

Little Miami Scenic River Trail Ext. to Ranchvale Drive *HAM-LMST Ext. to Ranchvale (PID 113602/115291)*

Project Description

The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently completing a Feasibility Study of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along SR 125 and Elstun Road to make travel for pedestrians and bicyclists easier and safer and to provide connections to the Little Miami Scenic Trail (LMST) and other regional bike trails. The proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements include:

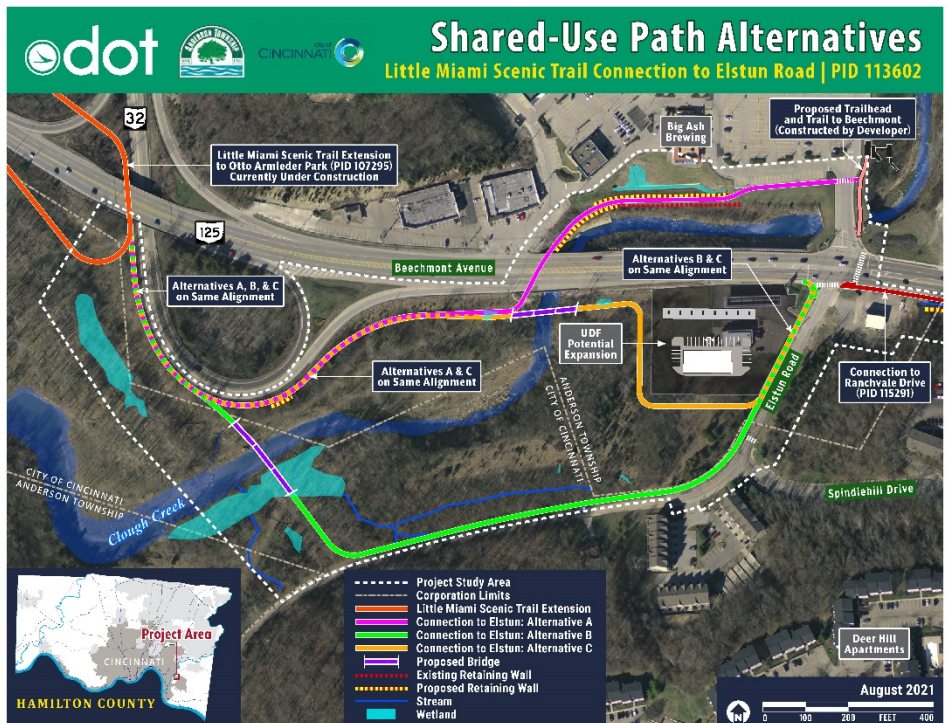
Elstun Connection - A shared-use path from the Little Miami Scenic Trail (LMST) extension project to Elstun Road and to the bus stops along SR 125. This connection is being sponsored by Anderson Township.

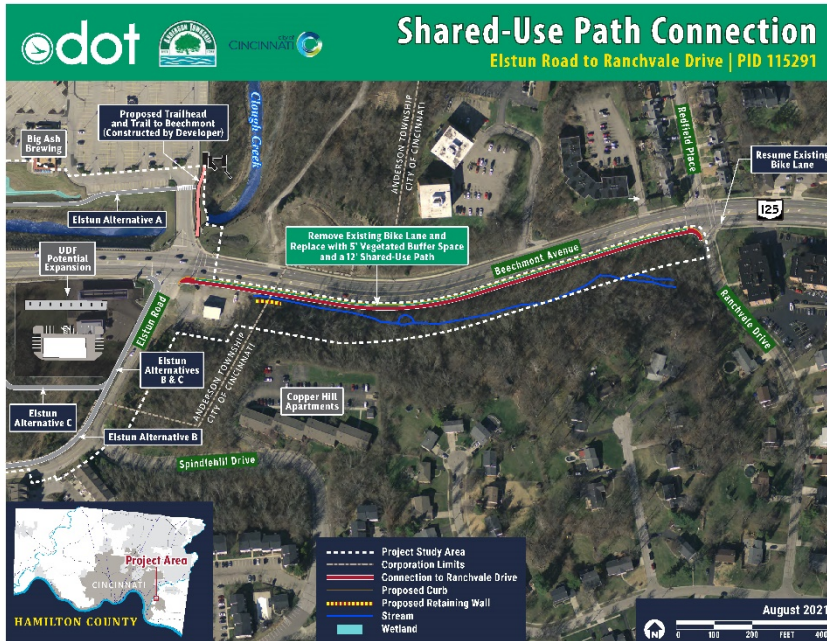
Ranchvale Connection - A shared-use path along the south side of SR 125 between Elstun Road and Ranchvale Drive. This connection is being sponsored by the City of Cincinnati.

Elstun Connection Alternatives

Concepts being considered:

- **Alternative A (pink):** A shared-use path from the LMST extension project, across the Skytop property to a proposed trailhead along Elstun Road.
- **Alternative B (green):** A shared-use path from the LMST extension project to Elstun Road where it continues along the west side of Elstun to SR 125. This alternative includes a new bridge over Clough Creek.
- **Alternative C (orange)** A shared-use path from the LMST extension project across the UDF property to the south of the retail store and fueling station to Elstun Road. The path continues along the west side of Elstun to SR 125. This alternative also includes a new bridge over Clough Creek.





Project Comments

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email, or mail to:

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Comments on the proposed alternatives should be submitted by **October 26, 2021** to be documented in the Public Input Summary Report.

ODOT will respond to all comments received. Please reference HAM-LMST Ext. to Ranchvale (PID 113602/115291) in emails and letters.

Ranchvale Connection

One alternative is being considered for the Ranchvale Connection. This alternative includes:

- Replacement of the existing bike lane on eastbound (going uphill) SR 125 with a shared-use path between Elstun Road and Ranchvale Drive;
- Installation of a five-foot vegetated (grass) buffer between the roadway and shared-use path through the length of the project for safety.

Schedule/Funding

Elstun Connection: A preferred alternative will be selected by Fall 2021. ODOT will then work with Anderson Township to complete project design, obtain environmental clearances, identify additional funding, and construct the project. Project construction is estimated to occur in the Summer 2024 through Fall 2025. This project is estimated to cost between \$1.7 million and \$3.2 million, depending on which alternative is selected. Anderson Township has already received \$750,000 in federal transportation funding for project construction.

Ranchvale Connection: The City of Cincinnati will seek funding for the project, then proceed with project design. This project is estimated to cost \$580,000. There has been no funding secured for this project at this time.

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 12/14/2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.