



Kalona's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the five 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 five of the transportation user groups.

Sidewalk Barriers

Sidewalk conditions can make walking around town difficult, especially near the elementary school and along J Avenue on Kalona's north side. Kalona adult residents identified missing sidewalks, crumbling and tilted pavement, and narrow sidewalks as barriers.

Poor Visibility

All focus group demographics mentioned poor visibility as an issue, particularly at the intersection of Highway 22 and 4th Street, where the United Christian Baptist Church is situated quite close to the roadway as a result of widening Highway 22. Actives, parents, and senior/mobility impaired users pointed out areas in town where better lighting is needed.

Seasonal Barriers

Salvesen Creek flooding is sometimes a problem in spring and summer, particularly in the northwest corner of town. Flooding and standing water occur in other areas due to poor drainage. Some places in town are shaded most of the time, creating icy patches and lingering snow piles. The Amish noted that the Old Amish Highway and the shoulders of Highway 22 are muddy during wet weather.

Lack of Connections

Highway 22 divides Kalona into the "north side" and the "south side," with only one controlled intersection at 6th Street. Highway 1 separates the Harvest Hill development from the rest of town. The lack of a complete sidewalk or trail system exacerbates the feeling of disconnect among residents.

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