

Desired Improvements: Common Factors

The analysis of desired improvements 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.

Focus-group participants in Humboldt identified improvements aimed at making existing assets better, such as adding more parking at and more water fountains and benches along Three Rivers Trail. Some participants would like trail signage on the Three Rivers, Cottonwood, and Gotch Park Trails. Other suggestions for improvement focused on Highways 3 and 169, such as adding a stoplight where the two highways intersection and a crosswalk with flashing lights along Highway 3.

Actives
Active recreationists are interested in making new connections, including connecting Cottonwood Trail to the other trails in town, adding a trail from Joe Sheldon County Park to town, and building a bridge across the Des Moines River in the south part of town.

Mobility Impaired
Mobility-impaired individuals would like improved sidewalks and more businesses along Main Street. This group also wants the beginning and end of Gotch Park Trail and Cottonwood Trail to be identified by textured pavement.

Older Adults
Creating an indoor walking facility is a priority among older adults. This group would like more benches, dog waste facilities, and directional signage along Gotch Park Trail. Older adults also would like to see the streets repaved. Removing the dam to create better kayaking routes was also suggested by older adults.

Youth
The youth group focused its desired improvements on the city's parks and on additional recreation opportunities. They want stairs or a ramp to the river at Dakota City Park and at the Frank Gotch Monument in Bicknell Park, as well as updated play equipment in Taft Park.

Parents
Parents are interested in connecting downtown to Joe Sheldon County Park, as well as installing more sidewalks in town. This group would also like the new bridge on Highway 169 modified to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

