



Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Knowledge of the transportation systems in and around a community is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. Avoca's transportation system includes paved and unpaved roadways, sidewalks, and pedestrian and bike trails.

Iowa Highway 59 bisects Avoca as a north/south thoroughfare, and creates several pedestrian and vehicular conflicts. Along the curve south of Highway 83, better sight distancing is needed for pedestrian crossing. Along northern curve, traffic accidents occur and large trucks infringe on nearby residences. Vehicles do not slow down after exiting Highway 59 onto N Elm Street. There are planned sidewalks improvements along Highway 59.

Interstate 80 is a major highway that connects the east and west coasts of the United States and intersects Iowa Highway 59 in the northern portion of Avoca. The interstate separates businesses from the downtown area of Avoca, requiring visitors to drive to access those areas.

There are opportunities to revitalize the old rail lines for future trail connections throughout the southern portion of the city and into the existing trail infrastructure. There is the potential to create a safe pedestrian passage between the east and west sides of town under Iowa Highway 59 where the old viaduct was.

Avoca has flooding and stormwater issues. At City Park, flood damage and bank erosion are present along the east branch of the West Nishnabotna River from March 2019. Additional flood damage occurred at Mez Buttermilk Flat Park, which caused the basketball court to float away. Stormwater maintenance is desired at the old school property.