk to them about being able to build new housing on those vacant lots that could then be designated for any residents that have to be relocated as a result of the project that way they could stay there within the neighborhood amy has that been received by residents those kinds of ideas well that's the first i've actually heard about that idea so i can't really speak to that you know here's the thing is i actually worked for a company called down payment resource and what we do is we help people get into homes you know we we track all of the down payment assistance program distance programs across the region and i'm very passionate about affordable housing so to me to displace sixty five residents homes you know you're talking you know multiple people in that home you know there it's not just as cut and dry as you know we'll find them a similar home you know there might be reasons why they live in that home you know so i just i really am passionate about that and i'm actually aware of the nonprofit but you know again what else is happening for from the city of **hamilton** for affordable housing i mean you're taking away houses you know what are you actually doing right now because i do see a lot of buildings coming up and being remodeled and revised but none of those are for lower income housing so you know to me this whole thing is just considerably upsetting because of the boss of affordable housing that they you tear down down we've talked about the lengthy process that a project like this goes through can you talk about what processes are in place to address residents concerns like the ones amy's bringing up yeah right now we're in a after the open house meeting that happened in new reference in early february we're in a forty five day of receiving public comments through the website north hampton crossing and that will end on march twelve that doesn't mean public comments public process doesn't end then it's just on those comments that were seen by that time we will be responding in the process that was required for us to go through with federal funds requires us to respond in various means either through websites or direct to the people somehow but then we will continue continue with public engagement with open house meetings and with stakeholder meetings both on individual level as well as with groups and also of course we have our phone numbers you know alan has now continue to receive phone calls as well as myself and emails and so that's the process and really the state and federal officials have oversight over this process and they will not allow us to advance this process until all folks comments are received and addressed and so there is an oversight it is i know i think there's been some mention that you know maybe we've already decided some things the process and the federal and state officials will not allow us to move forward and nothing's been decided they have an oversight responsibility that will require to make sure everything is addressed we did get an emailed statement from alisa bowman who is the lead of renew renew stands for restore the north end from within the lengthy statement i can't read the whole thing but she talks about the special challenges that the north end neighborhood has she says homes in the neighborhood are affordable which is needed considering ninety percent of the residents fall below the power line the residents are living in general rational homes they're on fixed low income even if given above fair market value for their homes approximate value being forty five thousand dollars individuals wouldn't be able to purchase another home in the **hamilton** area and it goes on i guess i'm wondering i wasn't at the open house but allen are their roots or alternative roots that don't go through the north end neighborhood or is that a neighborhood that's going to be impacted no matter what if you take a look if you take a look at the city of hamlet to the north end neighborhood spans basically from the river over to the eastern limits on the northeast part of town so in order to get a river crossing to replace the existing under a **black street bridge** and a **bridge** over the railroad on the north side of town there really aren't any routes that don't impact the northern in some manner right now we don't have a **bridge** over the railroad on the north side of town the tin city recently completed a project to build one on the south side of town south came across thing and that is really improve traffic flow for that part of town as well as safety so the railroad crossings that we have on the north side we've had a fatality and injury accidents and we're trying to give drivers and pedestrians and alternative to crossing those busy train tracks amy of the sixteen different alternate roots i don't know if you've gotten a chance to really study all of them are there some that you think seem least disruptive to the neighborhood i'll be completely honest here i do not feel comfortable making a decision yet because all of the routes that were provided they are specific enough to make an educated decision on you know so it's hard to make a decision whenever you know it's not really being specified of hey these are the streets that were going to be impacting you know i was told at first because miami **street** or north ninth

street and both of those streets are one block away from each other so that's so that's straight dead smack down the north end in the middle so yeah i can't answer that question because honestly i do not have enough information and clear routed information to be able to get into that damn we were talking about safety what are some of the improvements that in your view the community could see from this project after this very lengthy process do you think this could lead to more development in the community that that might be beneficial it could keep in a mind at this project we are talking about somewhere in the magnitude of eighty to one hundred and twenty million dollar project this project is multi year multi phased it will not



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crossing** project is and why it's needed and where it would be located roughly so the project is a thirty five mile an hour boulevard with two lanes in each direction it's been anticipated for over twenty years the city and the county level it's intended to reduce congestion through the town and to improve safety for both motorists and non motorized traveling public and linesmen just mentioned this has been in the works for in one way or another for for twenty years what's made it so complicated to get this project done it is a very complex project it has historic cemetery is obviously the residents that are involved the businesses that are involved as kim dong which is the first superfund site it is a **great miami river** crossing with the **bridge replacement** of one hundred old **bridge** we also are going to be going over a railroad track it just on the what what we like to call environmental resources it has every one of them it's really a unique project very complicated and understandably we have to intentionally go through a process that addresses all these concerns and listen to every stakeholder involved and then can you talk a little bit more about the congestion problems that this aims to relieve yeah on state route one twenty nine which is called high **street** main **street** inside the city limits there is four intersections that show up on the top sixty accident locations in the state of ohio that's the safety issues that we're talking about also for emergency vehicles to traverse from the west side to the east side and vice versa the hospital is on the west side and if you're on the east side you have to cross a railroad and a **bridge** we'd like to try to make that a more efficient route for those who when they're being travels to the hospital and seconds matter allen i mentioned at the top of our interview that there was a recent open house that showcased i think it was sixteen different alternate routes i know we can't talk about every one of those but what are some of the factors being considered when it comes to those alternatives motives so the factors considered are how well it meets the needs of the project which is dan mentioned the congestion the improvements to safety what impacts each one of them has on the residents other things such as the mentioned the graveyard the fairgrounds are also among some of the routes and so we're trying to strike a balance between the project needs and how it affects the community am i understand you own a home in **hamilton's** north end neighborhood what are some of your concerns about this project a lot of my concerns are safety concerns you know obviously putting a four or five lane road to thirty five miles per hour straight through a neighborhood is obviously concerning to increase traffic these traffic you have pollution concerns i think a couple of the routes are actually going right behind a school which i don't feel like that's a very good idea so yeah it would just be changing the entire dynamic of the neighborhood you know the neighborhood realizes the city realizes that we do need a road but you know we're just asking to be heard and listened to and included in the decisions and just be aware of what's really going on and i think that's where a lot of the confusion has been with this and what are some of the potential impacts in terms of the number of homes that could be affected by this we talked a little bit about some of the community amenities i understand there's a park that might need to be cut through can you talk to us a little bit more about some of those numbers and potential impacts yeah and what's we're in a particular need position in the project because right now we are impacting everyone and one thing i'll just mention here is at the end of the first stakeholder meeting there was one of the ladies who were there that was part of the participants one of the stakeholders and she said it best she said there's not one alignment where some stakeholder is not going to get impacted so right now when we talk we were talking about everyone being impacted because we haven't selected an alternative route that's preferred but as we talk about all these different routes resident wise we are talking anywhere from the neighborhood of forty residents to sixty five residents with the potential park lands that we are talking about the park is right next to the kim din site at the superfund site so the park is a couple of ball fields the donut all fields so some of the the alignments don't impact those parks that park or the kind sites some of them do some of them will impact a farmland that's just north of the ball fields in the kindi site there was one alignment that was directly impacted and cut in half the farm field and so why we look at all these different alignments with all these different matters so that no one can ever say through this lengthy two year process that that no one looked at that why didn't you look at that 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essentially add more soil on top of the cap that's already there as opposed to digging through throw it do you have i understand you have some concerns about that site and potential environmental impacts can you tell us about that i of course have concerns with that you know i went on to the kendi website and i did do my research there was a ton of contamination and you know the site is to be inspected every five years still so in my opinion if something still needs to be inspected and there's probably you know reasons why and you know we probably shouldn't disturb that soil you know i hear the city whenever they say that they want to put it on top but again you know i literally lived you know three blocks from there i don't want to die of cancer because of soil being you know torn up it's just i just feel like you know there's so many things here on the north and we got the ending you know we have all this green space that there



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Guests:

Allen Messer, assistant director of engineering, City of **Hamilton**

Dan Corey, director, **Butler County Transportation Improvement District**

Amy Giacci, North End resident

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City still looking for comments, questions on project that may affect area property owners.

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Officials with the city of **Hamilton**, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the engineering firm Stantec were also available for attendees of Monday's open house meeting to have their individual questions and concerns addressed

North Hamilton Crossing has been a necessary infrastructure improvement for "quite a while," said **Hamilton** Assistant Director of Engineering Allen Messer. "It has been anticipated for more than 20 years. In 2002, it was studied by the **Butler County Transportation Improvement District**, and it was added to the Butler County Thoroughfare Plan in 2007."

This matches Elaine Ohlinger's assessment when talking with the Journal-News on Monday. The resident on Mossy Grove in The Villas of Hamiton West said the city was "behind the times" in building the

"They should have done this 25 or 30 years ago," she said, saying it was needed when Champion Mill was operating. She said the **Black Street Bridge** was backed up "all the time" then.

While she said she knows the **bridge** "has to go in" and believes the city is "going to whatever they want to do," she would suggest crossing the river at its narrowest spot without impacting farmland "because it's their livelihood."

With all the alternatives providing a negative impact, she said there's "no easy answer."

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PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Hamilton and Butler County Transportation Improvement District, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, are working to improve traffic flow and make travel through the northeast portion of the city easier and safer by building a new road – the North Hamilton Crossing. On Jan. 23, we are hosting a public open house meeting to:

- Provide an update on the North Hamilton Crossing project
- Share the results of recently completed studies
- Discuss route alternatives evaluated and those recommended for further study
- Gather community input

Information will be shared in-person and virtually at www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING

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

This meeting will be held as an Open House.
Come at your convenience anytime.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

January 23, 2023 – March 12, 2023
www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

Open 24/7. Information presented online will be the same information shared at the in-person meeting.

Questions and comments can also be shared by email, mail or phone:

Allen Messer, PE., Assistant Director of Engineering
City of Hamilton | 345 High St. | Hamilton, OH 45011 | Allen.Messer@hamilton-oh.gov | 513-785-7286

Individuals needing interpretation or other reasonable accommodations to participate in the Public Input Opportunity, review project materials, or provide comment should contact Allen Messer. Public participation is encouraged without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.



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Bills players and staff pray for injured teammate Damar Hamlin, whose heart stopped after a collision with Bengals receiver Tee Higgins on Monday. JOSHUA A. BICKEL / AP

Sparling

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"I am pleased to see that every opportunity for this young man to get a positive outcome is available to them because of the planning that took place and the way the plan was executed by everyone when it became apparent that it was necessary," said Sparling, a Stebbins High School graduate and athletic trainer emeritus for the Bengals.

Prior to stepping down last spring, Sparling was head trainer for the Bengals for 30 years.

While Matt Summers replaced him in that role, Sparling has remained with the team to impart wisdom gained from his long tenure, to give the staff another set of eyes to help it go about its business more effectively and efficiently.

Yet what unfolded Monday night is not something Sparling had seen. Nor had anyone else.

Hamlin didn't need anyone to check to see if his ankle was sprained or broken nor to test the stability of his knee or gauge his mental state after taking a hit to the head.

Hamlin's heart had stopped, and the medical team reportedly needed an automated external defibrillator (AED) to restart it after administering CPR for several minutes.

"As I understand it, it's never happened in the NFL, based on what I've read," Sparling said of the use of an AED. "But I can tell you, in all my years with the team, we've never used it except during practice." And when Sparling said of the use of an AED, "But I can tell you, in all my years with the team, we've never used it except during practice." And when Sparling said of the use of an AED, "But I can tell you, in all my years with the team, we've never used it except during practice."

"That being said, (the device) is on the plane, it's on the buses, it's on the practice field. It's in the training room. It's on the coaches level. It's in the administrative offices. We have them everywhere."

The proliferation of AEDs is one of the changes Sparling said has taken place in the NFL since he joined the organization in the 1980s. They were around then but not in such abundance.

The same could be said about the number of people at the ready when tragedy struck.



Prior to stepping down last spring, Paul Sparling was head athletic trainer for the Bengals for 30 years but had encountered nothing like what happened Monday night.

"We would have been ready in the '80s," Sparling said. "Certainly the equipment is better. The training of everyone involved is better. The medical staffs are larger."

"Even when the team started in 1968, there was an ambulance crew at every game, but now you've got a significantly higher number of medical folks with emergency medicine training."

That includes both team physicians and emergency room physicians from local hospitals who specialize in various practices, such as intubation.

"Now people have specific assignments with specific duties and you've got an abundance of redundancy, if you will," Sparling said.

Sparling said one of the Bengals' team physicians specializes in emergency medicine, and he was directly involved in the response to Hamlin's situation both in terms of providing care and helping coordinate the response on the sidelines.

"We brought him on probably five years ago," Sparling said. "I think we might have been the first NFL team to do it. I recognized that situations can occur when you're in a plane, at the hotel, as well as on the field, and I just thought it would be a good idea for us to add that to our medical staff that's with us. Ownership listened, and we did it. I think we're better for it. I mean, he has proven invaluable."

Sparling said every team in the NFL has an emergency action plan put together by the head trainer that accounts not only for responding to players but everyone in the stadium during games and practices.

On game day, members

of each team's medical staff meet an hour before kickoff to go over plans.

"That's called the 60-minute meeting, and it involves all of the ancillary medical people, the home team's medical staff, the visiting team's medical staff, and even the officials and a representative of the league," he said. "So we all review a checklist that we go through of how things are going to be run."

"And, again, this is the first time that we've had to actually implement the emergency action plan for this type of scenario that actually happened on the field."

Members of the Bills training staff were first to respond to Hamlin on the field (per protocol), but they were quickly joined by members of the Bengals training staff and other medical personnel who worked together to revive him.

Sparling stressed teamwork was essential and noted the role trust between staffs from each team and the third-party medical professionals played in getting Hamlin stabilized.

"In general, when we see a player from an opposing team go down, we will routinely focus on what they're doing and make sure they're in our line of sight," he said.

"So if we recognize that this is bigger than a sprained ankle or a torn ACL, we're ready to quickly make our way out to the field and figure out with them what they need."

Sometimes, like Monday night, the situation becomes "all hands on deck."

"The radio call is routinely put out and everybody jumps over ready," he said. "They know what's going on. They know what they're supposed to do, and I was impressed."

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Appendix B: Notification Materials

Email

- NHX Dedicated Eblasts
 - January 13, 2023
 - March 8, 2023
- City of Hamilton Eblasts
 - March 1, 2023
 - March 7, 2023

Subject: Public Open House Meetings Scheduled

Date: Friday, January 13, 2023 at 2:34:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: North Hamilton Crossing

To: info@northhamiltoncrossing.com



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY

**In-Person session is scheduled for January 23
Virtual Open House runs from January 23 to March 12**

Thank you for signing up to receive updates about the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) study!

Through the NHX project, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, are working to improve traffic flow and make travel through the northeast portion of the city easier and safer.

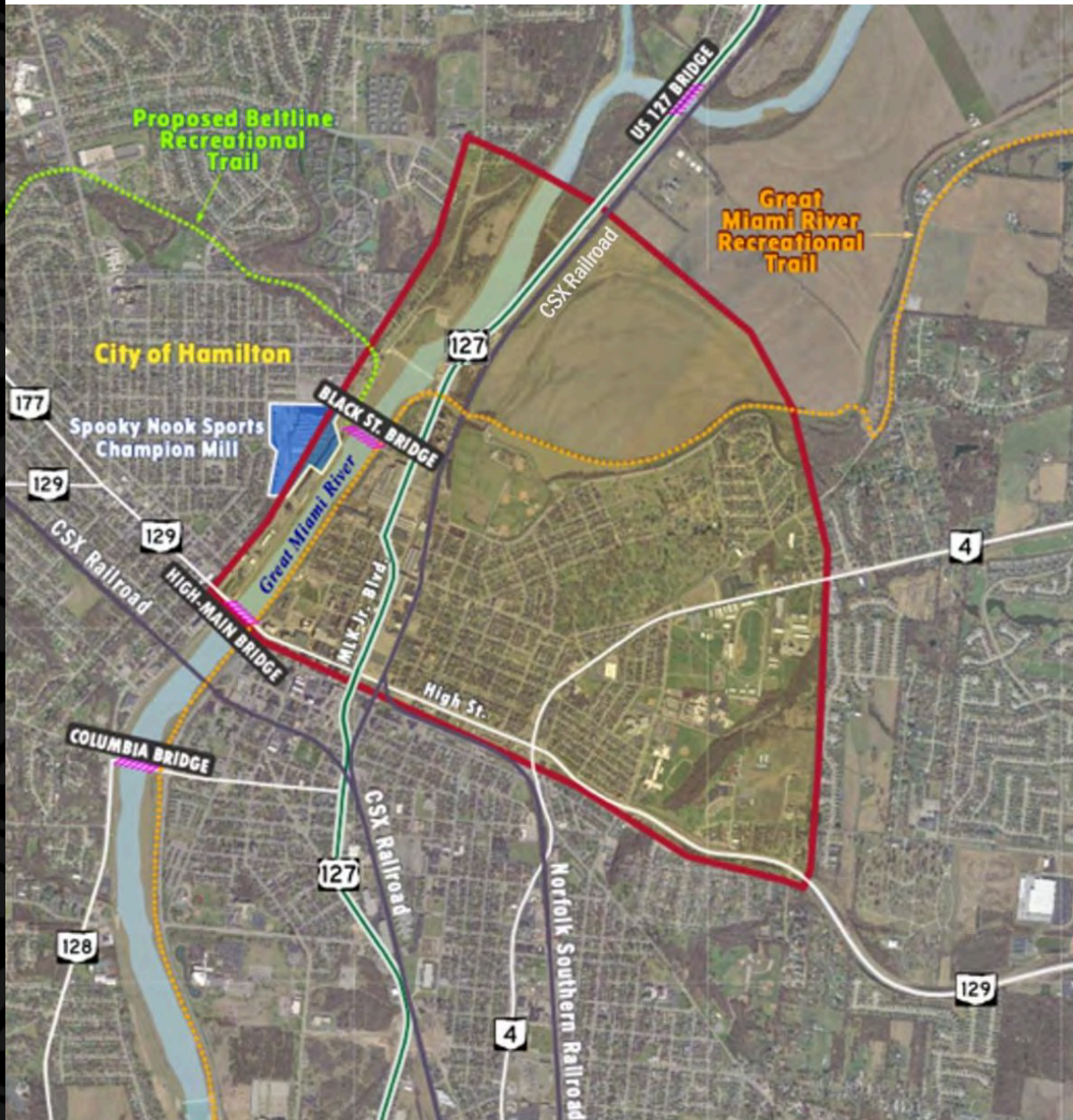
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natural environment, as well as possible impacts on existing buildings, historic landmarks, and neighborhoods.

To update you on our progress, we're hosting in-person and virtual open houses. There, we'll share the alternatives that have been developed and evaluated and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts on which of the alternatives to advance for further study.



NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY AREA



MEETING DETAILS

In-person Public Meeting

January 23, 2023 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Fairwood Elementary School
281 N. Fair Avenue

This meeting will be held using an open house format. Information will be presented on a series of information boards staffed by project team representatives. Come at your convenience anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Virtual Public Open House

January 23, 2023 – March 12, 2023

www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

Accessible beginning Jan. 23 through the NHX website, the Virtual Open House will be open 24/7 for 45 days. Information presented online will be the same information shared at the in-person Open House. Visitors can revisit the site as often as they like using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

PROVIDING INPUT

Comments and questions can be shared with the project team by attending the in-person meeting, answering questions embedded throughout the Virtual Open House, or by contacting:

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From: North Hamilton Crossing

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NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE CLOSES SOON

Thank you for your interest in the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) study!

This is a reminder that the NHX Virtual Open House closes this Sunday, March 12. If you haven't given your feedback yet, please visit NorthHamiltonCrossing.org to do so.

[Visit the Virtual Open House](https://NorthHamiltonCrossing.org)

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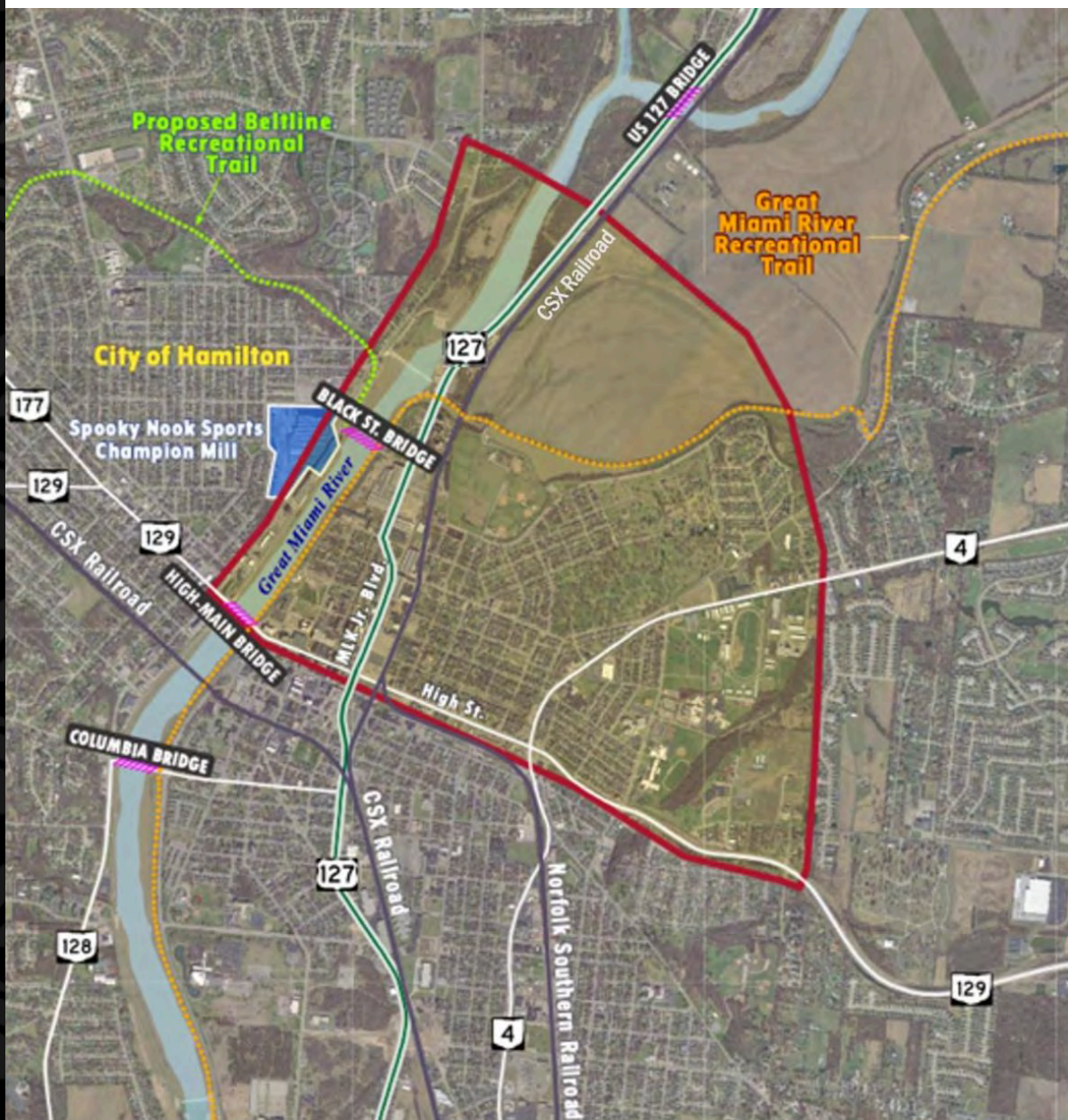
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In January we hosted an in-person open house to update the community with our work so far. We've also been running a Virtual Open House since January 23. If you haven't had a chance to explore the Virtual Open House site yet, please do so before March 12. There, you'll find out more about the project, see route alternatives that have been developed and evaluated, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and share your comments.

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PROVIDING NHX INPUT

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Subject: Public Input: North Hamilton Crossing

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 2:36:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: City of Hamilton

To: Laura Whitman



Your Input is Requested

The Second Public input opportunity for the North Hamilton Crossing project will be open through March 12th.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:14:19 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: City of Hamilton

To: Laura Whitman



NHX's second public input period ends this week.

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Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023



City of Hamilton, Ohio - City Hall

January 11 at 10:00 AM



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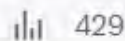
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Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023



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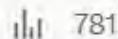
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Monday, Jan. 23, 2023



City of Hamilton, Ohio - City Hall

January 23 at 3:00 PM

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Learn more about the North Hamilton Crossing, including some frequently asked questions in this video from [TvHAMILTON](#).



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January 25 at 2:00 PM · 

Here is some information on the North Hamilton Crossing, including some frequently asked questions.

For more detailed information, and to leave your feedback go to <http://northhamiltoncrossing.org/>

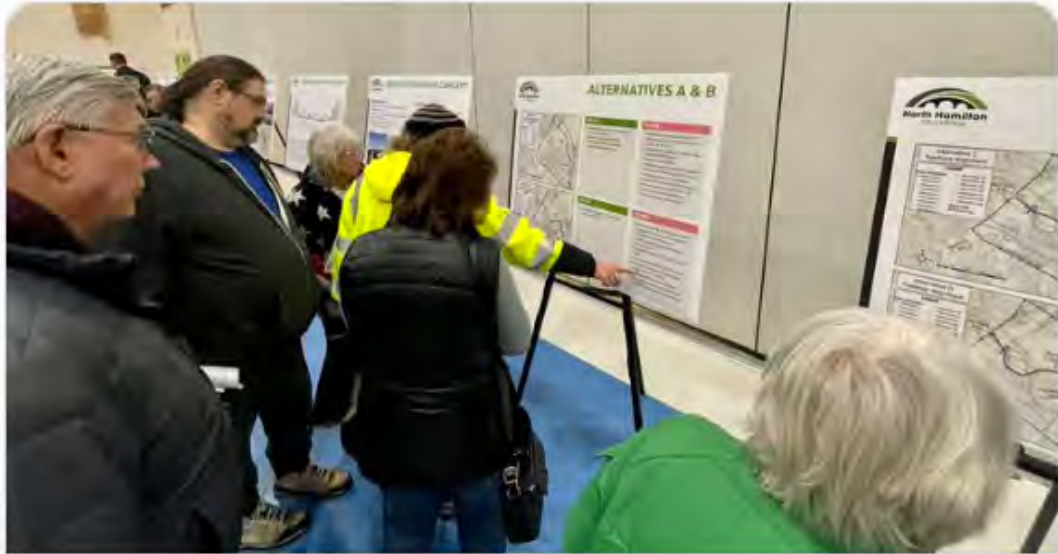
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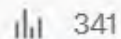
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Residents from Hamilton and neighboring communities were able to see the nearly dozen-and-a-half alternative plans for the North Hamilton Crossing project that would be years away from happening. via [@journalnews](#)



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North Hamilton Crossing bridge route could be identified by late '23,... Hamilton, Ohio, officials are still looking for comments, concerns, and questions regarding the North Hamilton Crossing project.



Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023



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The City of Hamilton and the Ohio Department of Transportation are working to reduce congestion and improve safety with developing a plan for North Hamilton Crossing (NHX). Learn more about the project with the fact sheet below.



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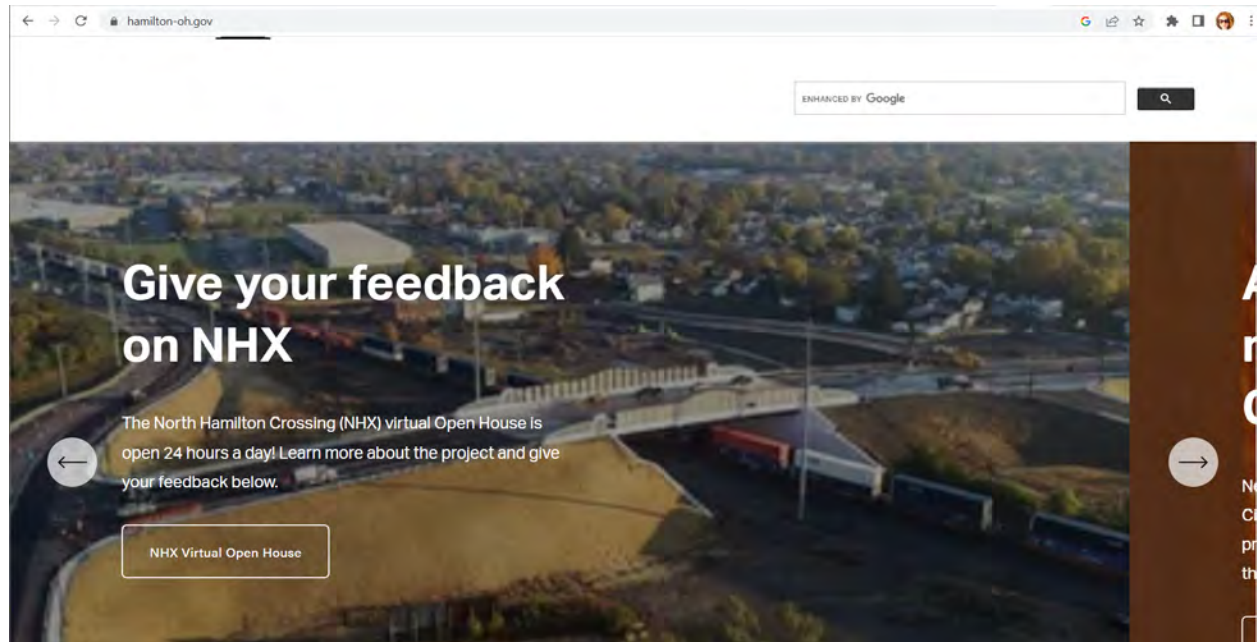
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Appendix B: Notification Materials

Door Drops & Utility Bill Inserts

- North Hamilton Crossing Fact Sheet (English version)
- Project Development Process Fact Sheet (English version)
- Conceptual Alternatives ABE and EBE Map
- Flyer
- Flyer (Spanish)

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, such as the South Hamilton Crossing, to reduce congestion and improve safety. We're now working on another effort, called the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX).

NHX Project Goals

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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

The City and BCTID are 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 are exploring what kind of street, bridge, and pedestrian/bicycle connections are needed and where they would best be located. We are 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.

The Feasibility Study will conclude with identifying recommended alternatives to advance for further study. We will share our recommendations during a public meeting, answer questions, and gather additional community input before finalizing the study.

We expect to complete the Feasibility Study by 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 a minimum of two to three years 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:

Allen Messer, Assistant Director of Engineering
City of Hamilton | 345 High Street | Hamilton, OH 45011
Allen.Messer@hamilton-oh.gov | 513-785-7286



NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY AREA

Project Development Process

The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID) are using a project development process (PDP) developed by the Ohio Department of Transportation 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 the preferred alternative recommended for development.

Project Status & Next Steps

The City and BCTID are now 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, potentially affected communities and interest groups to identify and evaluate possible project alternatives. These alternatives have been narrowed down to two concepts which are being recommended for further study. The results of the Feasibility Study will be presented for public review in in-person and virtual public meetings starting Jan. 23, 2023.

From there, the project team will be conducting additional technical studies related to these alternatives as part of the AER. These will include field surveys and engineering studies to help us better understand potential impacts and issues that need to be considered.

We also will 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 integrates the goals of the community as the alternatives are developed and a preferred alternative is selected.

The AER is expected to be completed in the fall of 2023.

Public Open House Meeting

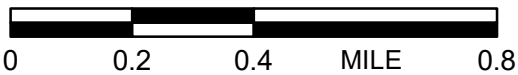
Learn more about project recommendations and share your comments at our next Public Open House meeting:

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

(Meeting content and input opportunities will also be available online starting Jan. 23 at NorthHamiltonCrossing.org)

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS





CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives ABE and EBE

North Hamilton Crossing
Stakeholder Meeting #4

PID 115755
September 2022



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PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Hamilton and Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), are working to improve traffic flow and make travel through the northeast portion of the city easier and safer by building a new road – the North Hamilton Crossing. In January, the City and BCTID are hosting a public open house meeting to:

- Provide an update on the North Hamilton Crossing project
- Share the results of recently completed studies
- Discuss route alternatives evaluated and those recommended for further study
- Gather community input

Information will be shared in-person and virtually through the project website, www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING

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

This meeting will be held as an Open House. Come at your convenience anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

January 23, 2023 – March 12, 2023
www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

The Virtual Open House will be open 24/7 through March 12. Information presented online will be the same information shared at the in-person meeting.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2020 and executed by FHWA and ODOT.



NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING STUDY AREA



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REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

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- Proporcionar una actualización sobre el proyecto North Hamilton Crossing
- Compartir los resultados de estudios finalizados recientemente
- Discutir alternativas de rutas evaluadas y aquellas recomendadas para estudio adicional
- Reunir aportes de la comunidad

La información se compartirá en persona y virtualmente a través del sitio web del proyecto, www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org.

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA PRESENCIAL

Enero 23, 2023 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Fairwood Elementary School

281 N. Fair Avenue

Esta reunión se llevará a cabo como una Reunión de Puerta Abierta. Venga a su conveniencia en cualquier momento entre las 5:30 pm y las 7:30 pm.

REUNIÓN DE PUERTA ABIERTA AL PÚBLICO VIRTUAL

Enero 23, 2023 – Marcha 12, 2023

www.NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

La Reunión de Puerta Abierta Virtual estará abierta las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana hasta el 12 de marzo. La información presentada en línea será la misma información compartida en la reunión en persona.

La revisión ambiental, la consulta y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido realizadas por ODOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 14 de diciembre de 2020 y ejecutado por FHWA y ODOT.



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Appendix B: Notification Materials

Yard Signs

- Images (English & Spanish)
- Placement Map & Photos

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PUBLIC MEETING

Fairwood Elementary School

(281 N Fair Avenue)

ODOT Project ID: 115755



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More information and virtual open house option at

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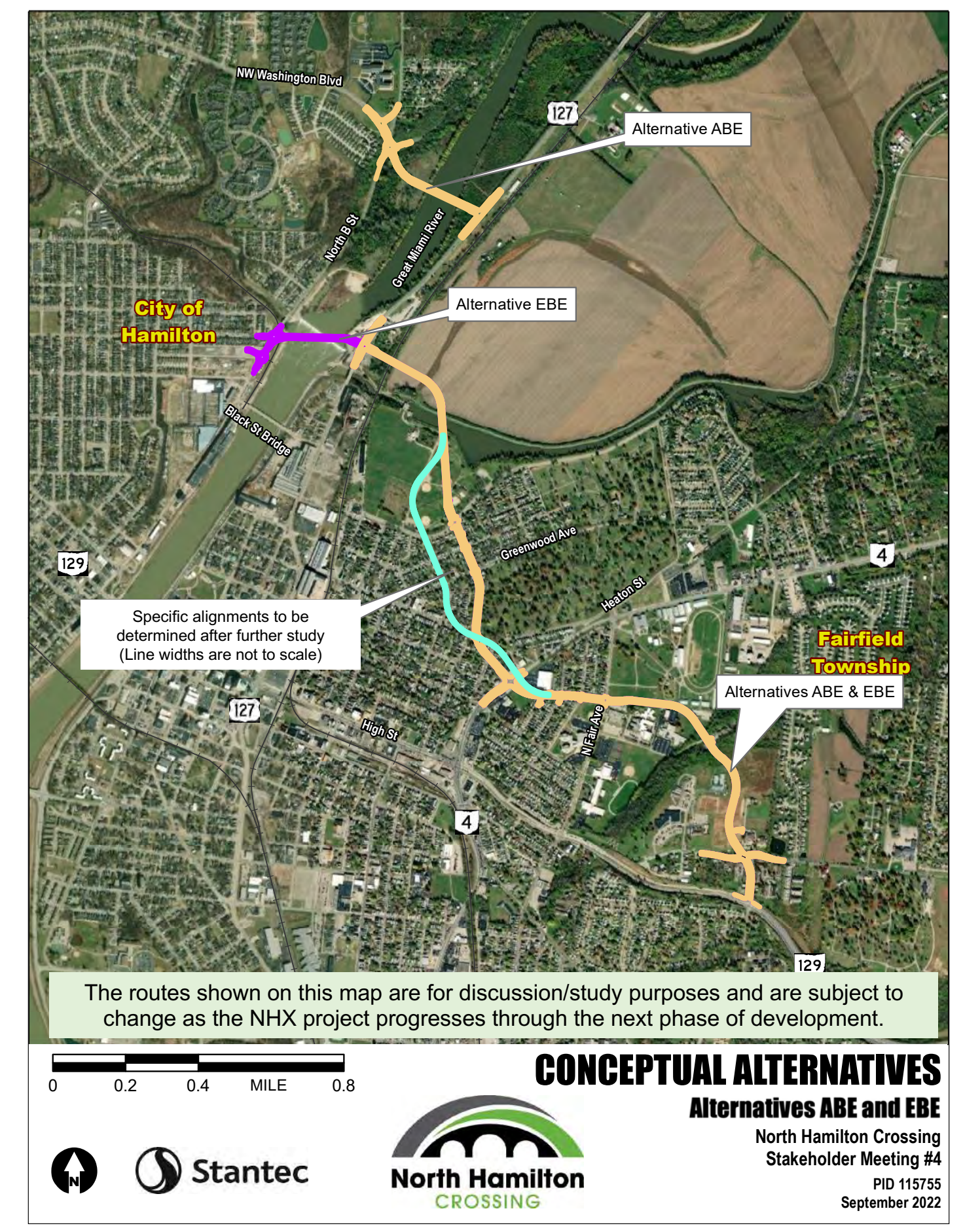


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- Project Updates
- Results of Completed Studies
- Discuss Route Alternatives Evaluated
- Gather Community Input

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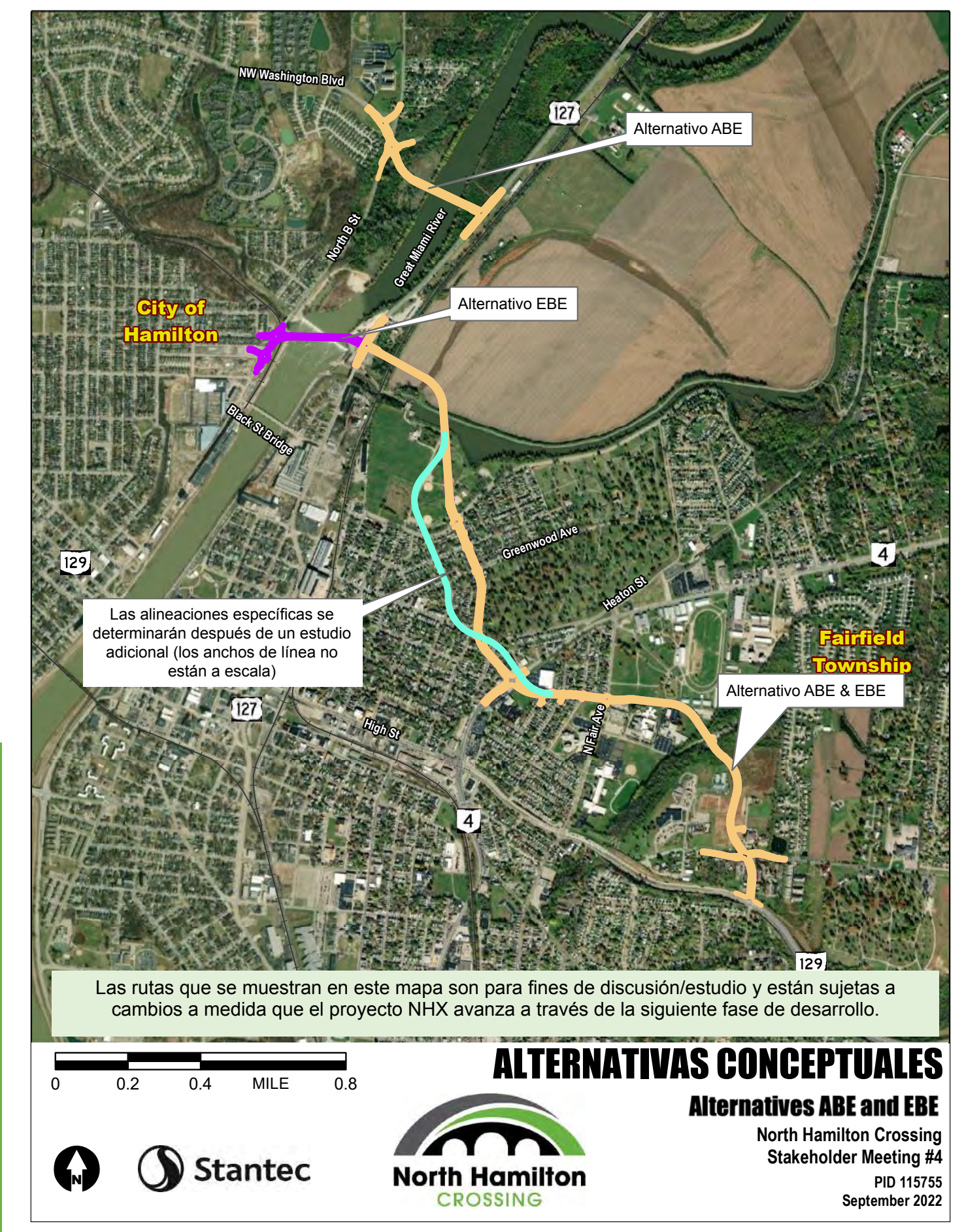


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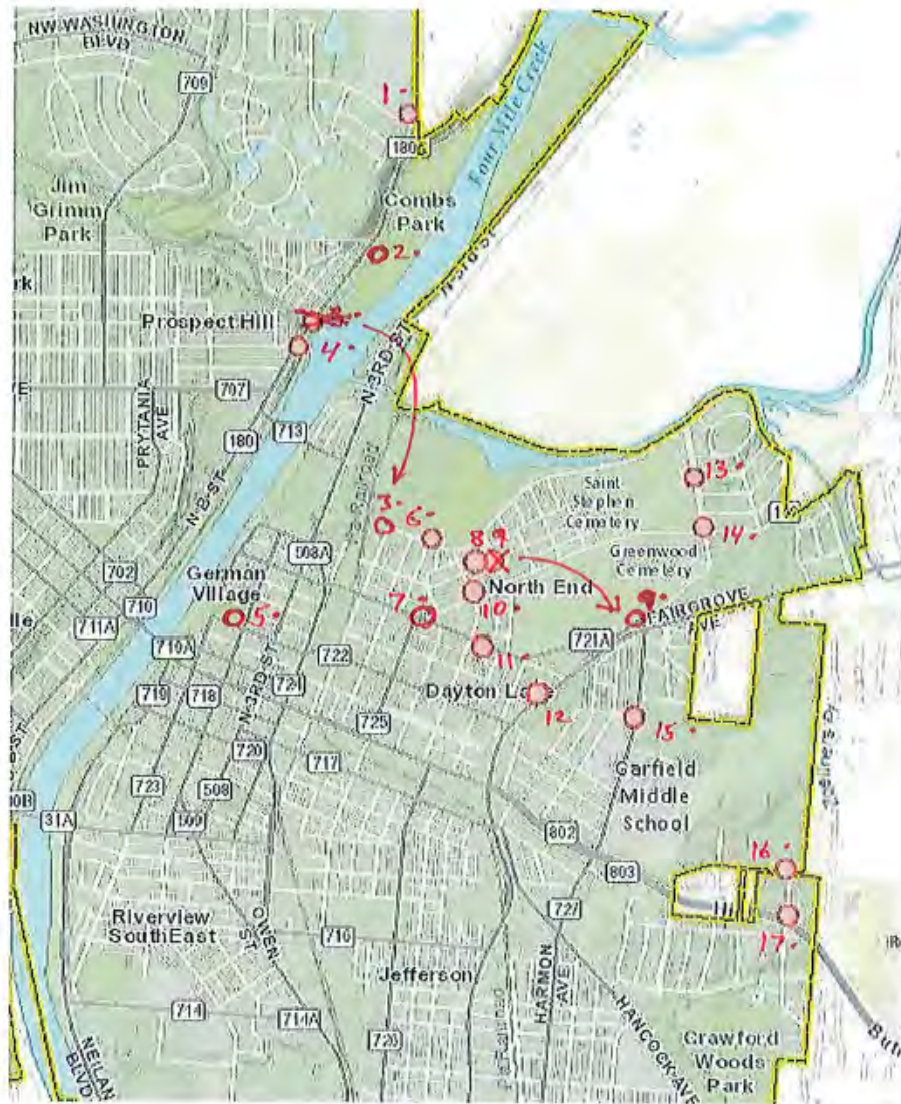
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- Actualizaciones del proyecto
- Resultados de estudios cumplidos
- Discutir alternativas de rutas evaluadas
- Juntar información de la comunidad

Una reunión pública virtual estará disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, empezando desde el 23 de enero hasta el 12 de marzo. La información presentada en la red será la misma información compartida en la reunión en persona.



Más información y opción de reunión pública virtual en
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Draft Yard Sign Locations for January 23, 2023 Public Meeting

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Yard Sign Locations for January 23, 2023 Public Meeting

(Placed on January 13, 2023)



1 - NW Washington Blvd at West Elton Road



2 - Combs Park



3 - LJ Smith Park (North End Fields)



4 - North B Street at Gordon Avenue



5 – Marcum Park



6- Joe Nuxhall Blvd at North End Fields



7 – Heaton Street at N 7th Street



8 – Miami Street at Vine St



9– Neal Boulevard at SR 4



10 – Vine Street Across from North End Market



11 – Vine Street at N 9th Street



12 - State Route 4 at Fire Station



13- Neal Blvd at Shirley Avenue



14- Neal Blvd at Greenwood



15 – Fair Avenue at Fairwood Elementary



16 - Princeton Road at Hampshire Drive



17 – SR 129 at Hampshire Drive



18 – Fairfield Township Administration Building

(Note the township is also advertising on their message board)



18 – YMCA at Princeton and Morris Road