

"Because of the [Freeport] trail connection we've started a biking school bus for the Freeport kids into the upper elementary and middle school in the spring and fall."

"The original stretch on Dug Road, which is now closed because it's collapsing, is where a lot of walking happens, and it's beautiful and it's always shaded, and it's lovely."

"I just walk all over the place, so I just like the size of Decorah because I can really walk in here, anywhere within a reasonable time."



Actives

"For the most part the sidewalks are great, but if you have a stroller of any sort, there [are] a lot of stairs, so you have to kind of like memorize where those are, and remember to cross the street before you get to them."

"The shoulders on [Ice Cave Road] aren't that great so we can't really run on the shoulders safely."

"When I'm walking [on River Street behind the middle school] I almost get run over sometimes because there's no sidewalk."

"...I have to cross [the 5th Avenue] bridge, and there's usually a ton of traffic moving through there all the time."

"I would definitely bike more, except for the fact that biking is very difficult because there aren't places to securely put your bike."



Youth

"At Dunning Springs, a lot of people are there in the summer, and there's a hiking trail you can go up on."

"[We need] more and more walking opportunities. We intentionally lived near downtown because we wanted to walk to the grocery store and the library and everything...but I see...continuing to provide that as a safe thing to do."

"Some of the places downtown aren't very accessible to people with wheelchairs or strollers or things like that, because there are places where you've got steps..."

"...[Washington Street] is wide, and my kids and I cross all the time to go to the middle school park, and it feels a little unsafe. There aren't many crossing opportunities."



Parents

"We have great trails...but downtown isn't really connected to those trails."

"Downtown doesn't necessarily have bike-friendly paths."

"I just recovered from a concussion that took me over six months to come back from. I tripped on a crack in the sidewalk... The sidewalks are old and we love our old neighborhoods so much, but [the sidewalks] settle."

"We have this great asset in the community prairie. And you can see it from our wonderful 11-mile trail, but you can't get there. A bridge across the river from the trailhead to the prairie would make this prairie usable."

"As I get older I need a lot more light when I'm walking, and I just think there are some pretty dark places."



Older Adults

"A lot of people like to go out to the fish hatchery; you can feed the fish. You can see the eagles' nest right out there. It's right on the trail as well."

"[Main Street] is the roughest street, and I can't bike on it. It makes my teeth rattle."

"All of them work in the community, and they rely on taxi and transit to get to and from work."

"We have one gentleman who works every other weekend, and on Sundays we are forced to give him a ride and pick him up because there's no alternative."

"They have [bike] racks in several areas, but it's really not enough considering the [number] of bicycles there are in this town."

"Downtown is safe to walk and everything, but it's difficult to ride a bike down there."



Mobility Impaired

"As you get down into the Phelps Park area, there's no sidewalk whatsoever."

"Dug Road is probably one of the most popular spots on the trail to go, especially in the summer if it's hot, because it's nice and cool with all the trees, and it's beautiful with the river there; you can see the prairie."

"I have two walking school buses that go year-round...behind the elementary...there [are] three intersections we have to cross when we're walking kids, that you have to be really careful... that cars are watching."

"It's not well delineated between pedestrian area and cars, I don't think, especially along College Drive."

"I like the river. I spend a lot of time fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming in it."



Steering Committee

"Technically, Short Street is a bikeable street. It's got the lane, but...I would never want to bike on that one...it's a freeway through there."

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## What People Said

### Transportation Assets and Barriers

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