

**Franklin Pike Study** - This corridor study focused on Franklin Pike (Rt. 681/640) in Floyd County between U.S. Rt. 221 and the Floyd/Franklin County line. In addition to connecting outlying areas of Floyd County, Franklin Pike functions as a connector between the Town of Floyd and Franklin County. A variety of land uses exist along the road, ranging from more urban uses near Rt. 221 to agricultural and rural residential uses in outlying areas of the county. The report includes information/data on land use, future land use, traffic characteristics, and current/projected traffic volumes. Issues addressed and recommendations included in the report are summarized below.



<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Recommendation:</b>
The <b>one-lane bridge</b> and <b>12-ton-weight-limit bridge</b> are safety concerns (both also limitations in sight view).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The one-lane bridge needs to be replaced with a wider bridge.</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional signage</b> should be posted off 221 on Franklin Pike and on Shooting Creek indicating the bridge limitations ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic Volume</b> on Franklin Pike may exceed design limit by 2015 on 221 to Shooting Creek portion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upgrading</b> of this portion of road should be in County's Road Plan.</li> <li>• Consideration should be given to new <b>land use controls</b> such as zoning to <b>limit development density.</b></li> </ul>
Nearly 10 percent of the traffic is <b>commercial or industrial trucks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shoulders are needed</b>, especially on segments with most truck traffic.</li> <li>• Consideration should be given to <b>land use controls</b> such as zoning to <b>limit future land use types.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Curvature and sight-distance</b> at Franklin Pike and Paradise Lane intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs engineer review.</li> </ul>
<b>Need for future expansion area</b> from Town, such as additional commercial, industrial and/or public lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the land character, good access and proximity to town (and public water and sewer), consideration should be given for <b>highest and best use of lands</b> just beyond family medical practice on Franklin Pike.</li> </ul>

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