

The alternatives include a no-build scenario, an on-street scenario, as well as several different dedicated trail alternatives – these alternatives are on display today, and representatives of the local project sponsors and LJB are on hand to answer any questions you have regarding the alternatives and to discuss your ideas and opinions about the project. It is the goal of the City of Springfield, the TCC, as well as other project sponsors to determine the best, most beneficial alternative for not only the City, but also those people who are users of the Little Miami Trail. The City of Springfield will administer the design and construction of the project (non-traditional LPA project).

Project Status and Next Steps

Currently, the project is in the planning stage to determine the preferred alternative approach for the project, as discussed above. This stage includes conceptual alternative development and secondary source environmental investigations, the results of which are on display at today's public meeting. Public comments resulting from today's meeting will be analyzed and considered along with a variety of other factors to select a preferred alternative. Some of these other factors can include environmental impacts, constructability, property acquisition needs, and construction costs. Once the preferred alternative is selected, detail engineering will commence and the environmental clearance will be completed.

Schedule and Costs

Currently, engineering, environmental clearance, and property acquisition are expected to be completed by the spring of 2014, with construction commencing as early as the summer of 2014. Depending on the combination of preferred alternatives selected for the north and south sections of the project, the preliminary construction costs are estimated to range between 1.2 million (least expensive combination of alternatives) to 3.1 million (the most expensive combination of alternatives).