

Transportation Inventory

Dysart is flanked by two state highways, one on the north and one on the east. Despite not being bisected by a state highway, significant traffic is present within the community. Sherman Street is used as a thoroughfare through town due to limited stop signs. Wilson and Estelle Streets are heavily traveled because they are truck routes for businesses located on those roads and they provide easy access to the adjacent state highways.

Cross traffic on Highway 21 does not stop, which has caused accidents in the past with vehicles turning onto Highway 21 from Highway 8. At the Transportation Inventory meeting, Andy Loonen, Iowa Department of Transportation district transportation planner, suggested adding signage to notify motorists that cross traffic does not stop.

Sight-line issues for motorists are present at various intersections throughout the community. Maintenance on existing vegetation planted within the right-of-way is needed to allow motorists to see on coming traffic without creeping into the intersection.

Dysart does not have a designated school route or crossings. The elementary and middle schools are adjacent to each other and children utilize Clark Street, Connell Street, and Iowa Street to walk to school.

An abandoned rail line that cut through the center of the city limits was converted to a recreation trail. The trail passes through a busy co-op, which led parents to not allow their younger children on the trail without supervision (RE: Board 3c, Emerging Themes). Seen as an asset, the Old Creamery Trail to Vinton is great for exercise and scenic views (RE: Board 3c, Emerging Themes). The community would like to see extensions of the trail linking pedestrian destinations throughout the community (RE: Board 3b, What People Said). Current conditions consist of adequate sidewalks in most areas with some disconnect.



Old Creamery Trail crosses Main Street and intersects an active co-op Photo Credit: Google Maps

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