

WARD STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT STUDY

BACKGROUND

Ward Street (CR 18) is the single arterial road that provides the principal access to the Bridgenorth Community. It provides the principal access for most local streets and commercial entrances. It also serves significant volumes of through commuter and recreational traffic. Ward Street is approaching its capacity during peak periods of travel demand. This limits the number of gaps in the CR 18 traffic stream that in turn minimizes the opportunities for local traffic to access/cross this corridor.

Present transportation issues in the Ward Street corridor include:

- Limited peak hours capacity for through commuter traffic.
- Lack of auxiliary turning lanes at many of the intersections and commercial entrances.
- Limited access for the local road network into the Ward Street corridor during peak periods of travel demand.
- Substandard right-of-way (ROW) widths that minimize opportunities to improve existing local roads.
- Few facilities to accommodate pedestrian and non-auto modes.

