



One of the various focus groups (Youth, Age 12 & Under) providing their input at the March 2019 TAB workshop.

Program Overview

The city of Durant is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2019 Iowa’s Living Roadways Community Visioning Program.

The program, which selects communities through a competitive application process, provides professional planning and design assistance along transportation corridors to small Iowa communities (less than 10,000 residents).

Visioning Program Goals:

- Develop a conceptual plan and implementation strategies alongside local community residents.
- Enhance the natural, cultural and visual resources existing within communities.
- Assist local communities in using external funds as leverage for transportation corridor enhancement.

Each visioning community works through a planning process consisting of four phases of concept development:

1. Program initiation
2. Needs assessment and goal setting
3. Development of a concept plan
4. Implementation and sustained action

Durant Program Overview



One of the various focus groups (Mobility-Impaired Individuals) providing their input at the March 2019 TAB workshop.

Each visioning community is represented by a steering committee of local residents and stakeholders who take part in a series of meetings that are facilitated by field coordinators from Trees Forever.

Iowa State University’s Landscape Architecture Department and Extension and Outreach, of which the Community Visioning program is part, manages the design team and the Community Visioning program, as well as organizes the initial focus groups and transportation assets and behaviors workshop (TAB) and survey with design interns and ISU staff. Iowa State University, along with Trees Forever and the Iowa Department of Transportation, select private sector Professional Landscape Architects (PLA) to be part of the design team and work with the various communities in creating their “community vision” and transportation enhancement plan.

Iowa State University processes the information collected from the focus groups and surveys and provides the data to the steering committee and design team for their use in developing community centered transportation enhancements based on the needs and desires expressed by residents participating in the focus groups, surveys, and public design workshop.

The Community Visioning program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

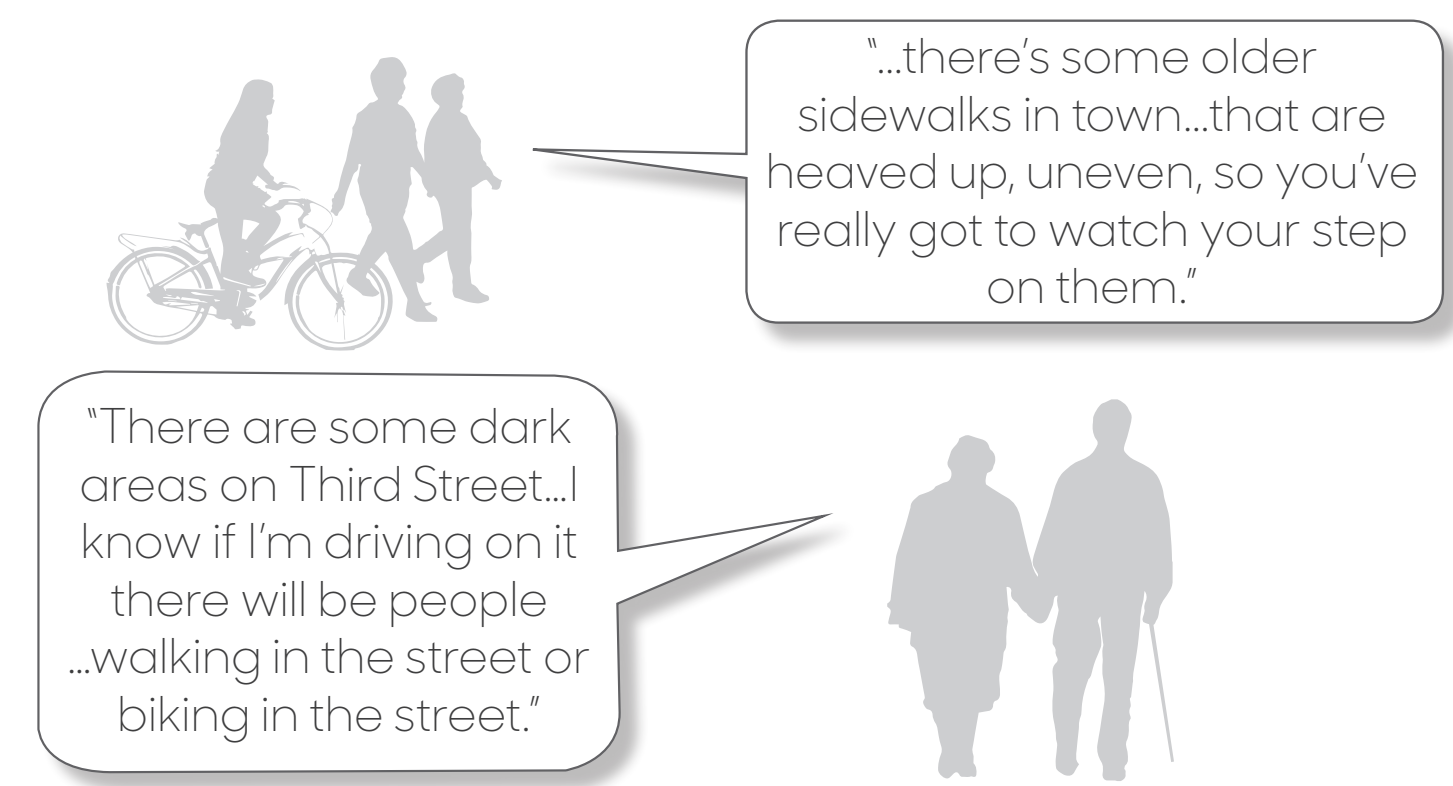


One of the various focus groups (Older Adults) providing their input at the March 2019 TAB workshop.

Community Goals

The Durant steering committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process. These goals and priorities were reflective of what the community members identified in the TAB workshops (see Boards 3a-3c) and surveys (see Boards 4a-4f).

- Improve accessibility & connectivity of sidewalks
- Enhance safety at intersections
- Incorporate more trees for shade and aesthetics along streets
- Strengthen community identity
- Establish a looped trail network that is part of a regional trail system
- Integrate traffic -calming measures into streetscape
- Enhance the Highway 6 (5th St.) corridor streetscape
- Incorporate more lighting along main roadways and walking routes
- Enhance Parks



The design team interacted with more than 57 community members that attended the public design workshop held at the Durant Fire Station on June 5, 2019.

Capturing the Durant Vision

Based on the needs and desires of the local residents, as well as a detailed inventory of community resources, the design team developed transportation-based community improvement project concepts, which are illustrated in the following set of presentation boards:

1. Program Overview
2. Bioregional Assessments
3. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment
4. Transportation Behavior and Needs
5. Transportation Inventory
6. Goal Setting
7. Concept Overview
8. Way-finding
9. Entryway Signage
10. Pedestrian Systems: Walks
11. Pedestrian Systems: Trails
12. Pedestrian Systems: Entire
13. Corridors & Business District
14. Downtown District – Part I
15. Downtown District – Part II
16. Pythian Sisters Park
17. Feldhan Park Expansion
18. 14th Avenue Enhancements
19. Implementation

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