

Map of Merville highlighting and analyzing existing transportation infrastructure.

Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Knowledge of the transportation systems in and around a community is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. Merville's transportation systems include state highways, roadways, pedestrian walking and biking routes, and a river.

US Highway 20 and State Highway 140 intersect at the southwest corner of the city and the West Fork Little Sioux River runs along the western side of the city.

The visioning design team met and coordinated with Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel, the Woodbury County Engineer, and local officials to identify existing, past, and future transportation system capital improvements, maintenance, and other transportation-related constraints and opportunities in the Merville area.

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."

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."

Mobility Impaired



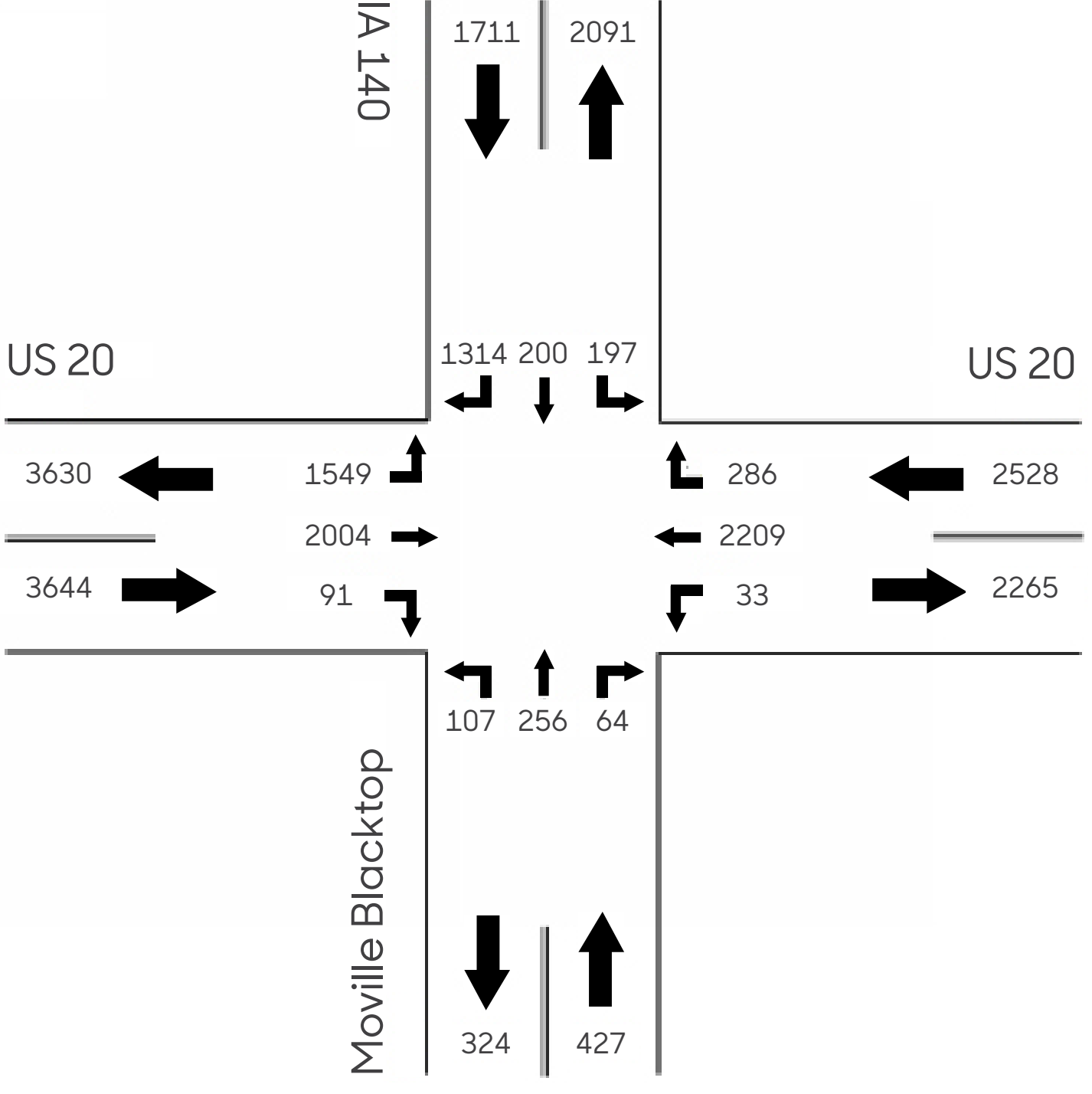
"Along [Main Street] there [are] sidewalks, but they're in rough shape"

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

People's concerns about aspects of Merville's transportation system.

Several transportation-related assets and opportunities include access to outdoor recreation venues such as the city pool and parks, bike trail, golf course, soccer fields, baseball fields, and disc golf course. The Woodbury County Fairgrounds also attract many people to town throughout the year.

Items of concern related to the transportation systems include incomplete, narrow, and missing sidewalks, tiered and inaccessible sidewalks on Main Street, and high curbs and a lack of curb cuts throughout town. Community members also noted poor visibility at intersections such as Fair Street and Main Street, and poor conditions on roads such as Frontage Road, Jackson Street, and Pearl Street. There is also a need for safe access to community amenities such as the city pool, the soccer fields, and the medical center.



Turning Movement Traffic Count Summary - 2017 Annualized Daily Traffic For All Vehicles.