

A map of McGregor highlighting and analyzing existing transportation infrastructure.

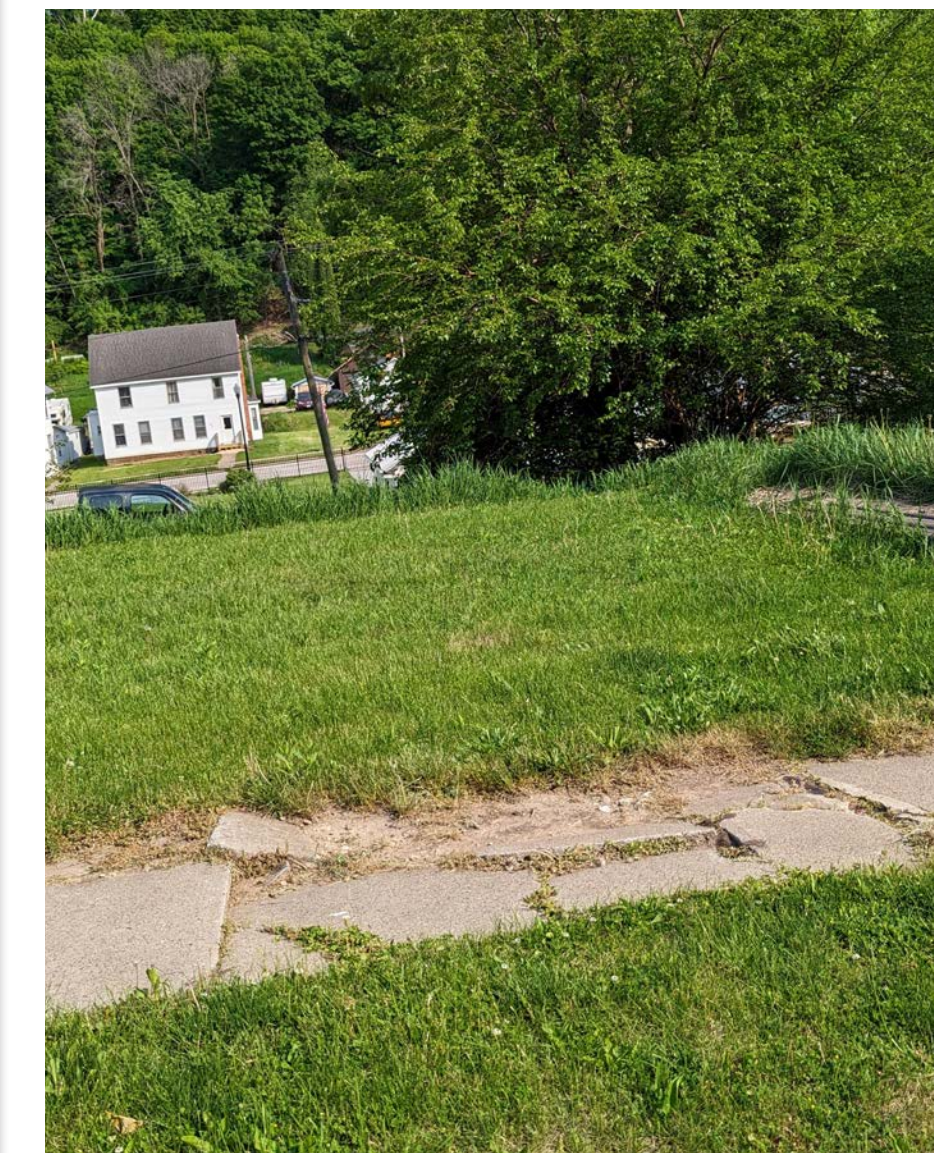
Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Understanding a community's transportation system is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. McGregor's system includes trails, roadways, sidewalks, railways and waterways. The city is situated along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway and the Iowa River Bluff Scenic Byway.

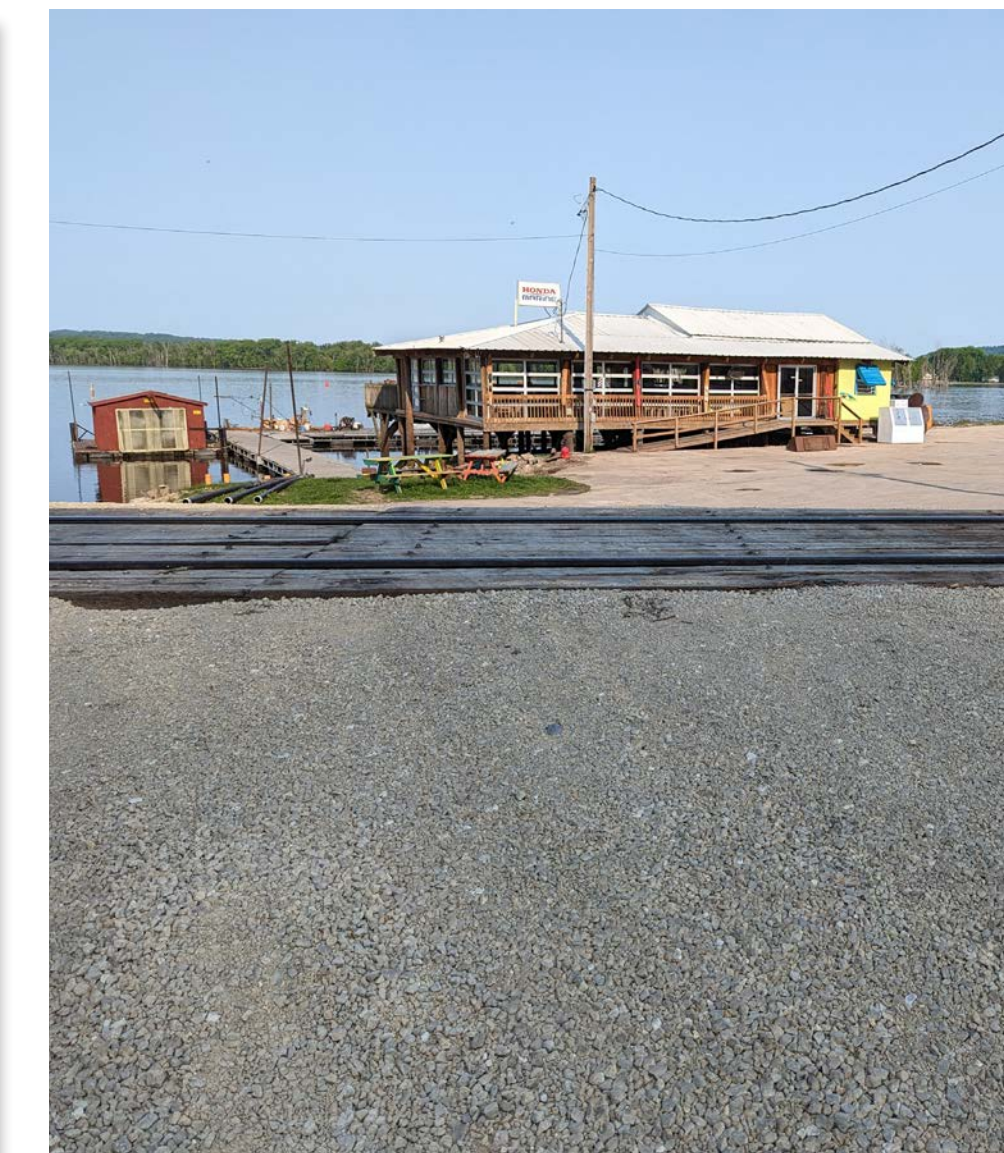
Steep bluffs and the Mississippi River limit vehicle and active transportation access to McGregor from northern and western approaches. Vehicles enter the town from the west via business US-18 and County Road 56, and from the north via the Great River Road (IA-76). McGregor's riverfront and marina serve private vessels and are popular destinations for locals and tourists. Pikes Peak State Park is adjacent to town to the south; underutilized trailheads are within walking distance of downtown.

The visioning team met with Iowa Department of Transportation personnel, McGregor city personnel, representatives from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC), Clayton County Conservation, and CPKC Railroad to identify current and future transportation constraints and opportunities. Currently, utility and road improvements are underway on IA 76 and Main Street, which impact access to downtown from the north throughout 2023 and 2024. Deteriorated sidewalk and road infrastructure make for a less-than-ideal transportation experience. Frequent road blockages by trains, falling rocks and significant road grades hinder road maintenance and meeting representatives described a stressful transportation situation for residents.

The visioning team also conducted a trail planning meeting with McGregor residents and representatives. Attendees said they would like a riverfront connection to Marquette and more trails and connections to Pikes Peak State Park and McGregor parks. McGregor enjoys connections to nature that they wish to showcase to tourists and enjoy themselves with more and better trails.



Sidewalk conditions on steep streets make walking a challenge.



The intersection of rail, vehicle and pedestrians is challenging at Main Street as it turns into Great River Road.

Actives

"...a tremendous thing to achieve [would be] a very nice trail between McGregor and Marquette..."

Mobility Challenged

"We get so many tourists and then there's no place for them to park [on Main St] and they say, 'Forget it. Let's go.' It's always been a problem."

Older Adults

"[On] Prospect Street...there are crumbling retaining walls...holding up [the] street, so it's pretty serious...that whole street could go."

Parents

"I think bike lanes would be nice, because our family likes riding bikes, but...I don't even know where we would safely go with kids. There's no safe way to get out of town."

Community concerns about aspects of McGregor's transportation systems.

McGregor Transportation Inventory

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