







User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	City Bike Trail	Parks	Riverview Cemetery	Natural Elements	Outdoor Recreation Opportunities	Good Infrastructure	Heavy Traffic	Lack of Quality Sidewalks	Difficult Intersections	Visibility Issues	Poor Biking Conditions	Trail Connectivity	Intersection Controls	Pedestrian/Cyclist Access	Sidewalk Improvements
 Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●
 Mobility Challenged		●			●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●
 Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	
 Youth	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●	●
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●	●
	<p>Both adults and youth enjoy using the bike trail in east Algona. The bridge along the trail is peaceful and offers a great connection to nature. Several options exist for accessing the trail, including Tietz Park. Parents and youth like the privacy of the trail behind the YMCA.</p> <p>People appreciate the variety of parks and open space in and around Algona. South Park is popular among parents and youth because of the pool, other amenities, and youth programs. Parents and youth favor Central Park, Veterans Park, and Tietz Park. Most groups identified Riverview Cemetery as a nice place to walk and bike. Older adults and actives prefer beautiful views and actives like to ride their bikes and run through the cemetery because there is a good tree canopy that shades the streets. Older adults prefer paths with trees and trimmed bushes.</p> <p>Outdoor recreation is important to all user types. They appreciate the many options for walking and biking. Youth enjoy sledding at the cemetery, and the fairgrounds, and fishing along the river.</p> <p>Participants cited several examples of how Algona's infrastructure supports their activities. Parents noted the connectivity of the park system. The mobility challenged value the accessible sidewalks downtown, and older adults like the smooth sidewalks in some areas. Traffic has increased along many streets such as Garrison Oak and Seton. The mobility challenged find it difficult to park at restaurants due to high traffic. Youth find the trail crossing on North Finn Drive difficult because of truck traffic.</p> <p>Missing or broken and uneven sidewalks are a barrier to all user types. Pedestrian links to the Club Neighborhood, the pool, the hospital, and schools don't exist. Both adult and youth noted the absence of a pedestrian/cyclist connection to Call State Park.</p> <p>Participants identified intersections in town where they feel unsafe, including several along Highway 169, an intersection at the S Phillips and E Chubb Street and dismissal times.</p> <p>Poor visibility was an issue reported by actives, youth, the mobility challenged, and parents. Large trees, visibility issues, youth specifically identified large trees and a tight curve on Hall Street as a visibility issue.</p> <p>Biking conditions in Algona are challenging. For example, McGregor has no shoulder, making parents worry about their children's safety. Youth called attention to the hills and curves that make it hard to see traffic on a bike. Actives said that the bike trail should be longer.</p> <p>Additional trail connections throughout Algona was recommended by residents. Older adults and steering committee members want to connect the two high schools. Actives want a safe connection to Call State Park and youth think a connection to the pool would be nice.</p> <p>Some user groups would like to alleviate traffic issues in town with intersection controls, such as a warning light and a westbound turning lane on Highway 169 at the intersection of N Main and a stop sign along Highway 169 to slow traffic.</p> <p>Better pedestrian and cyclist access throughout town is a priority among participants. Suggestions include sidewalks along Highway 169, a stoplight at S Phillips and E Chubb Streets, a crossing guard on Diagonal at the library, and a shoulder on Hall Street.</p> <p>The steering committee and youth would like a better sidewalk system on Fair Street to move pedestrian traffic from Highway 169. Youth also want smoother sidewalks. The mobility challenged want handicapped-accessible sidewalks to avoid using wheelchairs on the streets.</p>														
	<p>Active adults drive, walk, and bike to local destinations. This group enjoys using the biking trail, but want trees and lighting along it. They enjoy the hills and tree canopy in Algona. Actives would like a trail along the river, as well as to Call State Park.</p>														
	<p>Mobility-challenged individuals rely on driving, walking, and wheelchairs to get around town. They appreciate it when the city clears sidewalks for ease of accessibility. This group would like curb ramps at intersections throughout town.</p>														
	<p>Older adults walk, drive, or bike to their destinations. They enjoy walking in the street for easier socializing. This group would like a crossing guard on Diagonal Street and 169 near the library during school release time. Public restrooms throughout town would be a welcomed addition.</p>														
	<p>The youth group walks, bikes and uses their mopeds. Older kids also drive. Activities such as swimming at the pool, going to the parks, and riding bikes on the trails are enjoyable. They would appreciate wider paths at the Call State Park, a new skate park, and electric sidewalks.</p>														
	<p>Parents walk and drive through town. This group is concerned with the safety of their children. Crossing North Jones Street to Bryant School feels unsafe to parents. They also mentioned the lack of signage on McGregor Street to alert drivers to slow down for pedestrians.</p>														
	<p>Biking, walking, and driving are the main modes of transportation for steering committee members. They also enjoy kayaking on the river. They expressed interest in a bike lane on McGregor Street and better walking access to Call State Park.</p>														

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