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SR 619 Corridor Development Study

A proposed residential housing development on Point Comfort Dr has highlighted the need to plan for additional traffic in all forms along the SR 619 corridor. This document attempts to capture the current conditions and identify a few shortcomings to be remedied. The study area for this project is primarily SR 619 between Point Comfort Dr./S. Turkeyfoot Rd. and State St.

Destinations within the study area include a golf course, restaurants and bars, a dentist, a salon and spa, and other stores and businesses. There are no pedestrian facilities that make valuable connections, and transit is not accessible in the study area. It is worth noting that the average daily traffic for this corridor is around 10,000 vehicles.

Major concerns for the SR 619 Corridor:

- Lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Intersection of Point Comfort Dr & SR 619
- Future Development on Point Comfort Dr
- SR 619 Bridge over channel
- Access Management

Lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Apart from the sidewalks on the bridge, there has been no thought of pedestrians or cyclists in the SR 619 corridor, until now. Our map shows that there are no bicycle facilities within the study area, nor nearby. With the potential for hundreds of new residents, now is the time to make improvements that will benefit all residents and businesses in the area.

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Point Comfort Drive and SR 619 Intersection



This intersection connects the south side of the golf course to the north side. Additionally, it connects the parking lot on the west side of Point Comfort to the golf course to the east.

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The above image is a picture of the Upper Deck parking lot looking north. This parking lot sits at the corner of S. Turkeyfoot and SR 619. There are at least 100 parking spaces in this lot. This could be an inviting area, showcasing the water. There are no sidewalks on S. Turkeyfoot Rd. or Point Comfort Dr. and no sidewalk on both sides of SR 619 in this location.



There is a dedicated crossing for golf carts at this intersection.

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This crosswalk is specifically for golf cart traffic and crosses from the south to the north across SR 619.



View from the clubhouse crosswalk, facing north.

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This is the only crosswalk for this intersection, crossing from the west side of S. Turkeyfoot Rd. to the east side.



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This picture was taken on the south side of SR 619, looking east toward the golf course clubhouse. Although there is a curb cut on the other side, pedestrians must traverse gravel to get to the roadway. Additionally, there is no pedestrian signal or crosswalk. It is clear that pedestrians were not considered in this space.



This is the western side of the intersection leading to the intersection. Bicycles, strollers, and wheelchairs would need to be in the roadway to travel here.

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Just south of the intersection, on Point Comfort Dr., there is a crosswalk from the parking lot on the west side to the clubhouse on the east side. This does not replace the need for a crosswalk and pedestrian signals at the intersection. Also, although the current traffic volume on Point Comfort is low, that will change with the new development. This crosswalk will need safety improvements.

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Future Development on Point Comfort Dr.



These are images of the roadway on Point Comfort Dr., first looking south, then north toward the golf course clubhouse. There is currently no striping, curbing, sidewalks, bike lanes, or shared use paths on this section of roadway. Making this area walkable and bikeable would be beneficial to the future development, as well as to the businesses in the SR 619 corridor. Hopefully the new development does not include an abundance of driveways.



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The above image was taken from the corner of Point Comfort Dr. and Florian Dr., facing southwest toward Turkeyfoot Lake. This is the location where much of the proposed development, The Water 9, will take place.

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SR 619 Bridge over channel



The only sidewalks on the SR 619 Corridor between Point Comfort Dr./S. Turkeyfoot Rd. and State St. are on each side of the bridge over the channel. This image was taken standing on the north side of the bridge looking east. Although the sidewalks give the impression that pedestrians are welcome here, walking is uncomfortable with the nearby passing traffic. Although these sidewalks do not connect to anything, the opportunity to have a continuous facility exists because they are here.

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The above is a picture from the bridge looking west, while the picture to the left is from the bridge



looking south. The existing sidewalks would be more useful if they connected to other shared use paths. There are several bars and restaurants on either side of this bridge, as well as shops and salons. Additionally, there are residential neighborhoods to the north and south of the corridor. These existing sidewalks make it possible for additional walkways to connect here and allow residents to travel the

corridor without getting in their cars.

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Access Management

The following images show the difficulty in walking or biking in the SR 619 corridor, as there are large drive aprons along the entirety of the corridor. These driveways create potential conflict points between pedestrians or cyclists and vehicles. Businesses could be served with fewer entrance points, and the community would benefit from the ability to walk or bike with fewer conflict points.



This image shows the wide driveway in front of Dietz's Landing and Blue Iguana. Looking west, many driveways are visible.

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This picture was taken standing in front of the tattoo parlor looking east toward Kruger Plaza on the right.



This is a picture of the gas station taken from across the street. The majority of the image is pavement.

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This is an image taken from the Royal Gardens parking lot looking west toward State Rd. The edge of the roadway is crumbling here, and it simply merges into gravel (?) before reaching the actual parking lot.



The above image is taken from in front of Andrews Landscaping looking east.

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This study has the potential to lead to a significant transformation of the SR 619 corridor for the residents and businesses that call it home. The city of New Franklin has taken steps to prepare for this potential development and the infrastructure changes that will come with it. AMATS is excited to partner with the city to examine the corridor and assist in the formulation of a plan for multimodal connections here.