

Eastgate & Beyond – 2015 Accomplishments Pave The Way For Continued Improvements

2015: Major Accomplishments



In 2015, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) completed the work at the I-275/SR 32 Interchange. The Interchange work was part of a series of coordinated improvements managed by ODOT and the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), and began in 2013 with improvements at Eastgate North Frontage Road, followed by the reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32.

And while the Interchange work has addressed multiple safety issues in the area, the team recognizes that the improved flow of traffic at the Interchange has magnified the need for improvements farther east.

2016: Planning for Future Travel



Traffic moving through the SR 32/Elick Lane intersection

Plans to improve travel from Eastgate to Batavia are being addressed in what's referred to by our project team as "Segment IVa" of the Eastern Corridor Program of Projects (I-275/SR 32 was Segment IV).

The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal improvements designed to:

- improve safety,
- ease congestion,
- increase mobility, and
- support economic development

between downtown Cincinnati and Clermont County.

(More information about Segments I, II, III, and the full family of projects is available at EasternCorridor.org.)

A tale of two segments ...

When plans to address congestion and improve safety in and around the Eastgate area were being designed, improvements on SR 32 from Bells Lane to Olive Branch-Stonelick Road were identified as one phase of work. The reality of transportation funding necessitated that the work be divided into two phases.

The I-275/SR 32 Interchange project (which became known as Segment IV) was addressed first, to allow for future improvements between Glen Este-Withamsville Road and Olive Branch-Stonelick Road (Segment IVa), and was completed as the initial phase of work.

The second phase of work became known as Segment IVa – from Eastgate to Batavia – and is now the area of focus.



Traffic at SR 32 & Glen Este-Withamsville Road

Keep reading for more information about our ongoing work ... We've accomplished a lot, but there's still more work to be done ...

Eastgate Area Improvements Complete; SR 32 Improvements Continue from Eastgate to Batavia

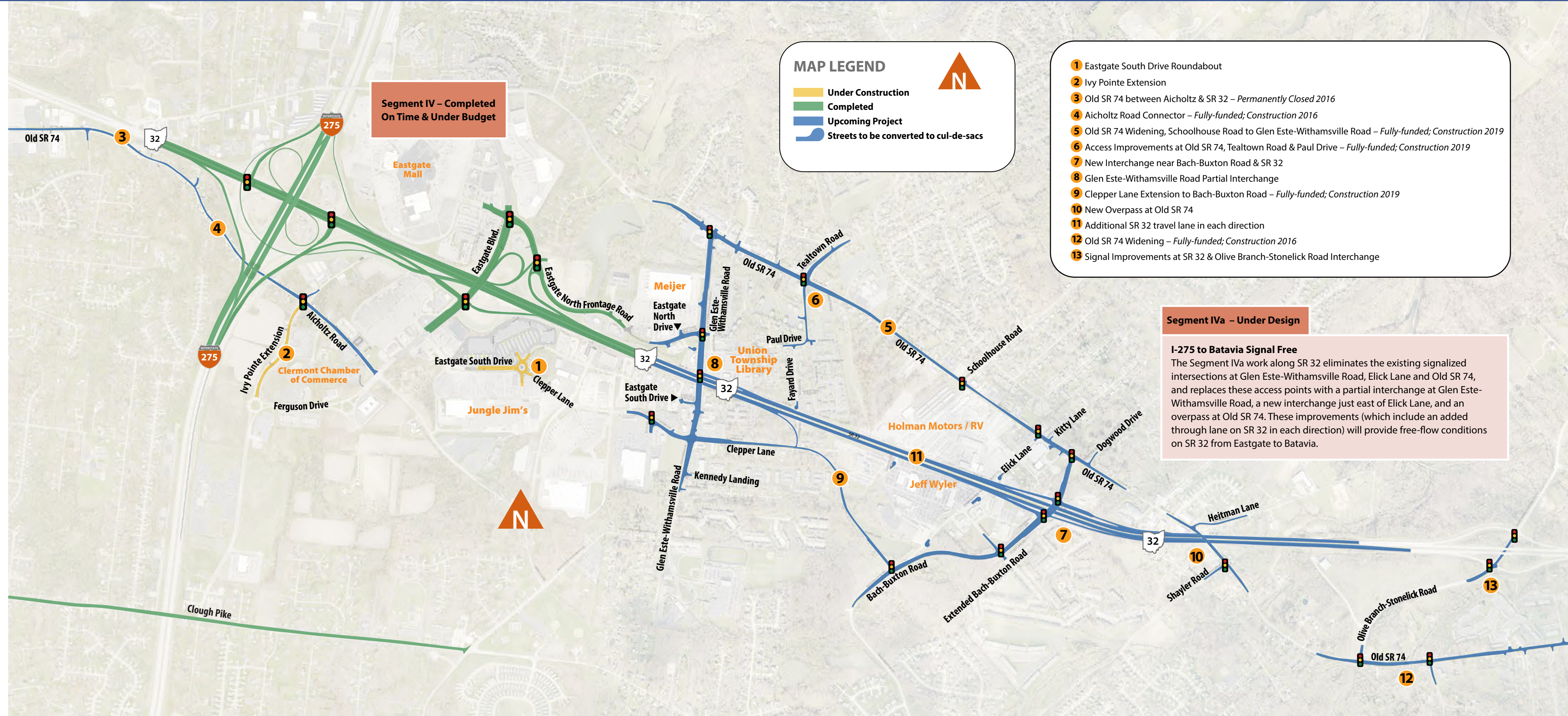
A guiding principle of our work is that even while major interstate improvements are being made, significant work is critical to support the flow of traffic to and from the interstate. Doing one without the other would exacerbate existing problems even further.

The improvements on SR 32 from Eastgate to Batavia address the need of integrating interstate with local network improvements.

The CCTID has received funds from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to construct the Clepper Lane extension, and improvements on Old SR 74 from Schoolhouse Road to Glen Este-Withamsville Road. This work will improve access in the area as well as to and from SR 32. Construction of these project elements will begin in 2019.

"We completed the Eastgate area work in three coordinated, intentional phases. The CCTID managed the improvements at Eastgate North Frontage Road (Phase 1) and teamed with ODOT on the reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 (Phase 2). ODOT then completed the I-275/SR 32 Interchange Improvements (Phase 3). We'll approach the Segment IVa work in much the same manner – the TID will begin with local network improvements (Projects 5 & 9 on the map), and then ODOT will follow with the mainline improvements once funding has been secured for those components."

– Pat Manger, Clermont County Engineer & CCTID Board Member



CCTID Means Jobs

Clermont County partnerships provide a model for job retention and economic growth.

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements.



The CCTID is made up of **five members** who represent various organizations in Clermont County.



Their **goal** is to bring together multiple groups, develop **one agenda**, and



Speak with one voice to local, regional, state and federal decision makers so that numerous **projects can be completed** in a coordinated fashion,



and the **resources** of those agencies can be **leveraged to generate funding** for projects that might not otherwise have been able to have been completed.

Highlighting what is possible when multiple jurisdictions come together with a like-minded goal, the CCTID recently celebrated the completion of three significant infrastructure improvements that directly support our workforce and the local tax base.

The CCTID, Clermont County Engineer's Office (CCEO), Union Township, JobsOhio and the Ohio Department of Transportation recently worked together to plan and accelerate several major road projects to open up and support the Eastgate area, a growing regional employment center, vital to southwest Ohio and the regional economy.

In 2013, three Clermont County manufacturers announced expansions: A & P Technology, Inc., L-3 Fuzing & Ordnance Systems and Multi-Color Corporation. Local transportation officials identified more than \$1 million in roadway

and local network improvements that were needed to improve access, safety and travel in the vicinity of the three companies.

Representatives from the local Transportation Improvement District, Engineer's Office and Union Township worked with JobsOhio and ODOT's Jobs & Commerce Office to leverage local funds to secure state roadwork grants covering nearly 85 percent of the cost of the combined projects.

Three roadway projects – at the Merwin Ten Mile Road intersection with SR 125, on McMann Road, and on East Tech Drive at the intersection of Old SR 74 – are now complete. Following the roadway improvements and planned local business expansions – which would not have been possible without the infrastructure upgrades – the three companies will collectively employ nearly 1,400 people.



Widening & new turn lane on McMann Road



Widening & new turn lane at the Merwin Ten Mile Intersection with SR 125



Widening, new turn lane and signal improvements at East Tech Drive & Old SR 74

CCTID Means Action

From emergency bridge closures in Goshen and landslides in Monroe Township, to improving access and safety for local students on their route to school, the CCTID provides the leadership necessary to accelerate critical roadway projects that reopen roads, restore damaged infrastructure and provide the networks to deliver completed road projects on time and on budget.

In 2015, the CCTID had 19 active projects in various stages of design and construction.



INVESTED IN CLERMONT COUNTY PROJECT WORK SINCE 2006



IN OUTSIDE FUNDING SOURCES LEVERAGED TO SUPPORT LOCAL PROJECTS



MANAGED BY THE TID IN 2015



PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2006

Collaboration Continues with Local Partners - SR 131 & Branch Hill-Guinea Projects Take Shape

The CCTID is currently working with officials from Miami Township and the Milford School District to make significant improvements on SR 131 at Seipelt Elementary, and on Branch Hill-Guinea Pike at Jer-Les Drive. Both of these improvement projects include widening for turn lanes, and will support better traffic flow for students and residents who travel this area regularly. As always, safety remains at the forefront of our planning and design process.

The CCTID has taken a leadership role in working with these local partners to identify and secure funding for transportation improvements that support local community development goals. In this role, the CCTID is able to pool public and private resources available to the County to accelerate the timing and pace of transportation improvement projects.

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