

**Actives**


"Another barrier for those folks [who] really want to loop the town, the little piece between Dollar General and Godfather's, there's no sidewalk. Godfather's down to the medical clinic."

"I've taken too many close calls on my bike that I won't even ride on the roads [highways] anymore."

"...if there would be some way to get an easement to put a biking, running, walking trail from the school area to the football field/track complex, that would be really nice."

"You have to walk on the street sometimes because the sidewalks just stop."

"It is nice to have a nice view, and wildlife... that's one thing when I'm riding my bike that it's kind of fun to come upon an eagle...on the side of the road or something."



**Youth**


"The cool thing about Lake of Three Fires is you get to explore nature and there [are] paths that you can take."

"We need more sidewalks...because my mom doesn't let us walk to school even though it's a block away because there [are] no sidewalks on the side."

"The baseball field usually floods."

"I feel like you can walk pretty much anywhere; it's just like half the time you might not be on a sidewalk."

"We're somewhere in the middle of nowhere, but we're kind of in the middle of everywhere though."



**Parents**


"Biking—if you've got young kids and are trying to keep them on the sidewalks—they could crash or then eventually you run out of sidewalks. You'll be on a sidewalk and then there's no sidewalk."

"[The high curb] makes it really hard for older people to get from their car up onto the sidewalk."

"The reservoir's nice to walk; the trails are not good, but it still is pretty."

"I think [the brick streets] give Bedford a really neat look if they can be preserved versus doing away with them."

"[Highway 2 and the four-lane] are definitely the two biggest-talked-about barriers when you have kids going anywhere in town..."



**Older Adults**


"There's quite a few [people at Northside Apartments] who would probably walk [to the grocery store] on a sidewalk without walking on the highway."

"There [are] a lot of people who make a [walking] route over to Bibbins Park."

"The brick streets are great. They're quaint, they're beautiful, but they just need upkeep."

"[The sidewalks] are very, very bad if you're in a stroller or a wheelchair, or if you had a cane and things."

"Sometimes I don't feel real comfortable in the cemetery because there [have] been issues up there, but our school lets you do the track; you can come to the schoolhouse and walk."



**Mobility Impaired**

"[You] can't push a wheelchair, can't push a stroller [down the sidewalk]. My son is in a wheelchair part of the time and walks part of the time, and he couldn't walk safely down [the sidewalk]."

"If you have anybody handicapped, you have to have your own vehicle basically because the trolley doesn't drive all the time...right now we have a hard time getting residents to outings... because the trolley doesn't... always have a permanent driver here for transportation."

"It's peaceful and stuff on the hill [at the cemetery], and you can see for miles."

"Especially having special-needs children... the community just embraces them."

"And not all of [the sidewalks] are handicapped accessible; sometimes you [have] to go all the way out and around into the street..."



**Steering Committee**

"It's sad because so many kids walk to school and you just see them walking on the streets."

"You can't find anything in this town, coming from a person who moved here. I didn't know where the football field was, I didn't know where the baseball fields were unless I drive by them. There's really nothing to direct you."

"[Bibbins Park] is beautiful. We've got old shade trees. It's nice."

"I would love to bike more, but it's just plain not safe to bike... because you have to be on the roads."

"We go out to the [Lake of Three Fires] a lot and walk around out there."

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## What People Said

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