



SORTA/Metro
Infrastructure, Bike & ROW
March 18, 2025
10:00 am-10:30 am Eastern Time

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18th, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER

6th FLOOR SORTA BOARD ROOM

525 VINE STREET

CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

General Items:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1 Approval of Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee Minutes: January 21st, 2025

Briefing Item:

- 2 Rail Row Sale Process Update (Khaled Shammout/Jason Roe)
- 3 MTIF Program Update (Khaled Shammout/Jason Roe)

Other Items:

New Business

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee has not been scheduled.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2025 – 10:00 A.M
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
SORTA BOARD ROOM- 6TH FLOOR
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS ASSIGNED: Sara Sheets (*Chair*), Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge and KZ Smith

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, and KZ Smith

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Trent Emeneker, Kala Gibson, Gwen Robinson, Greg Simpson, and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Joe Ferguson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Bill Spraul and Tim Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: John Wiley (Woolpert) and Kim Schaefer (Vory's)

1. Call to order

Ms. Sheets called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of August 20th 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sheets made a motion and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Infrastructure, Bike, & ROW Committee Meeting minutes from August 21st, 2024. By voice vote the meeting minutes were approved by the Committee.

4. MTIF Annual Report Update

Mr. Roe presented the MTIF Annual Report Update.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

5. Recommended Changes to MTIF Guidelines

Mr. Roe presented the Recommended Changes to the MTIF Guidelines.

The Committee agreed to recommend the motion to the full Board.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure, Bike & Row Committee has not been scheduled.



INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE, AND ROW

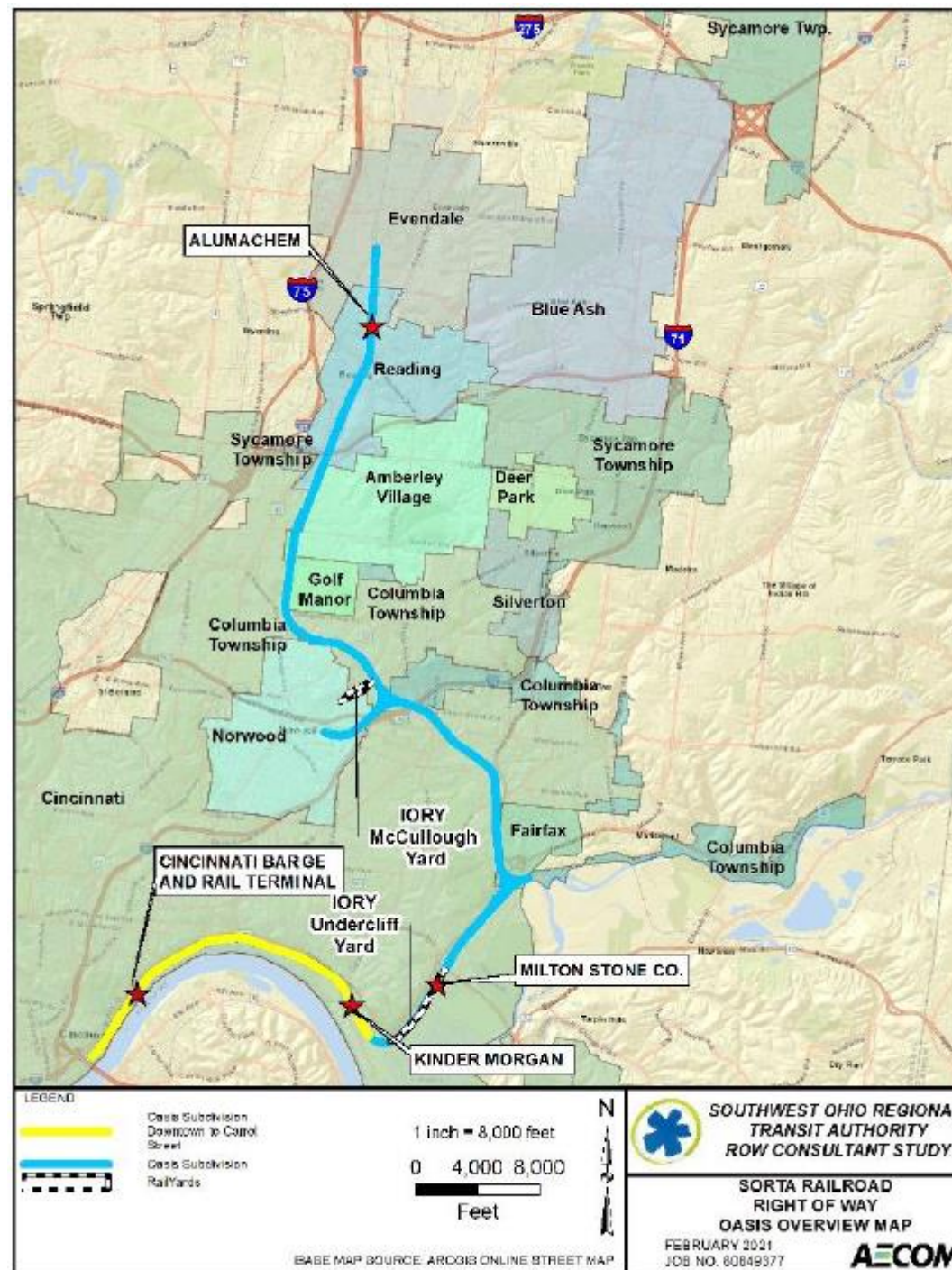
Committee Meeting: March 18th, 2025

History

- I- 71 Corridor Project 2002
Metro Moves
- Eastern Corridor Multimodal Project 1996-2016

A

OASIS CORRIDOR
Purchased in 1994 from
Indiana & Ohio Railway
\$3.0M



The Oasis Corridor is a 16.4-mile-long freight railroad operated by IORY

The SORTA-owned property in this corridor totals approximately 117 acres

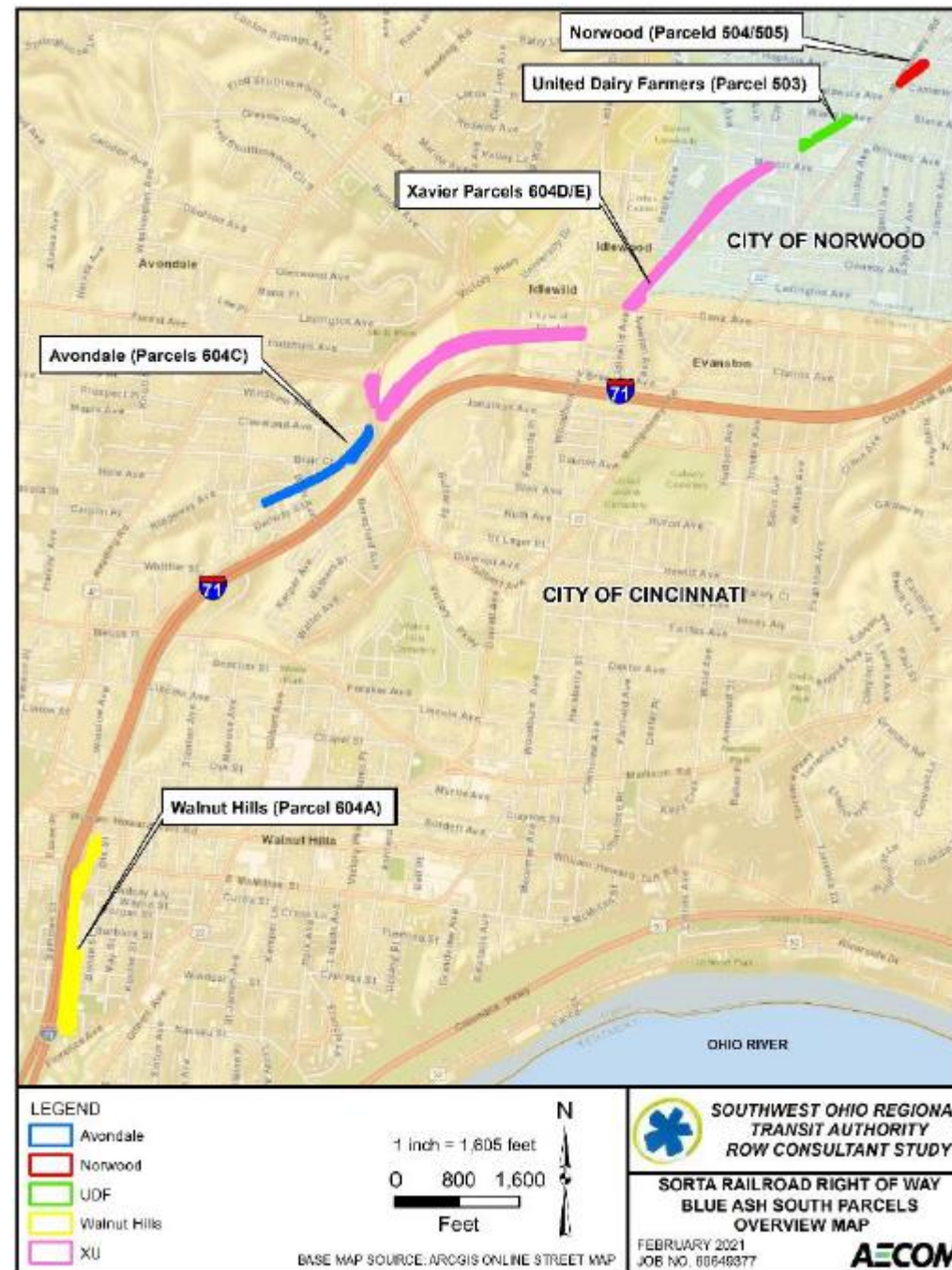
History

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BLUE ASH SOUTH PARCELS

Purchased in 1995 at auction from Conrail
\$685k

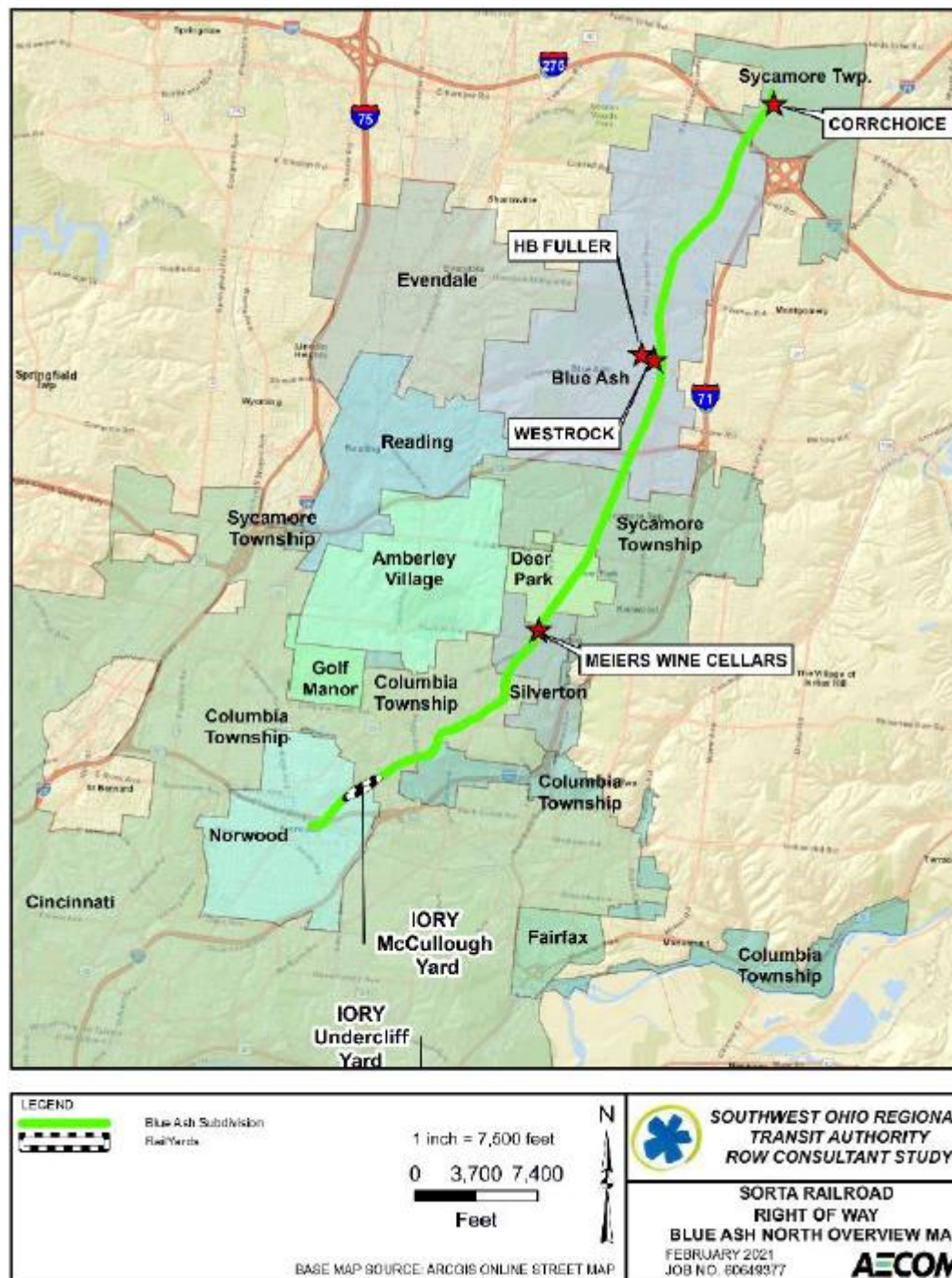


Blue Ash South parcels are a grouping of nine noncontiguous parcels in the City of Cincinnati and Norwood

Railroad operations between Avondale and downtown Cincinnati ceased in the 1970s soon after the construction of Interstate 71. There are no railroad connections or uses on the properties

History

- I- 71 Corridor Project 2002
Metro Moves
- Eastern Corridor Multimodal Project 1996-2016



The Blue Ash North Corridor is a 9.6-mile-long stub-ended single track railroad corridor operated by IORY

The SORTA-owned property totals approximately 59 acres

**BLUE ASH
NORTH CORRIDOR**
Purchased in 1997 from
Indiana & Ohio Railway
\$5.1M

C

Rail ROW History

2021 Existing Conditions Study - AECOM

- Current Rail Operations
- Operating Agreements
- Physical Condition
- Maintenance Needs
- Crossings

2021 Evaluation and Recommendations Report – AECOM

- Recommended that SORTA dispose of the railroad property



Rail ROW Update

Property Disposition Accomplishments

- Real property appraisal & reappraisal report
- FTA Review of property reported valued
- Received FTA concurrence of appraisals values
- Hired a real estate broker
- Stakeholder requirements gathering and sale strategy meetings
- Develop the solicitation schedule
- Jan. 27th, released Blue Ash North – Sale IFB
 - Bids due March 28th



Next Steps

Disposal Plan

- Follow up with the FTA regarding the request to transfer a portion of the Oasis Line for the rail to trail project
- Continue the listing of property for sale in the following order...
 - Blue Ash South (est. April)
 - Oasis Line (Northern sections, est. May)
 - Oasis Line (Crown section, est. July)





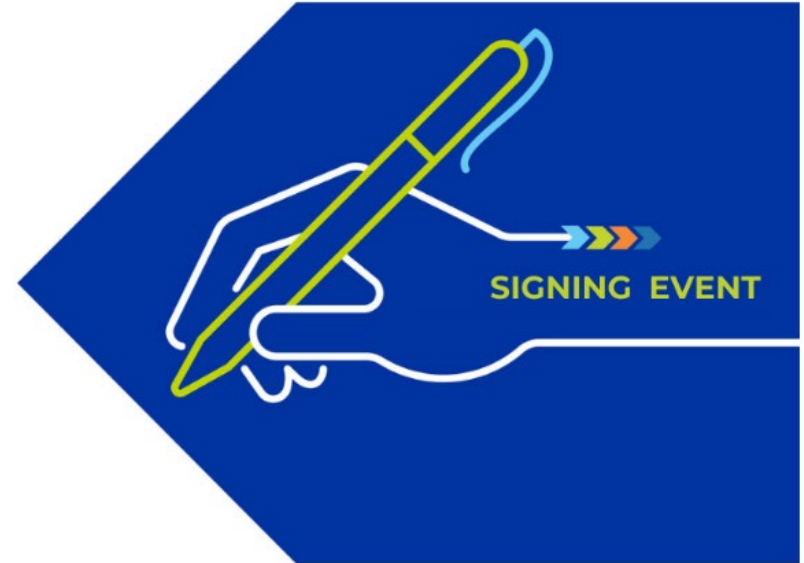
Questions?



INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE, AND ROW

Committee Meeting: March 18, 2025

Signing Event



Kickoff - Round 5, 2025

- **Virtual Meeting – March 3rd**
 - **32 Attendees**
- **General grant program information and resources**
- **Provided the program changes – New 2025**
 - **Ability to proceed**
 - **Economic growth & community connectivity**
 - **Funding categories, large & small**

Schedule Round 5 (Program Year 2025)

- Request for project proposals - ***March 3, 2025***
- Proposal's submittal deadline (by 2:00 pm (EST)) - ***May 30, 2025***
- Project review and scoring - May 30, 2025 – ***July 31, 2025***
- Authorizing Legislation submittal deadline (by 2:00 pm (EST)) - ***June 13, 2025***
- Support Staff priority approval - ***July 31, 2025***
- Transit Authority Board confirms Support Staff's recommendations - ***August 26, 2025***
- Hamilton County Integrating Committee's final approval of projects - ***TBD***
- Transit Authority enters into agreements with the Awardees - ***QTR 4 2025***
- Funds are made available to Awardees - ***QTR 1 2026***



Thank You!