



Understanding the transportation system in and around Gilmore City is critical for placemaking and sustainable transportation improvements. The transportation systems include paved and unpaved roadways, pedestrian and bike trails, waterways, and railroad lines. Working with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), county, and local officials, the visioning design team discussed and identified existing, past, and future transportation systems in and surrounding Gilmore City. The group discussed the systems, constraints, and opportunities to provide enhancements to several key locations within the community. The highest traffic through Gilmore City is along Highway 3 and County Road P19, which is the dividing line between Pocahontas and Humboldt Counties. Existing four-way stops slow traffic; however, residents would like pedestrian crossings and warning signs to improve the pedestrian experience.

1. County Road P19 will be reconstructed during fiscal year 2026. The county is responsible for the center 22 feet of roadway width. The county would be in support of a paved shoulder to aid in connecting Gilmore City to the Three Rivers Trail. The Martin Marietta Quarry on P19 is expanding its operations; resulting in increased truck traffic along and crossing P19 creating a conflict for bike/ped traffic if a paved shoulder is implemented for the trail connection.
2. Hwy 3 has updated railroad crossing signals/arms within city limits, but does not accommodate pedestrians. The community would like to install a trail crossing at this location to connect to the lagoons west of town, or to the Pits—the county park 1.5 miles from this location.
3. The railroad crossing at the intersection of P19 and SW/SE E Avenue needs new signalization and both pedestrian and vehicular crossing improvements. This intersection occurs in tangent with the co-op’s large gravel lot and causes confusion for users. The crossing is rough and is at a sharp angle causing safety concerns. The city has submitted a railroad crossing improvement grant application for this location.
4. Hometown Pride, Three Rivers Trail, and the city are working on implementing a walking trail around Sunset Park that connects to the lagoons west of town. This trail loop would require a bike/ped trail connection along Hwy 3.
5. There are no significant issues with snow removal or drainage in town. Most drainage issues resolve themselves quickly throughout the neighborhoods.

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Transportation Inventory

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