



Comprehensive sidewalk plan highlighting conditions of sidewalks and important destinations. Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," accessed April 2016, <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>.



Existing sidewalk on Howard Street looking west.



Proposed sidewalk improvements on Howard Street looking west.



Existing Maple and Main Streets looking north.



Proposed sidewalk and ADA improvements on Maple and Main Streets looking north.

## Destinations and Sidewalks

Monona's sidewalks are in a variety of conditions. Sidewalks are in better condition in the downtown area and along Main Street. As you move out from this core group of sidewalks, the conditions deteriorate with aging sidewalks scattered around town. The largest area with no sidewalks is in the new development on the west side of Monona. Streets in this area are wider and residents use them instead of sidewalks. In these areas, a marked shared road replaces the use of sidewalks.

Another major issue as discovered in the transportation assets and barriers workshops are the missing sidewalks at railroad crossings. Many residents who live on the north side of town feel "cut-off" from many important destinations on the southern side of the railroad track. ADA compliant sidewalks crossings are also desirable.

Another major connection that is missing is a sidewalk to Gateway Park, which currently ends a block north, and on the other side of Main Street where the sidewalk ends at the cemetery. This connection leads to the new Casey's General Store proposed on the east side of Falcon Avenue.

Sidewalks improve the walkability of towns and help promote outdoor recreation. There are already many residents that walk in the streets because there is no sidewalk or the state of the sidewalks is not desirable.

As sidewalks get updated over time, the new sidewalks are to include curb cuts with truncated domes to provide ease of access for mobility impaired users. Curb cuts are applied to major routes where they are not currently present, particularly along Main Street which is the major north-south route through town. All new sidewalks are to be five foot wide (at a minimum). Major routes to school, such as Main Street and Davis Street are to be eight feet wide (at a minimum). Sidewalks denoted as trails or that may transition into trails over time are a minimum of ten feet wide.

# Monona

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