



Concept Overview

The steering committee reviewed the analysis of the transportation system and residents needs and desires to develop the following ideas for improvements:

Connectivity + Walkability

Sidewalks will be repaired and popular routes will be connected to allow access to housing areas and a place for exercise

Safety

A busy railroad bisects the community and is not pedestrian (or vehicular) friendly due to rough crossings. A new pedestrian safe crossing is needed on Clinton Street which would cross numerous tracks. The committee would also like to see improvements to the Clinton and Main Street intersection for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

Recreation

Loop trails will be integrated with existing right-of-ways and natural areas to provide a great recreation setting.

Enhancements

Improving the neatness and quality of downtown streets enhances its attractiveness as a business area. Amenities such as benches and updated lighting are recommended, as well as better signage. Native plantings will compliment entrance signage located on Highway 9 and Dove Avenue.

Growth

Due to its proximity to Sioux Falls to the west, Lester is a potential bedroom community. New development can be supported by enhanced sidewalks, streets and trails, avoiding future conflicts.

Signage

Gateway signage will announce the town, while smaller wayfinding signs will guide visitors to important destinations.

The following quotes from steering committee members were taken during Lester's Transportation, Program and Performance, and Workshop Meetings.

"Sidewalks are in rough shape or non-existent throughout town. People walk on the streets so they can walk together."

"Railroad tracks are heavily used and create problems with access in emergency situations [by blocking the crossing on Clinton Street]."

"A trail to Gage Drive is our main goal [from town]. Secondary would be a loop on Hastings out to the cemetery."

"We've had people who have wanted to build in Lester build elsewhere because we don't have any available lots."