

ETY ROAD SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS

As the City expands westward, this county road has become a collector street, far exceeding its intended capacity and function as a rural county road. The narrow road and bridges do not meet current design standards, and the need to correct these deficiencies has become heightened with the increased traffic.

Ety Road is a direct connection between two City arterial streets, with major retail and commercial developments on the north end near Memorial Drive and dense residential development on the south end near Fair Avenue. Ety Road will inevitably become an arterial street for that reason alone. Undeveloped properties, and its strategic location, make this road a desirable location for development, but the potential is hindered by the inadequacy of the road. Current interest in developments include an apartment complex, soccer fields, and a fire station.

There are two bridges within the corridor that are the responsibility of the Fairfield County Engineer in accordance with provisions set forth in the Ohio Revised Code. These bridges are designated as being functionally obsolete (by federal definition) due to their narrow widths. The development pressure that has occurred in the past 25 years has placed a strain on the roadway system as a whole, not to mention the proposed multi-family housing that the City is planning to do, along with the soccer fields, the firehouse, and the other future plans for City property in along that corridor, as well as undeveloped lands in front of Kohl's and Menards. The condition data for the bridges as noted on the Ohio Department of Transportation's TIMS website is as follows:

North Bridge (Truss) - SFN 2330687, General Appraisal = 5, Sufficiency Rating = 50.3

South Bridge - SFN 2330679, General Appraisal = 5, Sufficiency Rating = 65.5

The Fairfield Heritage bike trail along the Hocking River bisects the road, putting it within a half mile of the commercial and residential developments on either end. A multi-use path along Ety Road would provide access for pedestrians and bicyclist residing in the Misty Meadows, Overlook, and Lancaster Campground developments, directly to the trail and the commercial developments to the north.

This project has long been a priority for the City and County.