

## Transportation Inventory and Analysis

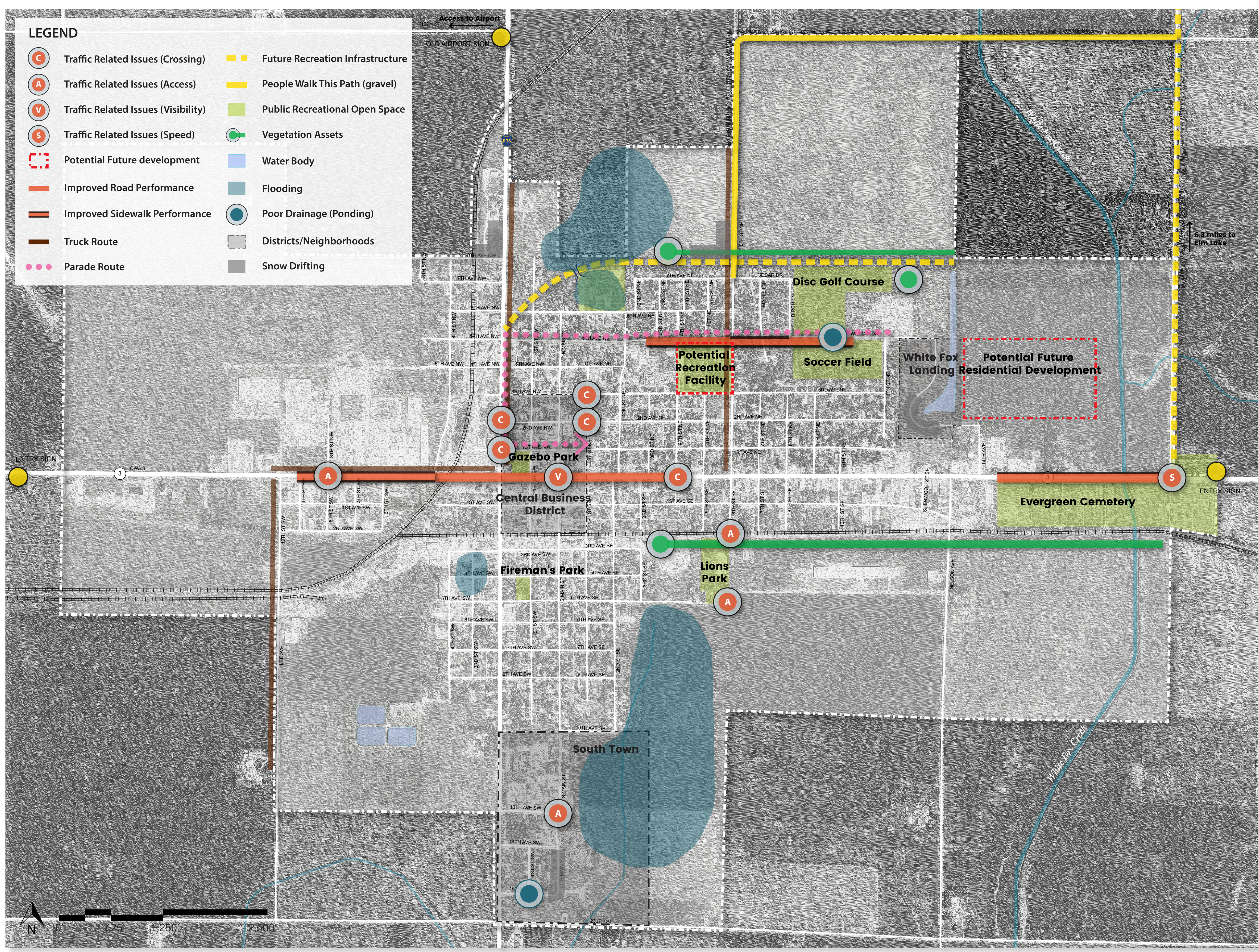
Knowledge of the transportation systems in and around a community is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. Clarion's transportation systems include roadways, pedestrian and bike trails, railways, and snowmobile routes.

Clarion is bisected by two primary roadways, State Highway 3 (Central Avenue) running east to west and County Road R38 (referred to as County K) running north and south. There are several Union Pacific railroad tracks traversing Clarion that are entering/exiting the community from the west, north and east.

The visioning design team met with Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel, the Wright County Engineer, and local officials to identify existing, past, and future transportation system improvements, maintenance, and other transportation-related constraints and opportunities in the Clarion area.

Several transportation-related assets and opportunities include the community entry signs on the east and west ends of town. A paved shoulder road construction project was completed along Nelson Avenue to the Elm Lake area. The community also identified some areas of vegetation alongside rail corridors which provide visual interest and have the potential to become areas for passive recreation.

Items of concern related to the transportation systems include a variety of vehicular and pedestrian constraints such as street crossings, poor visibility, vehicular speed, and ADA accessibility. There are several areas noted throughout the community with poor drainage and prone to snow drifting. Heavy truck traffic was also noted along the west and north areas of town.



Map of Clarion highlighting and analyzing existing transportation infrastructure.

