

What Matters to Hampton Residents

User Types



Actives



Senior & Mobility Impaired



Youth



Parents



Hispanic Adults



Hispanic Youth



Steering Committee

Destinations and Activities

Desirable Qualities and Features

Undesirable Qualities and Features

Most Desired Improvements and Activities

Parks

Downtown

Local Schools

La Luz Hispana

Outdoor Recreation

Amenities (e.g., benches, lighting)

Shade

Incomplete Sidewalks

Insufficient Lighting

Isolation

Poor Street Conditions

Flooding

Community Connectivity

Complete Sidewalk System

Improved Streets

Lighting

Public Transportation

Actives walk, drive, bike, and run. During inclement weather, they go to the wellness center. Priorities for this group include better sidewalks and trail connections both in town and to outside destinations such as Beed's Lake.

Seniors and mobility-impaired individuals walk and drive. Some people in this group use the bus service, and wish it would be expanded. They want the stoplight to be repaired and all sidewalks in town made accessible.

Youth mainly walk, bike, and ride with their parents to get around the community. They frequent the pool and the downtown district. They would like more venues for indoor activities in town.

Parents drive during the winter and walk and bike in summer. They are concerned about their children's safety as the travel throughout town. Parents' top priorities are a complete sidewalk system and more lighting in town and on the trail.

Hispanic adults walk and drive, although many do not have a driver's license or don't know how to drive. As a result, they car pool to work, particularly the people who work out of town. Public transportation and walkability are priorities for this group.

Like the Anglo youth, Hispanic youth walk, bike, and ride with their parents to get around town. They play at Southside Elementary. A high priority for this group is better playground equipment at Southside.

Steering committee members walk, drive, and bike. This group also would like the stoplight to be repaired. In addition, they want crosswalks at several places along Highway 3.

All user groups frequent the parks in Hampton. Band Shell Park is popular for weekly band concerts. Both Hispanic and Anglo youth go to the pool in Progress Park and play soccer at East Park. Both adults and youth go fishing at Harriman Park, which has new play equipment.

Downtown destinations are essential to daily life. The local schools are an integral part of life in Hampton. The Hispanic adults and youth frequently go to Southside Elementary School, so the youth can play, but the youth noted that the play equipment is old.

La Luz Hispana is an invaluable resource to the Hispanic population. In addition to services such as music lessons for the youth and adult English language classes, La Luz provides assistance in navigating social service agencies and support in dealing with day-to-day problems.

All users value the outdoor recreation venues in and around Hampton, including the trail, city parks, and the elementary school playground. The senior/mobility-impaired parents and Hispanic groups enjoy natural areas such as Harriman Park and Beed's Lake. "Suicide Hill" is a popular sledding site among youth.

Adult users appreciate well-lit areas and wish there were more both in town and along the trail. Hispanic adults are glad that benches are available along the trail.

Actives, Hispanic adults, and Hispanic youth like the shady areas in town. The active group would like more shade along the trail. Adults like the tree-lined streets near Band Shell Park. There aren't sidewalks to many of the places where kids go.

Incomplete broken, and altogether missing sidewalks are major concerns for all user groups. Parents are concerned specifically in the cemetery, on the trail, and at Band Shell Park. Hispanic adults frequently walk but are afraid. Actives feel unsafe running early in the morning and at night.

Parents and Hispanic adults feel isolated and vulnerable on certain parts of the trail. The Hispanic adults commented on the graffiti in one area of the trail and suggested that someone patrol that part of the trail from time to time.

Adult users from all groups noted the poor condition of many of the city streets. Hispanic adults specified 6th Street SE as an example. People in the active group take 10th Street NW because the storm drains flood in homes on 7th Avenue. Flooding is an intermittent problem in Hampton. Actives noted that the trail sometimes floods in low spots. The Hispanic groups said that basements flood in homes on 7th Avenue. Improving community connectivity is important to adult users.

The steering committee would like a trail connection to Southside Elementary, and actives want to connect to the Wellness Center. Parents would like a bike path from the pool to downtown. Participants in every group mentioned the need for a better sidewalk system in Hampton. Actives want wide, even sidewalks for walking and running. The senior and mobility-impaired group would like all sidewalks to be accessible with curb cuts.

Specific repairs identified include filling in potholes in the downtown district and paving 10 Street NW.

Adult users identified poor lighting as a problem, specifically along the trail, in the cemetery, in Band Shell Park, and at Suicide Hill. Hispanic adults noted that the southwest side of town is too dark, as well as along Highway 3 west of the stoplight.

The senior and mobility-impaired and the Hispanic adults groups would like expanded public transportation for people who don't drive. Many Hispanic adults do not have a driver's license or do not know how to drive, but many of them work outside of town and have to find rides.

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