

"I don't mind the trail being limestone because it's a little softer surface. I have some issues with my feet, and walking on concrete... irritates that, so the trail's actually a better surface..."

"...you feel like you're out in nature and...enjoying the outdoors...when you've got the trees around you and everything and you're not... dealing with traffic...because there is no traffic on the trail."

"We're always having to put down new trail mix every time there's a big rain to smooth things out..."

"...the northwest part of the trail... [is] pretty bare; there are no trees on the west side at all...it would be nice to have maybe some trees or shrubs or something that doesn't look quite as sterile..."

"When [the city shovels] snow in Conrad, they just move it all into each corner of every intersection, and then we can't really see ever. [The intersection of Center Street and North Wilhelm Street] is bad."

"And a lot of times when it rains, some of the trail will wash out and you'll get big ruts in it that make it harder to ride bikes. And one of the main issues about the trail also is that it doesn't go around town. You have to go out of town and walk back in. If we had a loop around town, that'd be nice."

"I would agree...with the paving of the Comet Trail because it's harder for young kids to ride on it because you do have to pedal a little harder in places just because it isn't smooth and if it is soft at all in spots."

"[In] spring we tend to have a lot of runoff rain...[and] Wolf Creek will fill very quickly. In the last few years [the creek] has overflowed... at the co-op...and...at the bridge on the west side of town [the water] will get high...so it covers...the trail [in] multiple places."

"I know the sidewalks on Center Street are not good. Usually that's kind of a slow go in there because they're really uneven or they're really skinny. There's a lot of growth up through the cracks."

"We look for the smoother routes that are easier for little feet or scooters or bicycles."

"...a lot of sidewalks throughout the whole town itself are older...so some...are in need of... not only just repair but widening out to the point so they could be more than [a] one-way path."



Actives



Parents

"You've got an awful lot of sand and junk...on the side of the streets...so that makes it a little bit tricky walking because you can lose your footing if you're running..."

"...Main Street that heads south out of town [is not safe] up by the golf course; people tend to pick up speed even though they are not supposed to, and there's really no place [to walk], you have to get off on the grass..."

"I would really like to see a stop sign on the corner of Washington and Lillian, which is the corner where the kids walk down from the elementary to the day care, and there is a painted path there for them, but there is no stop sign to have [traffic on] Washington stop."

"[There is already] a drainage pond [in the new addition]; if you could make that into an actual pond, people could use it and it's not just gross; that could be something."



Youth

"[The lookout is] one of the places in Conrad [where] you can actually go and look at nature and trees and stuff, and the water too."

"...most of our streets have sidewalks, so I know of people walk and bike on those..."

"[We have] a wonderful trail system. It is limestone, and so if it does rain heavily or when the snow melts it is...very messy...there is some washout on the trail... in the winter the trail's not cleared off, so it's really not usable."

"[When] my kids were still in a stroller...[it] was a little bit hard sometimes getting on and off the sidewalks because some of them have curbs...So I'd have to jump the stroller up the curb to get on the sidewalk...that was a little bit of a hardship..."

"There's a walking lane painted on [Wilhelm Street]...it is a child watch center...[and] a bus drop off, and so these kids have to walk in the middle of the street and there [are] cars parked on either side...it basically becomes a one-lane road with kids having to go out and around the cars."



Older Adults

"[H Avenue from the south is] very heavily traveled. A lot of farm equipment coming up, and visibility [at the intersection with Center Street] to the west is very good. Visibility to the east is absolutely lousy, because... there's a light pole right there, plus there's the corner of the cemetery..."

"The Comet Trail is certainly an asset. I mean, many, many people use that and are happy to have that."

"...the bridge [on S. Main Street] needs to be widened. It does have a walkway on the west side of it, but if you're walking north to go uptown, then you have to cross [the street]. There [aren't walkways] on both sides."

"There's not a sidewalk...along [Lillian Avenue] and...that's the main road to and from the elementary. When kids are... getting picked up...you also have kids walking along Lillian trying to get home...[and] not all kids have an adult walking with them...So that's a little concerning just because not everybody's paying attention when they're driving."



Steering Committee

"...on North Main Street, you have two to three solid city blocks where there [are] either no sidewalks or partial sidewalks, dilapidated sidewalks, and there [have] been past community comments about...mak[ing] walking [and] biking safer for everyone...to traverse all the way up to the pool and the Reunion City Park."



What People Said

Transportation Assets and Barriers
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