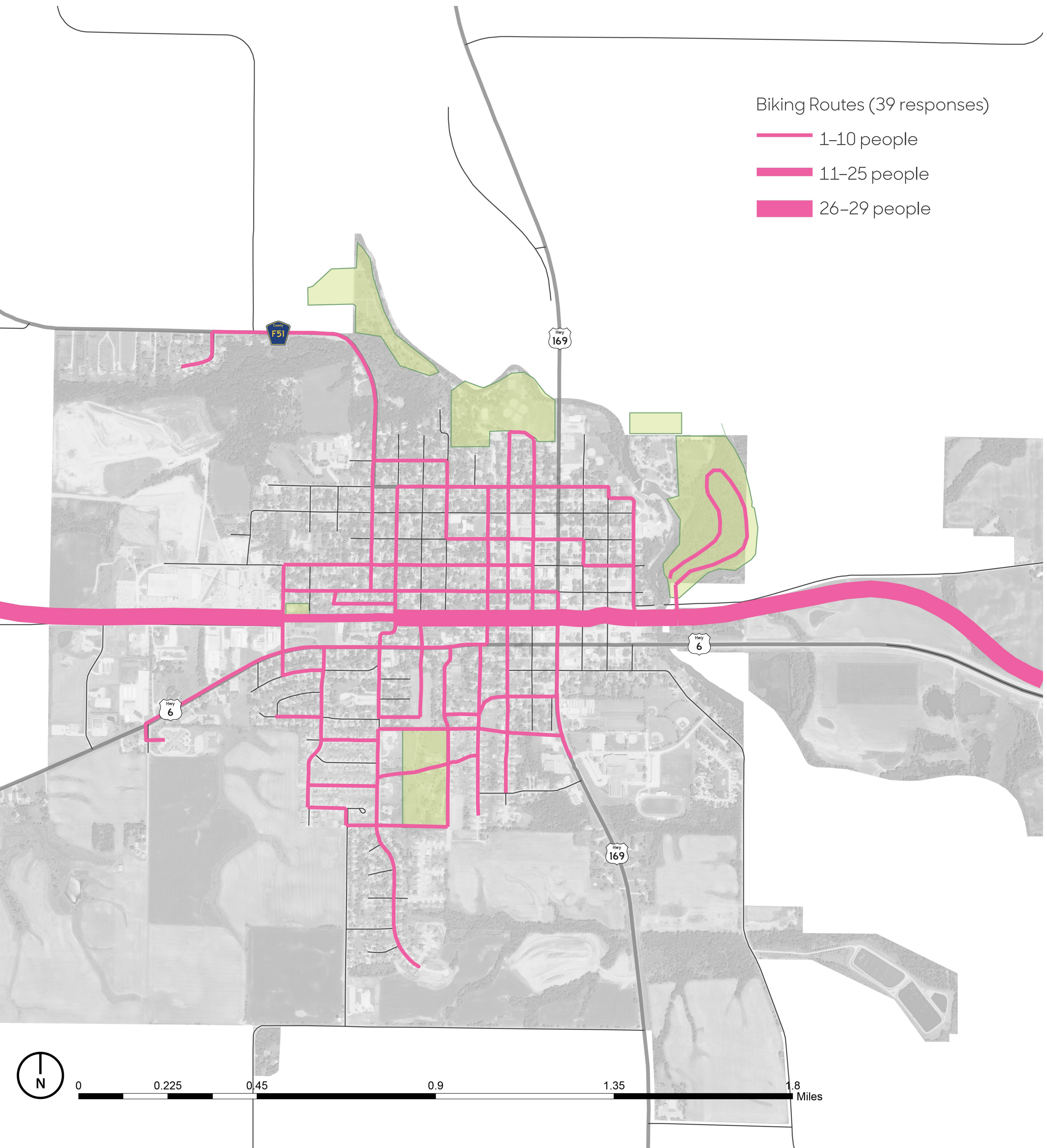


Where They Go

This map shows the biking routes identified by 39 survey respondents. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their thickness, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. As with walkers, the most popular route among cyclists is the Raccoon River Valley Trail, particularly from South 14 Street to the east and from South 18th Street to the west. In town, cyclists use a variety of city streets, both to the north and south of US 6. A few people ride on US 6 west of South 10th Street, and some people bike in Island Park.



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>.

Why They Go That Way

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their biking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Adel participants, connections are somewhat more important than conditions/elements, with mean values of 3.7 and 3.4, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is significantly important with a mean value of 4.5. Well-kept surroundings are the most important element to cyclists (4.0), followed by seasonal beauty and trees and shade (each with mean values of 3.9).

