Morning Sun's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers synthesizes the feedback we received from the five transportation user groups. Although not summarized below, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the map of all five user groups.

Barriers that emerged across user groups are related to the sidewalk system in town, as well as the Hoover Nature Trail. In terms of poor or missing sidewalks, the streets most frequently mentioned were Washington and Kearney. Although the nature trail is considered an asset to the community, participants noted that it is often overgrown, buggy, and difficult to bike or push a stroller on.



Active recreationists noted that because of poor sidewalks and the grass trail, people have to walk and bike in the streets. They pointed out that many side streets are covered in pea gravel, making it difficult to ride motorcycles. The also mentioned traffic congestion at the school.



Mobility-impaired individuals find a lack of benches along the trail and in the cemetery as barriers. The fact that the trail ends just north and south of town is also an impediment. This group also mentioned Mobility drainage issues and flooding in Locust Grove Park. **Impaired**



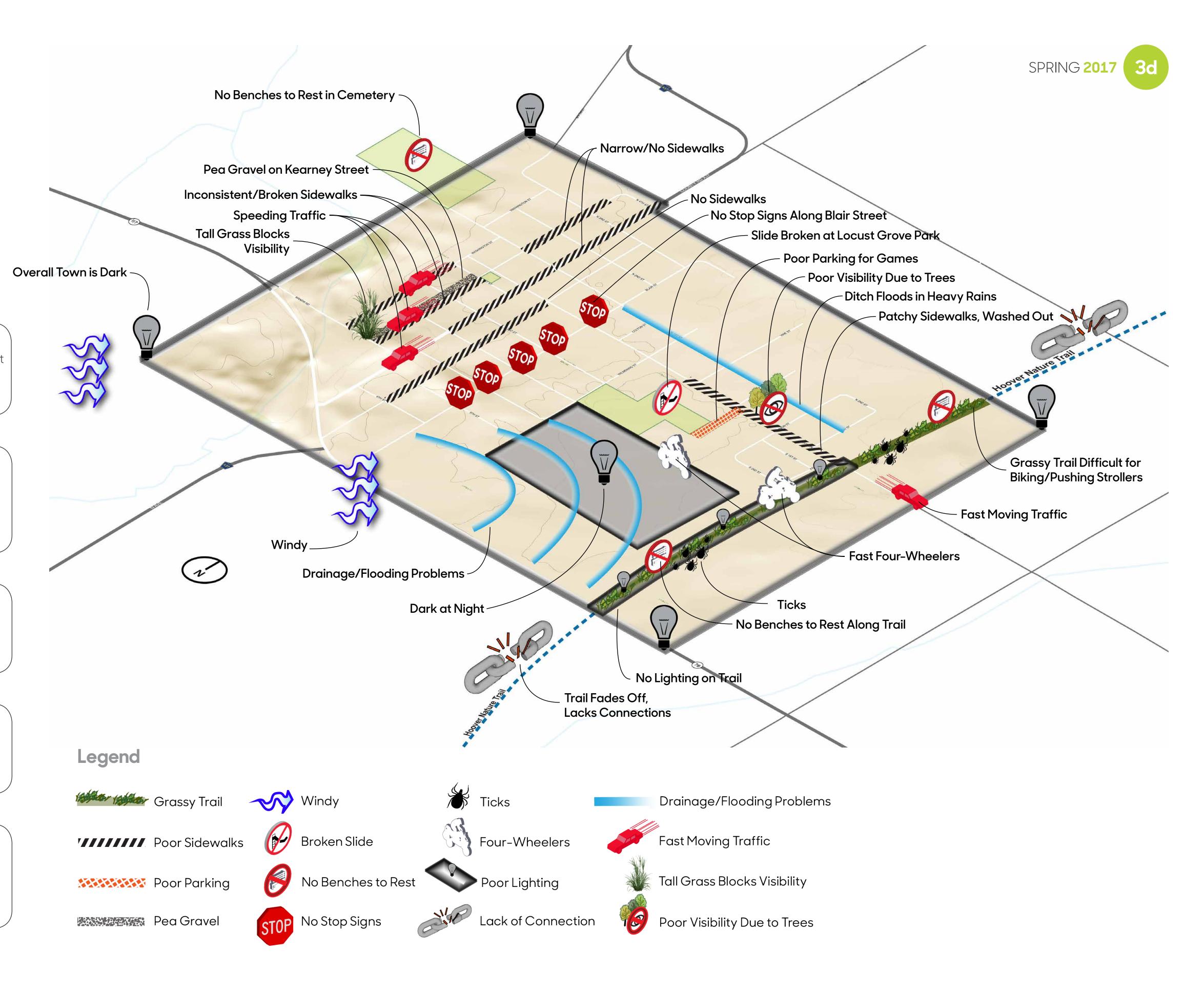
In addition to poor sidewalks, older adults mentioned speeding traffic as a problem on Washington and Kearney Streets. They also identified strong winds from the south and visibility issues caused by vegetation as barriers.



The primary barrier mentioned by youth is the fact that most of the town is dark at night, making them feel unsafe. This group also mentioned the broken slide at Locust Grove Park and the difficulty of biking along the trail.



The barriers identified by parents are related to the safety of their children. For example, they noted heavy or speeding traffic on a number of streets. They also pointed out the lack of lighting both in town and along the trail.





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