



**BUTLER COUNTY
FREIGHT RAIL STUDY**
Butler County Port Authority

Initial Stakeholders Meeting

November 21, 2005



BUTLER COUNTY FREIGHT RAIL STRATEGY

Objectives

- Job Retention and Expansion
- Business Attraction and Job Creation
- Maximize Transportation Assets
- Economic Impact



STAKEHOLDERS

- Existing Rail-Served Businesses
- Potential Rail-Served Business
- CSX, Norfolk Southern, Shortlines
- Developers & property owners
- ORDC, ODOT, ODOD
- Butler County Engineer
- Butler County Transportation Improvement District
- Butler County Economic Development Department
- Chambers of Commerce
- County, Cities & Townships
- OKI Regional Council of Governments



TWO CONCURRENT PATHS

- Short Term - Immediate Need Projects
- Long Term - Butler County Freight Rail Study

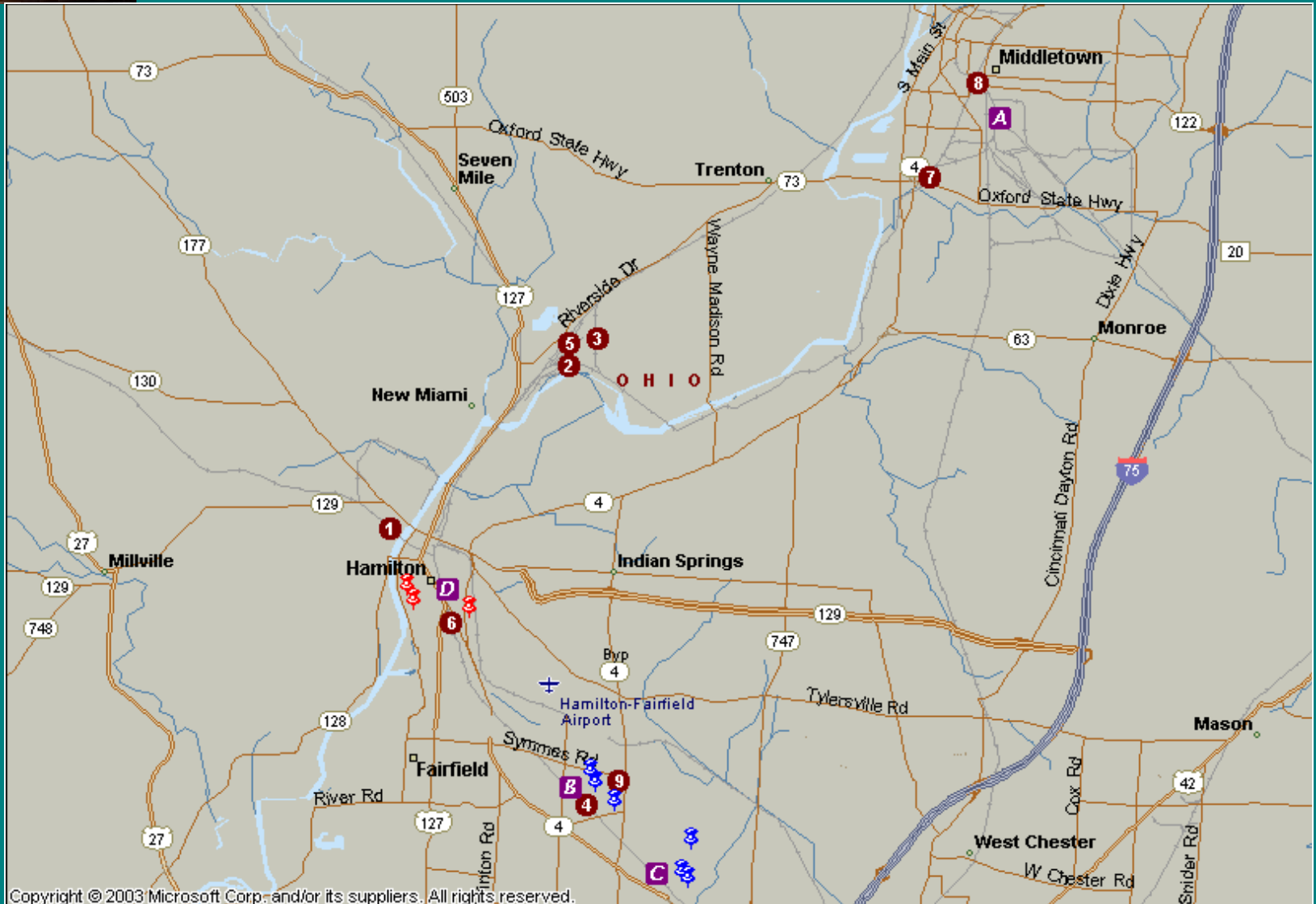


SHORT TERM - NEXT STEPS

- Complete Symmes Industrial Park Electric Lock
- Establish “Rail Users Network”
- Engage Norfolk Southern RR
- Refine Priorities
- Develop Funding Strategies
- Raise Awareness & Political Support
- Execute Prioritized Plan



SHORT TERM NEEDS





LONG TERM

Butler County Freight Rail Study

- OKI Resolution 2005-31
TIP Amendment approved 9/8/05:
“Add a planning study of freight conditions in Butler County using \$100,000 in OKI STP funds and \$25,000 in local funds in FY 2006.”
- Serves as a pilot study for a future regional freight study to be conducted by OKI in FY 07-08
- Establishes Butler County as the regional leader in freight development activity.



Step 1 - Project Initiation

- Determine Study Area
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Develop Goals and Measures
- Refine Scope of Services, Costs and Milestone Dates



Step 2 - Conduct Research & Technical Studies

- Determine Data Needs
- Existing Data, Research & Analysis
- Additional Research & Analysis
- Prepare Base Mapping
- Refine Study Area
- Red Flag Summary
- Develop Purpose & Need



Step 2 - Potential Data Requirements

- Economics & Demographics
- Existing and Potential Rail Users
- Existing Freight Characteristics: Materials, Volume, Modes & Patterns
- Freight Forecasts - Rail & Truck
- Regulatory Issues & Land Use
- Regional, State & Federal Rail Priorities
- Class I RR Investment & Service Priorities

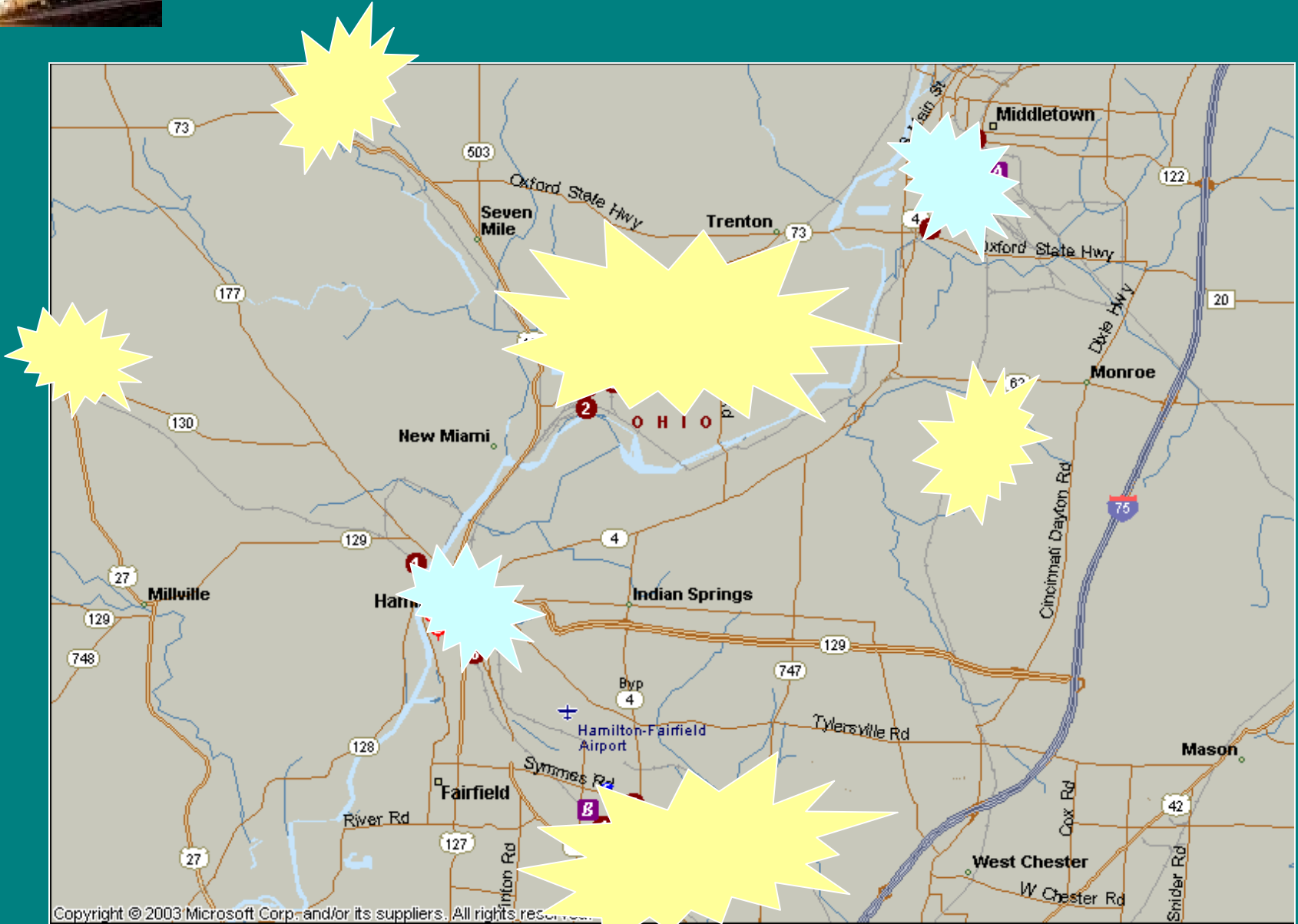


Step 3 - Identify and Evaluate Conceptual Alternatives

- Identify Conceptual Alternatives for Rail Development Sites
- Develop SWOT Analysis of Alternatives
- Develop Conceptual Cost Estimates
- Quantitatively Evaluate Alternatives
- Document Analysis & Alternatives



Potential Rail Development Areas





Step 4 - Develop Strategic Plan

- Recommended Concepts and Scope
- Stakeholder Concurrence
- Revise Purpose & Need Statement
- Determine NEPA Requirements
- Recommend Funding, Timetable and Delivery Strategy
- OKI Study Approval



Next Steps

- Secure Local Funding
- Consultant Selection
- Refine Stakeholder List
- Establish Project Schedule & Milestones



Butler County Freight Rail Study

- Discussion