

Actives


"[The] bike trail [along the east side] is just wide open, so even in the summer the wind gets crazy... there's not a lot of protection or trees."

"...coming [in on Highway 18, going] 45 and then cresting the hill to see that the light [at North Main Street] is changing to red, getting a semi stopped in a hundred feet is kind of difficult, especially if there's traffic there. So, a warning light saying, 'Hey, the light's about to change' would be helpful."

"I'm a runner and I use the bike trail a lot, but it's not very long. It would be really nice if we could extend that somehow..."

"[River View Cemetery] is a beautiful cemetery, one of the best cemeteries in Iowa to ride bikes...you have this great overlook where you see Hormel on one side and the river on the other, and you get this great view down."

"A lot of other people use [Call State Park for] walking dogs, walking trails. That's a popular area."



Youth


"One time I was riding a sidewalk [on E Elm Street], then the sidewalk stopped and I wasn't looking down, so...when I got to that point, I fell off my bike. It was really funny, but then I fell in a puddle."

"[The trails] don't really connect. They're all just kind of lead to dead ends."

"[I like the trail because] it goes out of town a little bit and then there's no traffic at all."

"When I'm old enough I want to ride my bike down to the pool but there's no little bike path that you can ride on."

"[The parks] are all spread out, so you can go to any one. If you live in a certain part of town, you don't have to travel very far."



Parents

"I really think the bike trail is an asset. One of the goals of the community is to continue to grow it and expand it and get people outdoors... It's a safe place for kids to ride, parents to ride, out of traffic for the most part."

"[Riverview Cemetery is] a wonderful place to walk if you're ever alone and just want to be in quiet."

"Highway 169 divides the schools and bus stops."

"[An] area that concerns me is the Bryant School... there [are] a lot of kids [who] are getting at that age where they can start walking either home [or to] day care...but there is a major highway that divides [the school] from most of the town."

"Our city is divided up with a lot of busy roads, we've got the highways that split the town. McGregor is a pass-through for agriculture, and so it's very difficult to find safe routes for young kids on bikes."



Older Adults


"I just walk in the streets a lot of times...If I walk at night, I just walk in the middle of the street and especially in the winter because you don't have the ice on the edges and it's normally clear in the center on the crown."

"...I work at the library, and when kids leave Seton Elementary and come over, they're crossing...Phillips [at the intersection with Diagonal]...and the cars leave that stop sign and go whizzing by. Five, six years I've just been waiting for a child to get hit crossing from that street to get over to the library."

"...a smooth surface [is important]...[knowing] that you can walk without tripping is important on a sidewalk or a path."

"[An] ideal situation would be longer and continuous bike paths... if we had longer connected bike paths in town, whether it be for walking or biking."

"...we have to cross 169 on our bikes and just ride to the high school [to access the trail] and go all around and then come back and go up straight [to] State Street. If you're walking or pushing a buggy, crossing those two streets is not easy."



Mobility Challenged

"...I take my wheelchair for little walks and I would be going on [the] sidewalks and...I get down to the end of the block and it's not ramped [so] I can't get off...I would have to back up to some driveway and then get off their driveway to go to the next block."

"...when you come around the corner by the post office and you get to Call Street and there are cars parked on [the south side] side, you can't see. I practically have to get to the center of the street [to see]."

"I think downtown is pretty good...all those sidewalks [have] ramps..."

"I too have a lot of problems with curb and gutters. To get [to the library] there was no ramp, and to step up is hard with a cane. I always fear falling."

"There needs to be a turn lane [on Highway 18] after the stoplight [at Main Street]...either going into Emeralds or...into Fareway. There always seems to be an accident there..."



Steering Committee

"For exercise...a little bit longer bike trail is nice if you're a more serious biker. It's a pretty short ride right now compared to some of the bigger cities have."

"[As] somebody that doesn't ride a bike, I don't use [the bike trail] because it doesn't go anywhere. It's not long enough, so I'm going to use the street or I'm going to use the blacktop."

"A lot of people have said they would like to see [the bike trail] go all of the way out to the nature center."

"I've ridden my bike Diagonal...I also let my children ride their bikes there because I feel like the bike lane does create that imaginary barrier."

"I think that [Highway 169] going through town does kind of divide the city in two."

Algona

What People Said

Transportation Assets and Barriers

Julia Badenhop, Sandra Oberbroeckling, Chad Hunter

Iowa State University | Trees Forever | Iowa Department of Transportation

