

Route 9 Corridor Study

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Overarching Theme/Vision from Vision Downtown Parkville (adopted August 2014)

“Preserving the character of Downtown, while capitalizing on opportunities to enhance commerce, economic activity, and community interaction is critical to the future success of Downtown Parkville.”

Guiding Principles

- Focus on making connections in all directions and at multiple levels – East St./West St.; Route 45/downtown; Parkville/Riverside; southern Platte County/downtown Kansas City.
- Preserve and enhance the vitality of downtown Parkville as the economic and community center of the city.
- Respect the character of Parkville – historic, charming, quality of life.
- Emphasize the long-term vitality of all proposed improvements to the corridor.
- Minimize negative impacts on adjacent property owners. If/when negative impacts are unavoidable, consult key stakeholders and encourage participation and ownership in discussions of trade-offs.
- Appreciate the importance of parks and natural resources to Parkville; minimize negative impacts on cemeteries, Parkville Nature Sanctuary, riverfront parkland, etc.
- Create and support opportunities for compatible economic development.
- Balance the needs of commuters (majority of corridor users) with local needs such as pedestrian access, aesthetics, and convenient access to commercial properties.

Key Objectives

- Mitigate safety and capacity issues, and minimize traffic conflicts, on Route 9.
 - The north-south multi-modal trail connection from Route 45 to downtown Parkville is a high priority.
 - Address access control needs throughout the corridor.
 - Develop a specific plan for intersection improvements to Route 9 & Mattox Road that will accommodate the future build-out of the Horizons Business Park in Riverside.
- Enhance aesthetics and pedestrian movements, particularly in proximity to downtown Parkville and Park University.
 - The East Street “complete street” redevelopment concept is a high priority.
- Accommodate compatible new development and redevelopment along the corridor.
 - Need to understand desired improvements in order to negotiate and finalize incentives (as needed) to prompt development and finance infrastructure.
 - Need to ensure the corridor can handle traffic impacts associated with development.
- Reduce future construction costs by facilitating the reservation of right-of-way for future improvements.
- Position the participating public entities to compete in future transportation grant cycles for eligible improvements in the corridor.