

Humboldt's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers synthesizes the feedback we received from the five transportation user groups. Although not summarized below, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the map of all five user types.

Barriers in Humboldt that focus-group participants identified are related to accessibility and visibility. For example, some participants pointed out that access to the river is lacking. Access to Cottonwood Trail from the north is inhibited by the fact that there are no sidewalks. In terms of visibility, some people noted the lack of any lighting on the trails, as well as poor lighting on Main Street and in the high school parking lot.

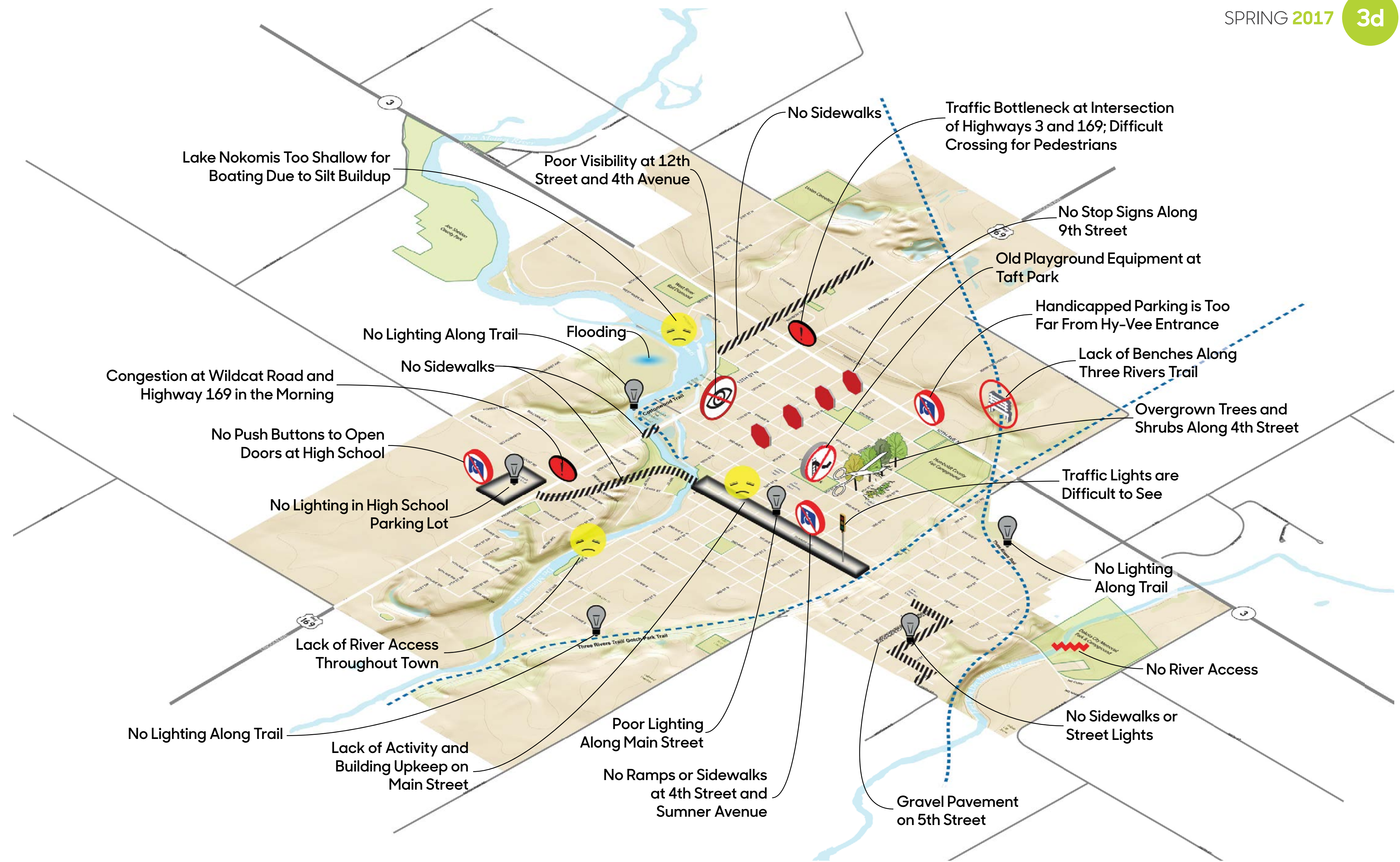
Actives Traffic control is the main concern among active recreationists, who pointed out that Humboldt has many unmarked intersections. This group also noted that the stoplights on Main Street are difficult to see and that 9th Street has no stop signs.

Mobility Impaired Mobility-impaired individuals cited the limited number of curb cuts and ramps as a barrier. This group also pointed out that overgrown trees and shrubs along sidewalks cause problems. Steep berms, crowned streets, and snow piles also impede travel among the mobility impaired.

Older Adults Older adults consider the lack of lighting along the trails as a barrier. This group also noted that there are no sidewalks to Cottonwood Trail from the senior living facility.

Youth Youth perceive the lack of streetlights and sidewalks near 6th Street as a barrier. They pointed out that there is no access to the river from Dakota City Park, the playground equipment in Taft Park is in poor condition, and that 5th Street is gravel.

Parents Parents said that the four-way stops at Highway 169 and Wildcat Road and at Highways 169 and 3 cause traffic congestion. They see the silt build up in Lake Nokomis as a barrier to boating because the lake is too shallow.



Legend

- Traffic Conflict
- No Stop Signs
- Poor Visibility
- Flooding
- Playground in Poor Condition
- Lack of Benches
- Maintenance Needed
- Poor Lighting
- Missing Amenities
- Poor Access
- Poor Accessibility
- Missing Sidewalks