

CITY OF HILLIARD CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Overview

The City of Hilliard requested MORPC technical assistance to support their vision for a mixed-use, multimodal infill development at strategic locations along Cemetery Road. Hilliard had identified the I-270 Corridor as a focus area for infill & redevelopment in their 2011 comprehensive plan but had not yet produced a conceptual development framework for much of this focus area, especially along Cemetery Road.

Services Provided

Analyses for the Cemetery Road study area included review of existing land uses and density, area demographics, travel patterns to and from the area, traffic volumes along the corridor, existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and reported crashes on all roadways.

These analyses were used to inform the recommended multimodal corridor enhancements and land use changes. These recommendations included updates to the land uses within the study area, potential reconfigurations of Cemetery Road, as well as options for new street connections and safety improvements, which altogether lay out a plan for igniting a socially and economically vibrant environment around Cemetery Road.

Program Deliverables

In coordination with Hilliard staff, MORPC developed a Focus Area Report for the Cemetery Road corridor that identifies site challenges and opportunities and specifies context-sensitive development principles to help Hilliard prepare for the market demand shifts forecasted by insight2050. MORPC also produced a Best Practices Report that further describes key recommendations, strategies, and case studies in development, transportation, sustainability, and other relevant topic areas.



Focus area recommendations included the development of a Pedestrian Priority Corridor running parallel to Cemetery Road. The City of Hilliard has since taken steps to make the Cemetery Road corridor more pedestrian-friendly.

Community Implementation

At the completion of this study, the City of Hilliard launched an effort to update its comprehensive plan. Both the Best Practices Report and Focus Area Report will serve as contributing documents to the plan update process. The City is also in the process of applying for grants to conduct a feasibility study for construction of a pedestrian bridge across I-270. This was initiated in response to the safety concerns and barriers to mobility that were identified during the technical assistance process.

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