


Actives

"We actually all go through the cemetery because the trail ends; that really tells you that we need more trails..."

"I used to rollerblade, but it's really hard to rollerblade in the old part of town... because the streets are cobblestone."

"The first thing I noticed when we moved to Merville was how active everybody is—how many people are always out walking, riding, whatever..."

"...kids are riding there bikes on [Highway] 140 to get to the pool because it's the flattest route..."



Youth


"Some of the sidewalks have—they're really old, so there [are] a lot of... holes in them, and it's hard to walk, and you'll trip."

"If you're going down to Main Street...there's this giant curb so when I'm trying to go back I have to walk my bike up it."

"When you walk on Fair Street, there's no sidewalk there so you have to walk on the grass or on the street."

"[The park has] really nice sidewalks; they're really fun to rollerblade on or bike."

"[I like] walking on the sidewalks on hot sunny days."



Parents

"It is pretty to drive down Main Street on your bike by the Main Street Park when you have...the fall trees and all that. That is good and shaded and everything, but there's so much traffic along there with cars, that kind of takes away from it."

"Frontage Road—they're starting to put businesses down there—you can't just walk down there and ride a bike. The roads aren't wide enough."

"I feel like there's no sidewalk, especially in high-traffic areas, like Frontage Road or Fair Street..."

"The sidewalks, some of them have the handicap[ped] entrance, but for biking it's terrible for kids to be able to jump up on that curb."

"Having kids in Little League baseball—there's no sidewalk down there, or when you park, there's no parking lot."



Older Adults


"The Main Street business district...especially on the south side, is tiered, and...it's really difficult for anyone, whether you're mobility challenged or not, and there's not really any good railings or anything."

"...when you're going east on Highway 20, and you want to turn in here to go to Dollar General, there is no turning lane off of 20."

"[North 2nd] is a nice, shady street."

"That southern Frontage Road needs to be redone, the whole way."

"We need some better sidewalks."



Mobility Impaired

"By and large, this stretch of sidewalk here from [Highway] 140 to [North 2nd] on the north side of [Main Street] is in good shape...[the] sidewalk's good on both sides of the street. [The curb is] pretty high on the south side."

"Standing water, snow, anything that will get kicked up in the electronics [of the wheelchair] are barriers."

"I'd love to be able to utilize the fairground, but it's too far out."

"[I avoid sidewalks that don't have curb cuts] or they're bad angles when they do have cuts."

"Along [Main Street] there [are] sidewalks, but they're in rough shape."



Steering Committee

"I would love to be able to walk easier—further distances with our kids and bike, but it's...not necessarily easy to bike and walk around town [because of] lack of sidewalks."

"I just know that when I'm coming from [the Logan Addition on Main Street], and I am pushing a stroller and I've got a kid on a bike, it's all treacherous."

"And if you can make it to the park, this sidewalk is actually nice—the sidewalk at the park is nice."

"It'd be really great if there was a sidewalk path to the school, to the ball fields, and to the pool."

"I like that on Main Street there are a lot of trees. So if it's a really hot summer day during a walk, it's kind of a good spot..."