

User Types



Actives



Mobility Impaired



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	Northland Park	The Aquatic Park	The Wellness Center	Local Services	Recreation Facilities	Sense of Community	Inconsistent Sidewalks	Highway 30 Crossing	Heavy Traffic	Flooding	Poor Lighting	Sidewalks Improvements	Safe Crossing on Highway 30	Traffic Control	Trail System Improvements
Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Mobility Impaired	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Youth	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●

Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. Their major concerns are lack of traffic signage, lighting, and bad sidewalk condition.

Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Therefore, smooth, wide surfaces are important. The lack of lighting and bad sidewalks in many places makes it challenging to get around town. They desire to see better access to butterfly garden.

Older adults like biking and walking around the town, but they are concerned about poor and disconnected sidewalks. They noted that large trees and bushes block the traffic views in some areas.

Youth mainly walk, bike, and drive golf carts and ATVs to get around the community. Some ride with their parents, and older youth drive. Sidewalk conditions affect their ability to walk, bike, and ride scooters. Crossings are the major safety issue for them.

Parents drive, walk, and run. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is lack of consistent sidewalks and safe crossings. Although they are glad Highway 30 brings people to town, it is a major safety concern.

Steering committee members walk, drive, bike, and drive golf carts or UTVs. Their main concern is the lack of sidewalks and connectivity in town. Traffic on Colorado and Idaho Streets is another concern for this group.

Northland Park is a preferred destination for all user groups. It is used for biking, walking, and watching wildlife. Provided amenities such as the smooth trail surface and benches make it a destination for walkers.

The aquatic park is an important amenity for most recreation destination, especially during the spring.

All user groups like the wellness center as an indoor recreation destination, particularly during the winter.

Residents value the wide range of services to which they have access, such as Dairy Mart, grocery stores, churches, banks, school, the fitness center, the gas station, the post office, hair salons, and the library.

All user types appreciate the outdoor recreation venues available to them in Glidden including the walking path at Northland park, the swimming pool, the cemetery, and the ball fields.

Residents appreciate Glidden as a quiet, safe town. Everything is located within walking distance.

Incomplete narrow, inaccessible, broken, and missing sidewalks are major concerns for all groups. Users explained the lack of connectivity and maintenance on the sidewalk system makes it difficult to get around town.

Highway 30 is a major barrier to connecting the north and south parts of the town. The speed limit, lack of signage, and high curbs are the major issues related to Highway 30.

All users mentioned heavy traffic on several streets including Colorado, specifically at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th street intersections. Idaho and Utah are also busy. Poor visibility, poor surface conditions, lack of traffic signs, and the speed limit are the other issues related to streets.

Flooding on Nevada, Colorado, Idaho, 3rd, and 4th streets as well as the south portion of Arizona is a big concern among several user groups in Glidden.

Mobility-impaired users and parents identified the lack of lighting in town, especially in Northland Park as a barrier to late night and early morning walking.

All Glidden residents would appreciate the accessible, complete, and better maintained sidewalk system.

Controlling the speed limit, building a connected underpass to connect the north and south parts of town, and traffic signage would make users feel safer crossing Highway 30.

All user groups desire better traffic control on many streets, especially Idaho, Minnesota, 2nd and Colorado. Stoplights, pedestrian crossings, warning lights, and traffic signage are the other desired improvements.

Several user groups would like a connected and extended trail system. A safe biking and walking trail connecting the north and south parts of town would provide better access to several recreation facilities.

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