



State Route 161 Traffic Study - Status Report December 2013

The governments of the City of Columbus, the City of Worthington, and Perry Township have partnered with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to conduct a traffic study of State Rt. 161 from State Rt. 315 to the east and Sawmill Road to the west (map of study area on reverse). The MORPC-led effort kicked off in October 2013, and is expected to be completed Spring 2014. The study partners have formed a committee that also includes representatives from Franklin County and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to oversee the study.

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Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to provide the Study Committee the up-to-date data they need to better understand the existing and projected traffic conditions in the State Rt. 161 corridor. This will provide a starting point for discussions within the Committee regarding whether to further study and fund multi-modal transportation improvements in the State Rt. 161 corridor.

The traffic study **will**:

- Quantify current and forecasted traffic volumes and congestion levels, accounting for any proposed new and possible future developments.
- Analyze how different infrastructure improvements impact traffic throughout the study corridor. This technical, data-intensive exercise will provide the Committee an idea of the order of magnitude of the transportation improvements that might be needed.
- Set the stage for possible future studies to identify and examine possible improvements in more detail.
- Be summarized in a final report that is expected to be available Spring 2014.

The traffic study **will not**:

- Explore alternative solutions in detail, address specifics related to the CSX railroad crossing at Linworth, or make decisions regarding what types of improvements should proceed. Should it be determined additional study is appropriate, an extensive public engagement effort would be conducted as part of any future corridor and/or preliminary engineering study to seek timely input on the identification and selection of alternative solutions.

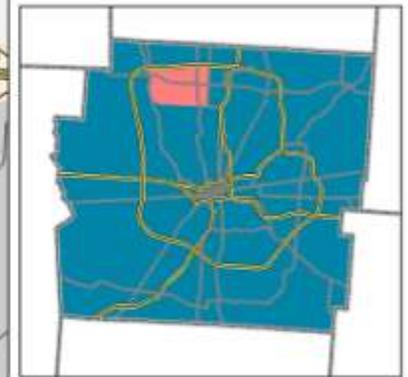
Status

MORPC has been meeting with land use planners in each jurisdiction to review the land use and update population and employment forecasts within the study area. New traffic counts were collected and are being analyzed to quantify congestion levels.

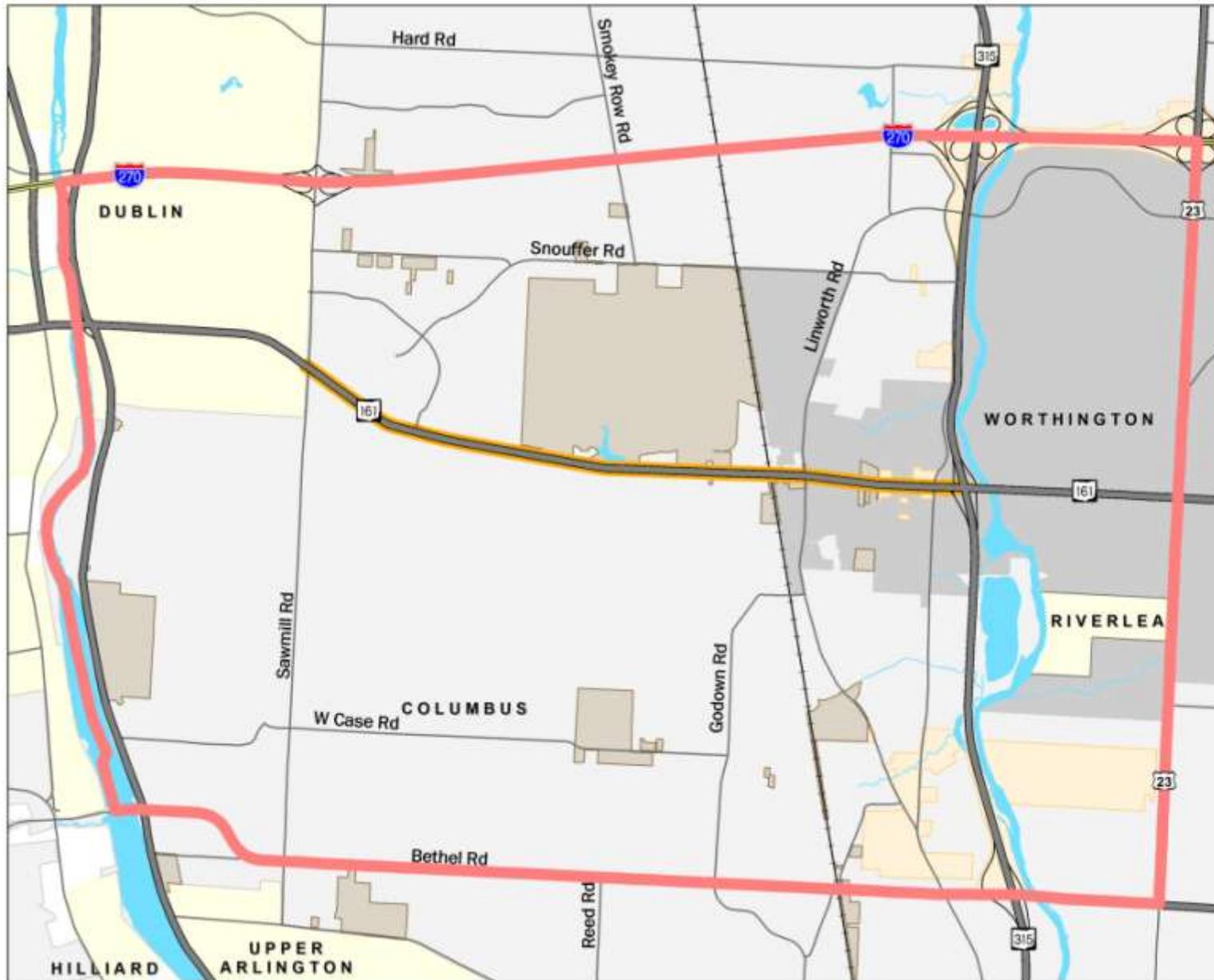
The Study Committee will meet in January to review the congestion analysis and develop infrastructure scenarios to test.

If you have questions regarding the traffic study, please contact Nick Gill at MORPC, (614) 233-4151, or ngill@morpc.org.

SR 161 Traffic Study Area



Franklin County



- Study Corridor
- Land Use Review Area
- Jurisdiction**
- Columbus
- Worthington
- Other Municipalities
- Perry Township
- Sharon Township
- Roadways**
- Interstate
- US or State Route
- Ramp
- County Road
- Active Railroad

