

Hampton's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the six transportation user groups. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all six user groups.

Sidewalk Barriers

Every focus group identified sidewalks as a barrier to getting to everyday places and recreation facilities such as parks and the school playgrounds. Parents are concerned because there aren't sidewalks to many places their kids go. The actives would like a sidewalk connection to East Park and the wellness center. The senior and mobility-impaired group and Hispanic adults expressed the need for pedestrian access to Shopko. All groups think the existing sidewalks need to be repaired. The parents and actives pointed out that there are no sidewalks to Harriman Park.

Busy Intersections

Focus-group participants identified several places in town where crossing the street is challenging for pedestrians, including Highway 3 at the Olive Avenue, the Franklin County Fairgrounds, First Street, and Highway 65. The senior and mobility-impaired group and the steering committee mentioned that the stoplight at First Street and Highway 3 is broken and should be fixed. Other problem intersections were Highway 3 and West 1st Street, and Highway 3 and Highway 65 both with high traffic volumes and poor traffic controls.

Lighting

Insufficient lighting is a problem in various places in town and along the Rolling Prairie Trail. The parents pointed out that the cemetery is not well lit and that the trail through the cemetery is somewhat isolated; they would rather that kids did not take that route alone. The actives are uncomfortable on some areas of the trail early in the morning and after dark because of poor lighting. The back portion of the trail behind the Seabee Corporation is not well lit and isolated.

Seasonal Barriers

Adult user groups identified several areas in town that flood after a heavy rain, including Progress Park, East Park, Harriman Park, and low sections of the trail. The Hispanic adults said that basements in the southwest part of town flood after heavy rain because of poor drainage.

Parking

The senior and mobility-impaired group and the Hispanic adults said that there is not enough parking downtown. The parents pointed out that there is not enough parking at East Park, especially during soccer games, and there is no parking anywhere in town for trail users.

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