







User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	Wabash Trace	Boehner Pond & Campground	Main Street	Tree Canopy	Public Art	Complete Sidewalks	Incomplete and Poor Sidewalks	Parking Issues	Busy Intersections	Drainage Issues	Street Condition	Curb and Gutter with Curb Cuts	Crosswalks	Sidewalks	Trailhead Amenities
 Actives	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
 Mobility Challenged	●		●	●		●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●
 Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
 Youth	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Actives walk, run, and bike regularly for recreational/sports training and getting around town. They appreciate the Wabash Trace but wish there were more sidewalks connecting it to town.

Mobility-challenged individuals rely on driving and walking to get around town. Smooth, wide surfaces are important. This group walks primarily in the street because of poor sidewalks and a lack of curb cuts at most intersections.

The major modes of transportation for older adults are walking and driving. They feel constrained by a lack of smooth sidewalks and lighting around town. The Wabash Trace and the downtown area are viewed as assets for walking.

Youth enjoy destinations in town such as the Wabash Trace and Boehner Pond. Their main modes of transportation are walking and biking. Older youth also drive. Bad surface conditions and a lack of sidewalks connecting parts of town restrict their movement around the city.

Parents drive, bike, and walk. They are concerned about the safety of their children. They identified the lack of a route to the school and to Boehner Pond as a safety concern. They value the Trace and downtown as amenities.

Steering committee members mainly walk and drive to get around town. They pointed out the lack of sidewalks and lighting in some parts of town. They would like better sidewalk connections between popular destinations in town, such as the school, the fairgrounds, Boehner Pond, and Downtown.

The Wabash Trace is popular among all user types. Residents value the fresh air, wildlife, and vegetation. The Trace can be accessed from downtown and is used by all to remain active throughout the year.

Participants frequently mentioned Boehner Pond as a destination in Malvern. Youth particularly enjoy fishing, and both actives and older adults mentioned positive recent development of the area.

All demographic types enjoy the tree cover and shade and shelter from the sun, especially during summer months. The mobility-challenged group also noted nice color changes through the seasons.

Several user types noted the benefits of public art in the downtown area. Older adults were particularly impressed by the amount of art in a smaller town, and parents consider it a major draw to the community.

Participants value a complete, smooth sidewalk system in town. Nearly all user types identified the sidewalks along Marion Avenue and Downtown Main Street as level and consistent.

Residents consider the lack of poor conditions of sidewalks in town as a barrier, particularly the school, Boehner Pond, and the fairgrounds.

Parking in Malvern is a problem for drivers. Parents, youth, and actives noted insufficient parking near the Trace trailhead and downtown, with the steering committee also mentioning the latter.

Most adult user types mentioned busy street conditions and heavy traffic throughout town as undesirable features, especially at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 4th Street and at several intersections along Main Street.

All demographic types mentioned areas of poor drainage in Malvern. Water issues are most prominent on 4th and 5th Street west of Main Street. Youth described Miller Field as too wet to use after any rain.

Nearly all user types identified poor street conditions throughout town. Brick streets are in need of repair, and there are several potholes along Main Street and intersections throughout town.

Mobility-challenged individuals, older adults, and steering committee members desire curbing on roads to manage stormwater, with accessible curb cuts at Main Street routes to the school.

Almost all user types would like to see improved crosswalks throughout town, particularly along Main Street routes to the school.

Participants would like to see improved connections to the school, Boehner Pond, and the fairgrounds south of town.

Most demographic types desired more amenities at the Wabash Trace trailhead in town. Ideas include more parking, signage, plantings, a rest area, a drinking fountain, and a bike repair station.

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## Emerging Themes

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