

RENSSELAER ROUTE 20 CORRIDOR STUDY



Conceptual visualization of the Route 20 Corridor in the City of Rensselaer, New York.

Total Study Cost: \$40,000 consultant effort

Description: Route 20 is an arterial roadway that is wide, has high traffic volumes and vehicular speeds, and is a major truck route. This has caused it to be a barrier between the Fort Crailo neighborhood to the south and the downtown to the north. Local residents have been concerned that it is difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to cross Route 20. This study not only attempts to address the pedestrian crossing issue but also analyzes how to make the corridor more aesthetically pleasing in order to promote economic revitalization.

Key recommendations that were developed through an extensive public involvement process include:

- The installation of raised medians to serve as a pedestrian refuge, additional sidewalks and additional crosswalks with countdown timers.
- Widening of the bike lanes and enforcement of speed limits.
- Beautification of the corridor by adding a gateway sign, street trees, and additional landscaping.
- Creation of a business niche with mixed-uses including recreation, retail, and restaurants.
- Reducing the number of driveways and implementing a shared driveway system.
- Reconstructing the ramps at Route 9J and Route 20 for easier truck maneuvering.

This study was completed in February 2004.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/ny20.pdf>.

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