



**Actives**

"It's not wide, there's no shoulder for biking, walking. You see kids leaving school walking down Spring Valley Road; it's very dangerous."

"Pammel Park's pretty lit."

"...a lot of times when I bicycle ...from the YMCA,...I'll cross Highway 69 at the lights, then go out on the River Road, but with the lights and the traffic at Winnebago...I kind of dread going down there by the lights."

"I think it would be nice if there was a bench for walkers and runners along the trail that goes along Highway 9."

"We need something there for bicyclers going in and out [of Clark Street Trail]—some kind of sign—plus better access."

"Hynes Spur Trail goes right into Airport Drive, but that's something that literally will stop people on the trail. So that's kind of a hinderance to moving around. It's a two-mile trail, and there [are] a lot of people who would prefer to go more than two miles."




**Steering Committee**

"I moved here when I was 12 or 13 from a really big city, and I was shocked there [are] no sidewalks anywhere—what are you supposed to do?"

"I'm in real estate, and I've actually had people decline the north edge, you know, Woodland Drive and Sunset View Drive because of their kids getting into town."

"There's no safe walking along Highway 69, and there's a lot of pedestrian traffic right there."

"It's a mental thing when I was raising... two boys, you want to say, 'Ride your bike to school, walk to school,' and having to traverse that intersection myself I said, 'No...Call us cowards, do whatever you want, my kids aren't crossing.'"



**Parents**

"[It's a] challenge...getting over the Highway on J Street to get to Pammel Park. Recreation for the kids getting into Pammel Park at the technical entrance off of G Street...there's no stop sign [or] street light...yet that's the entrance for the ball fields for the kids, so that's pretty scary."

"I feel that Clarks Woods spot is completely underutilized, because...there's no place to [access]."

"...if there was an easier way to get to school, walking, riding their bike, they would have been here, but a lot of times they couldn't get here because of...that."

"Our river trail is an untapped resource...for recreation. I think we could really tap into that more."

"People that had moved here from... all over the country ...said the first week they were here they couldn't believe they could let their kids go and run to the park or ...run anywhere in town ...We've got the small-town atmosphere."



**Older Adults**


"If you walk there [Clarks Woods] in the first part of May, the wild flowers...there's carpets of dogtooth violets, jack in the pulpits."

"This intersection at 6th and L is a two way stop north/south, when basketball's going on there are people parked there. I'm six foot four, and I can't see through that intersection and people just fly from city hall down that hill. I feel like it's dangerous for me, let alone if I was six and can't see around the cars."

"We've got some very nice bike paths that you can go out to Pilot Knob and come back in...but just getting access to them [is] pretty difficult without being on the street."

"I think a real benefit is to have Waldorf University here, because our kids growing up could see Pippi Longstocking, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra came. It adds to the community."

"Thorpe Park, if that was connected with a bike trail, I would definitely go out there a lot."



**Youth**

"On the side roads, roads that have houses on both sides, there's typically enough light to see but not enough light to tell if there's going to be ice in front of you."

"Forest City takes field trips out that general direction, and when we take field trips it takes just 15 minutes of sitting in traffic right there; we need more streets, better streets."

"Right here is also a really, really steep hill with the bike tracks and the traffic stop at the bottom."

"Once my mom was walking, a car didn't stop for her. She didn't get hit. It got really close though."

"We'll bike from our house all the way out to Pilot Knob, [then] we'll bike the course there."

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## What People Said

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