

Lester'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.

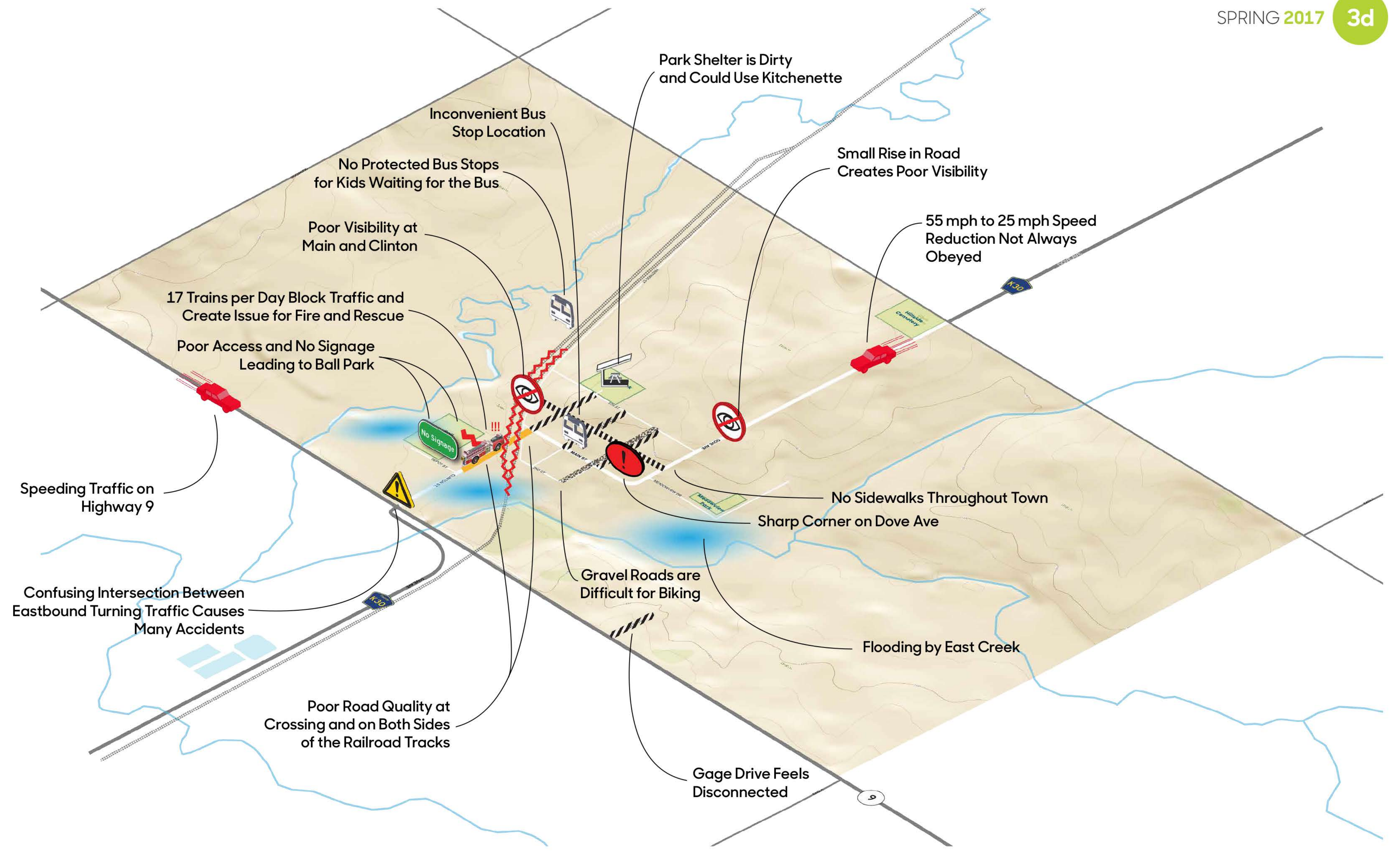
Participants in all groups identified the broken and disconnected sidewalks throughout town as a barrier. Another common barrier cited by both adults and youth is rough railroad crossing that is difficult for pedestrians and cyclists because there is no shoulder. Speeding traffic on Highway 9 and County Road K30 is another problem identified by focus-group participants. Active recreationists and older adults noted that the curve along K30 in town is sharp.

Actives Active Recreationists pointed out that the pea gravel in the streets makes it difficult to bike or rollerblade. They also mentioned poor visibility caused by insufficient lighting in neighborhoods and by parked cars at intersections.

Older Adults Older adults identified the intersection of Highway 9 and Clinton as the site of many accidents. They mentioned that stopped trains block traffic and can be an issue for the fire and rescue service. This group would like to see the park shelter updated and cleaned.

Youth Youth perceive vehicular traffic on Main Street as a barrier and that the bus stop on Main Street is too far away. They wish that people would clean up after their pets.

Parents Parents noted that drivers do not obey the speed limit on Dove Avenue/K30 as they are entering Lester. They pointed out that the railroad tracks are a barrier to accessing Ball Diamond Park, which is sometimes flooded by Mud Creek.



Legend

- Fast Traffic
- Traffic Conflict
- Poor Visibility
- Poor Driving Condition
- Unsafe Road
- Bus Stop
- Poor Access
- Paving Needs Repair
- Gravel Road
- No Sidewalks/Connection
- Fire and Rescue Issue
- Flooding