

Actives

"There are streets that, if it's hot...are shadier...you can...say, 'Oh, I'm going to hit that street, it's got more shade'...lots of trees [on] 6th, 7th Street."


"Because of all the fir trees [in the cemetery], it doesn't get much sun so [snow] doesn't melt off much...it's usually icier than anywhere else in the winter."

"...there's some older sidewalks in town... that are heaved up, uneven, so you've really got to watch your step on them."

"...we do a lot of running just around town, and also in the cemetery... particularly in the summer; there's more shade there probably than anywhere else in town."

"...on the south side [of 5th Street] there's always a huge puddle there that... turns into an ice sheet in the winter."

"...we're pretty lucky. I think we have pretty good street cleaning and clearing here..."



Youth

"Curbs on 5th Street between 6th Avenue and 8th Avenue, are a foot and a half high."


"I'd like [sidewalks]... around Jaycee Park—a lot of younger kids go there and parents don't want them walking on the roads."

"This year [1st Avenue] was really bad...[my grandparents] couldn't get into town...they usually take us to school..."

"I mostly just run on the side of the road...it's more spaced out...and not so bumpy so I won't trip or fall..."

"It'd be nice [to have] a few willow trees in town...near parks, for shade—and buckeye trees..."

"I walk to school, and usually my mom takes me other places..."



Parents

"...with the extreme weather conditions...trying to get to some of the businesses on Main Street when you do park, you would have to walk down to try to...find an entryway up to get off...because the sidewalk has a two-step up, so snow...builds up there."


"You could be going down one street and then the sidewalk ends, you know, and you have to switch to the other side. It's all over."

"I feel good that my kids can go drive—ride their bike to the other end of town...and I don't have to worry about, you know, did they make it or if something happened along the way."

"...even on Main Street, the sidewalks are just uneven; it's hard to push a stroller or have your kids ride a bike on it..."

"...everything [in town] is so condensed in a way too. It is within walking distance."

"...sometimes it's not the most direct route as much as trying to find the safest route..."



Older Adults

"I get my grandkids after school each day and I take a stroller...some of the sidewalks are horrendous... the poor little guy in the stroller, when I hit some of those spots on the sidewalk—not good."

"For a number of years I've had a vision of having a walking path all the way around town."

"There are some dark areas on third street...I know if I'm driving on it there will be people...walking in the street or biking in the street."

"If I want to have a leisurely walk or take my bike somewhere nice, I'll go to the cemetery."

"I probably drive more than I should... It's because of the ice. I'm afraid I'm going to fall, even walking a block to church..."

"My whole street doesn't have sidewalks either. I don't really want a sidewalk in my front yard, but, you know what, I'll abide by it because I understand the need for them."



Mobility Impaired

"[The intersection of 6th Avenue and 5th Street], that's the one you are most vulnerable feeling... there are cars on all sides, people... a lot of traffic, you're not being seen."

"...in my wheelchair going to Jeff's or the drugstore or the doctor's office there on Main Street, it's...very difficult because the sidewalks are... so damaged."

"That sidewalk up [in the park] is really nice and smooth and wide."

"Up until two years ago I rode [my] bicycle all over town."

"...there [are] a lot of areas where the lighting's pretty poor. You wouldn't go out [after dark]."

"It's just a little curb, it's not very big, but when you don't have balance and you don't have a railing, it's a big deal."



Steering Committee

"During the hot summer we will choose a path underneath shade trees, and there [are] a lot of stretches where there's no shading or walkways..."

"Semis will sometimes park in front of Jeff's or the Creamery... and even if you are running or walking, you cannot see if there is a car coming..."

"I do not let my youngest cross 5th on a bike...I don't know if there's a way to make an intersection for bikers or walkers or joggers...[to be more visible]."

"We have a mile and a half trail...we have geese and herons and turtles and fox and deer...and all different kinds of plants. We have milkweed, so we get the monarch butterflies. It's not public but I see other people there."

"In the mornings, before and after school... on 7th Street there are no sidewalks. Buses go through, and kids are trying to walk to school on the road."

"Everyone on the south side of Highway 6 with kids has got to find their way across to get to [Jaycee] Park."

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