

## The Eastern Corridor & Kennedy Connector Project Relationship

The *Kennedy Connector* project is one of the many projects that was recommended under the *Eastern Corridor* project. The *Eastern Corridor* project is a long-term, multi-modal plan that addresses transportation problems affecting a number of communities in the eastern portion of the greater Cincinnati area.

*The Eastern Corridor project is being conducted in a two-tiered process.*

### Tier 1 Process

Tier 1 work of the *Eastern Corridor* project has been completed and includes a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) which presents information on transportation need in the area, key environmental resources, the development and evaluation of feasible alternatives, a preliminary assessment of expected impacts, and the identification of a recommended transportation plan (set of feasible alternatives).

The ROD for the *Eastern Corridor* project was approved on June 2, 2006 and several transportation projects, including the *Kennedy Connector* project, were advanced for detailed study during Tier 2.

### Tier 2 Process

Tier 2 of the *Eastern Corridor* project focuses on individual projects, such as the *Kennedy Connector*. Tier 2 work consists of further advancement of the feasible alternatives, a Tier 2 Categorical Exclusions (CE) environmental report and the selection of a preferred alternative for the *Kennedy Connector*.