

Trees Forever

Desired Improvements

The analysis of desired improvements is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the four transportation user groups. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all four user groups.

The information on this board should in no way be interpreted as design solutions, but rather as a series of suggestions for improvements taken from the focus-group sessions. These are just a preliminary sample of what might be explored as the design process moves forward over the next few months.

Street Repairs

The top priority among all focus groups is repairing the city streets. Every group identified League Road and Division Street as the most important because they are the main routes used to get to the schools. Other streets that cause problems for drivers, cyclists, and walkers are Howard Street, Front Street, Walnut Street by the cemetery, and Broadway Street.

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Improving the sidewalk system was the second priority among all user groups. Participants want existing sidewalks to be repaired and sidewalks to be added where there are gaps. Parents would like a designated walking/biking path in town. All adult users mentioned the need for all intersections to have curb ramps to make the sidewalks more accessible for wheelchairs, scooters, and parents pushing strollers.

Access to Quarry Springs Park

The adult groups want a pedestrian/cyclist path to Quarry Springs Park from town not only to make it easier for residents to access the park but also to provide visitors with better access to downtown Colfax. Ideally, such a path would extend north of the I-80 interchange, making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to visit the businesses north of town such as Kum and Go and McDonald's.

Enhanced North Entrance

Nearly every focus group expressed the need to make the north entrance into Colfax along Highway 117 more inviting. The parents and senior and mobility-impaired groups suggested screening the junkyard located right off the interstate. Landscaping the corridor and planting flowers by the entrance sign were also recommended. Adding lighting from the interchange into town would also add appeal to the area.

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