



Actives

"A trail really would be fine. You wouldn't even have to upgrade it to the extent of Rustic Park, but just another place to go and walk. We're a bunch of walkers here, so we would use it."

"...when I push the stroller, I notice the cracks [in the sidewalks], or when I pull the wagon...I just usually go in the street then because there's not terrible traffic."

"I walk to the park a lot because I have two... high-energy dogs and I like to exercise them every day."

"There is a bridge [at the entrance to Gilroy Rustic Park] that occasionally goes under water."

"...when you watch kids walking to school, they take the street instead of the sidewalk."



Youth

"If you need to get your mind off something, you just go for a run [on the trail] and...it's a solid mile long, I think..."

"On Western Street, people don't slow down...one of my friend's dogs got hit because [drivers are] supposed to go 15 [mph], but...they don't slow down."

"I walk on the sidewalk, but some of the sidewalks are really not good, so I don't walk on them. I cut across in the grass."

"The trail...is good to run, but there [are] plants everywhere... there's poison ivy and stuff there."

"There [are] not enough street lamps; there [are] just empty spaces where it's just dark."



Parents

"Living outside of town, you're not going to hop on your bike and bike into town to participate in any activities because...you're going to have to come through the highway, especially with small children."

"It would be nice to have more curb and gutter...It makes...the town look nicer...and the water would be concentrated better."

"It would be really nice [to pave the trail]... because it's not by the highway and it's secluded."

"When I come in to walk with our kids, there's not a safe place for us to take our kids and let them just go, so [it] would be nice to have [a bike path around town]."

"I would like to see that be a better access for our elderly and the kids... You got to step up on the sidewalk."



Older Adults

"[On Church Avenue], where the sidewalk hits, there's a big dip in the sidewalk also that needs repaired. It's just something that's disintegrated... it's kind of [unsafe]. We've got more people, it seems, coming to church [who] have walkers. It seems to be a problem."

"In many cases, it is safer to walk in the street than on the sidewalks."

"They [got rid of] a lot of the lights in town, so walking at night is not very good around town."

"We always thought it would have been wonderful...if [the railbed trail] would have gone all the way through town... they've done a wonderful job [with the railbed trail] other than it's very secluded."

"One of the big barriers is the uneven sidewalks and the broken sidewalks."



Steering Committee

"...on Main Street in front of the legion and then going to the end of the sidewalk...there's about a 12- or 14-inch difference between the sidewalk and the street. A few places have those steps, but there [are] some places...Someone would...really have trouble to step up. It would be difficult."

"...the lighting is not good if you're walking in the late evening or early morning."

"There's not a good transit from the RV park area in the park over to where the pavilions are. People are going to have to go over and walk on the road across the bridge or wade through the creek."

"Even where there are sidewalks, where the sidewalks meet the street, they're almost all broken up, so if somebody has a hard time seeing or they're in a wheelchair or they [have] a walker or a cane, that's kind of a scary junction just about everywhere the sidewalk meets the street."

"...anybody in a wheelchair...[who] wanted to...go between the things at the park, there [are] not walkways or trails for anybody like that."

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What People Said

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