



The pre-cast concrete tunnel safely connects the new trailhead to the Olentangy Trail, allowing trail users to avoid directly crossing traffic on the SR 315 on-ramp.

Completed by Burgess & Niple for the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department in close coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Olentangy Trail/Bethel Road Connector project improves connectivity between Anheuser Busch Sports Park and the Olentangy Trail, reduces congestion and improves safety along the trail segment south of Antrim Park to the new trailhead at Anheuser Busch Sports Park.

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Utilizing the space between SR 315 and the SR 315 on-ramp allows trails users to safely avoid traffic while connecting to the existing trail.



The 12-foot-wide trail now better accommodates both cyclists and pedestrians while combating congestion along the trail segment.

## OLENTANGY TRAIL/BETHEL ROAD CONNECTOR | COLUMBUS, OH

The Olentangy Trail is one of the busiest trails in Central Ohio with several segments of the trail receiving over **1,000 uses per day**.

The portion of the trail from State Route (SR) 161 to Henderson Road was one of the first sections to be constructed over 30 years ago. Since that time, trail use has increased to an estimated 300,000 combined bicycle and pedestrian users per year. The completion of the Olentangy Trail/Bethel Road Connector provides trail access to over 30,000 people in the Bethel Corridor.



To avoid widening the bridge over SR 315, the median was narrowed to create space for the shared-use path.

The new shared-use-path connects Anheuser Busch Sports Park and the Olentangy Trail by using the existing Bethel Road structure over SR 315 to carry bicycle and pedestrian traffic through the interchange. To address traffic congestion on the Olentangy Trail, the project also included widening the trail from its typical 9-foot width to a width varying from 10 feet to 13 feet from Bethel Road to Antrim Park.

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