

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Good Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	School	Outdoor Recreation Venues	Cemetery	Pedestrian Amenities	Historic Brick Streets	Smooth, Quality Surfaces	Incomplete Sidewalks	Poor Street Conditions	Flooding	Highways 148 and 2	Trail to the City Reservoir	Complete Accessible Sidewalks	Better Street Infrastructure	Trail System	Indoor Recreation Center
<p>Actives</p>	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
<p>Mobility Impaired</p>	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	
<p>Older Adults</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<p>Youth</p>	●	●	●	●			●	●	●			●	●	●	●
<p>Parents</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>Steering Committee</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<p>All user types value the school, because it is the focal point of the community and provides several places for recreation, including the ball fields, the football track complex, and the school gym.</p> <p>Residents enjoy Bedford's many outdoor recreation venues, including Lake of Three Fires, Bibbins Park, and the City Reservoir. Parents, youth, older adults, and mobility-impaired individuals value the fairgrounds.</p> <p>The cemetery is a popular place for adults to walk because the surface is smooth and flat. Youth run at the cemetery for track practice.</p> <p>Participants in every group mentioned pedestrian amenities such as trees, lighting, safety, and views as important. Active and older adult participants like to walk in Bibbins Park because it is shady and has benches.</p> <p>Although they are currently not in good condition, the brick streets are considered an important part of Bedford's history, especially among parents, older adults, and steering committee members.</p> <p>Adult users value smooth, good-quality surfaces, such as the new sidewalks along the four-lane and in front of Dollar General.</p> <p>Incomplete, broken and altogether missing sidewalks are a major concern for all groups. The mobility-impaired group noted that not all sidewalks are accessible and parents, older adults and steering committee members mentioned the high curbs in the business district as barriers.</p> <p>All user groups noted the poor condition of the streets, particularly State Street, Garden Street, Jackson Street, Highway 2 near the ball fields, and the brick streets in town, which are full of potholes.</p> <p>The southeast area of town has flooding problems, barriers. Parents are concerned that some kids have to cross 148 to get to school. Highway 2 is a barrier because it has no sidewalks and people have to make it difficult to bike or push a stroller or wheelchair.</p> <p>Participants in all groups go to the City Reservoir to walk, bike, kayak, and other activities. However, the trail to access the reservoir is gravel and poorly maintained, making it difficult to bike or push a stroller or wheelchair.</p> <p>Participants in all groups would like a better, more complete sidewalk system with wide, smooth surfaces throughout the community.</p> <p>Most user types expressed the desire for better streets throughout town. Older adults, youth, and the steering committee would like the brick streets to be restored.</p> <p>Residents want trails connecting major destinations in town, such as the school, the football/track complex, Bibbins Park, and the fairgrounds. Several groups would like a trail from Bibbins Park to Lake of Three Fires via the City Reservoir.</p> <p>All groups except older adults and mobility-impaired would like an indoor recreation center with basketball courts, a walking track, and a pool, so that people can stay active year-round.</p>														

Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group is interested in better connectivity in town for pedestrians and cyclists.

Mobility-impaired individuals drive, walk, and use wheelchairs to get around. They also use the Southern Iowa Trolley when it is available. Smooth, accessible surfaces are important to this group.

Older adults primarily walk and drive. They consider the high curbs in the downtown district as barriers. This group would like more handicapped parking downtown.

Youth walk, bike, run, and take the bus. Some older youth drive. This group is interested in having more amenities at the park, the ball fields, the school, and the football/track complex.

Parents walk, drive, and bike. They are concerned about their children's transportation experience. Parents' top priorities include accessibility and safety.

Steering committee members walk and drive to get around town. This group desires a cohesive community identity and a system of way-finding signage identifying important local destinations.

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Emerging Themes

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