

Desired Improvements

The analysis of desired improvements is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the four transportation user groups. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all four of transportation user groups.

The information on this board should in no way be interpreted as design solutions, but rather as a series of suggestions for improvements taken from the focus-group sessions. These are just a preliminary sample of what might be explored as the design process moves forward over the next few months.

Improve Downtown Lighting

All user groups said that insufficient street lighting creates a barrier downtown for night activities, because they feel that poorly lit areas are perceived as unsafe and therefore uninviting. Improving downtown lighting would create a safer and more attractive environment that would foster a sense of safety and increase visibility of local businesses.

Windbreak

Both the actives and youth groups identified snow as a barrier in several areas in town. Windbreaks planted to redirect wind would improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic throughout the year.

Infrastructure

Both seniors and youth have difficulty walking on existing sidewalks to get to places such as school or downtown services. Improving existing sidewalks and developing new sidewalk/trail connections from downtown to outlying areas would create a more accessible transportation system for pedestrians.

Legend

■ Bike Trail wanted by 2+ Groups

Sidewalk wanted by 2+ Groups

Bike Trail wanted by 1 Group

Sidewalk wanted by 1 Group

Trail Connections

The active users identified the lack of connected bicycle routes with supporting amenities as a barrier that forces riders into highways or streets. They would like winter snow removal on the trail, so it can be used year-round. New trail connections would integrate current trail segments and create safer routes for active users throughout the year.

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