

"...you can only [cross the Turkey River] on Bridge Street, which is fine. It's nice we have a bridge in town, but it would sure be awesome if we had a pedestrian bridge."

"Right underneath [Highway 13], whenever it floods there's about a 30-foot section [of the Pony Hollow Trail] that just gets totally eaten up."

"...if you're [biking] down Main Street... with the angled parking you can't [be seen] when [drivers are] backing up, so you have to ride down the middle [of the street]. Otherwise...your bike tire's going to get a bumper..."

"I think [it would be nice to have]...a designated resting area on the trail where you can sit, have a picnic, or grill out, do something fun like that."



Actives

"I think a foot bridge connecting Founders Park to the city campground and the pool would be pretty heavily utilized."

"I do a little bit of running... I've taken [Pony Hollow Trail] before. It's a nice bike trail too. This is a wooded area, so it's pretty too in the fall."

"I think they need to... redo the sidewalk by the hospital...[it is] too... skinny, because even two people cannot walk and pass each other."

"They could update the river walk and put rails all the way over... because it is sketchy sometimes."

"The Keystone Bridge is nice just walking over, because you're looking on both sides. You can get a really good view of the river...it's kind of cool to look at the old dam, and the courthouse has been here forever."



Youth

"If I fall down...[it's] because there [are] a lot of bumps in the sidewalks [on 1st]... and I have to step over them...or I fall. And then my mom tripped on it, and it was terrible."

"I think that's why if you push a stroller people choose to go on the streets because you cannot maneuver that stroller down and up on those curbs without dumping your child on the ground."

"...it's so peaceful [on the river walk]—the nature, you [have] the water right beside you... and there's a spot to sit down. It's very pleasant and private."

"[On Pony Hollow Trail] under the highway, that's all washed out... It's always sandy...you could break a leg and ankle if you're running there very fast. You have to be careful."



Parents

"[My son] has to [bike] through downtown [to get to the pool], which makes me a little nervous because the streets are pretty narrow and they're not allowed to ride on the sidewalk..."

"I like the hills in town... [that] make [walking] more challenging."

"...about in the middle of Carter Street, the sidewalk ends—and that's a busy road for traffic to the hospital—so if somebody wanted to walk up to the hospital, there's that section with no sidewalk."

"For pedestrians and for drivers, I don't understand why there isn't an accident every day. The vehicles have become so big that there's no room, and I drive a...small, low car, and so when I'm backing out of the angled parking I have to be almost all the way out before I can see if anyone is coming."

"...we could use a pedestrian bridge [over the Turkey River]."

"She's a hundred years old [and] she's on the street in her little scooter because the sidewalks... have curbs...so she can't go on the sidewalks."



Older Adults

"When the river overflows...[the Pony Hollow Trail underpass at Highway 13] does wash out, and it's hard to maintain... it's sandy, it's gravelly, it's rutted, and it's quite a... safety concern..."

"...a lot of the sidewalks around town either don't have handicapped ramps to get on and off of them or the sidewalks are just so cracked that sometimes we actually have to go in the road."

"We do access Founders Park a lot...when they built it, they did a great job of making the river access by the White Water Park so you can actually go all the way down to the water."

"[Pony Hollow Trail] works well for wheelchairs. His wheelchair actually goes down [the] whole trail nicely."



Mobility Impaired

"...you can't come down Bridge Street...There [are] multiple big steps down, and sidewalk's just a mess."

"If...the main sidewalks in town could be handicapped accessible and just level, consistently safe, that would be great."

"We'd like to see...the Pony Hollow extension project...go on the east side of Highway 13, and we have DOT's permission for that."

"...downtown, bikes are supposed to be in the road...[but] sometimes you feel like you're not visible."

"I have had trouble parking near the school, during school hours especially, and it can be a bit of a bottleneck...when class is in session or when there's a game."

"...anywhere to walk really in town for the most part is enjoyable... maybe not downtown, but once you get out of there, [it's a] really quiet community. You get out on the trail [and] there's really nothing out there to make any noise or anything."



Steering Committee

"It'd be nice to have another way to cross the river [other] than only the Keystone Bridge, because it becomes a planning nightmare when we have to close the bridge."



What People Said

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