



Transportation Mapping

Knowledge of local transportation systems is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. This includes paved and unpaved roadways, pedestrian and bike trails, waterways, airports, railroad lines or rail-beds from abandoned railroad lines. During the transportation meeting, specific community needs, issues, assets, and barriers were presented to the group and a list of particular concerns were identified prior to beginning concept development.

Coon Rapids benefits from several local attractions, including the Aquatic Center, Roadside Sculpture Park, Riverside Park, and trails community. However, many of these amenities face barriers in connecting the community; and connectivity to nearby communities. A lack of sidewalk/trails on Stagecoach Road, limited visibility at the West and Elm Street intersection, and vacant commercial properties represent some of these barriers. The Sculpture Park, sports complex, and Whiterock Conservancy, are key areas currently separated from the existing pedestrian network. Implementing pedestrian connections and providing way-finding signage will help. Additional lighting along trails and Main Street, enhancements to the Western entrance, more parking availability at the fairground, city-wide sidewalk improvements, (particularly on Stagecoach and Velvet), more canoe/kayak launch sites along the river, and school entrance visibility, are additional enhancements desired by the community.

The design team used this information to explore opportunities for improving connectivity, safety, and cohesiveness throughout Coon Rapids.



Railroad Crossing not Maintained - Improvements in



Roadside Sculpture Park is a Nice Gateway into Town



Lack of Sidewalk Along Major Roads



Opportunity to Make Coon Rapids the Intersection of Multiple Trail Systems