

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: Carlisle**  
**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger**  
**Date and Time: March 5, 2016 9am to 3pm**  
**Meeting Length: 6 hours**  
**Location: High School**  
**Meeting #3 Transportation assets and barrier workshop**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 12**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Barbara Rasko, Andy Lent, Dennis Woodruff, Geri Seiberling, Kay & Bill Scholl, Ruth Randleman, Scott James, Joe Jenkins, Stephany Goodhue, Rex Fowler, Rода Frost, & Sadie Todd.

Others in attendance:

Patty Reisinger & Leslie Berkes - **Trees Forever**

**ISU Interns:** Erika Birnbaum, Emma Lorenz, Madison Dierks, Claire Kinley and Katherine Gould.

**Court recorder:** Megan Hassel.

**Meeting Summary:** On Saturday, March 5, Carlisle residents participated in a focus group workshop as part of the Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The focus groups are part of an input gathering process underway to identify transportation needs and opportunities for enhancements in Carlisle.

Carlisle community residents participated as small groups with guided discussions to learn how they use roads, sidewalks, and trails in Carlisle and what barriers or problems they encounter. The process was organized around the needs and behaviors of four different user groups: older adults, especially seniors with sight or mobility impairments; active recreationists of all ages; school-age children who roam on foot, bicycle, etc.; and parents of school-age children.

Following the discussion time with each group, participants took pictures. Residents were sent out into Carlisle with digital cameras to photograph and document some of the barriers and opportunities mentioned during the focus group. The camera also recorded the locations and compass direction for each picture taken. All images were collected to one map. Interns explained how to use the cameras and uploaded the images to the link.

Topics discussed included safety of pedestrians at intersections along Highway 5, desire for more trails to make connections to all parts of town and the nearby Des Moines metro area, and sidewalk repair. In locations where there are existing trails ideas included adding benches, bike racks, lighting, trees and other native plants.

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The number of participants by group:

Seniors 13 people

Parents 12 people

Youth 15 people

Active recreationist 14 people

Steering committee 13 people

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Total 67 people

2:30 pm review: 18 people

Community residents can view the photos that were taken during the focus groups at [www.communityvisioning.org](http://www.communityvisioning.org) and clicking on the link next to "Transportation Assets and Barriers Maps for the visioning communities." Once there, filter the community to "Carlisle ," select "Focus Group" as the workshop and click "Reload."

**Next meeting:** March 23 4pm Bioregional assessment