

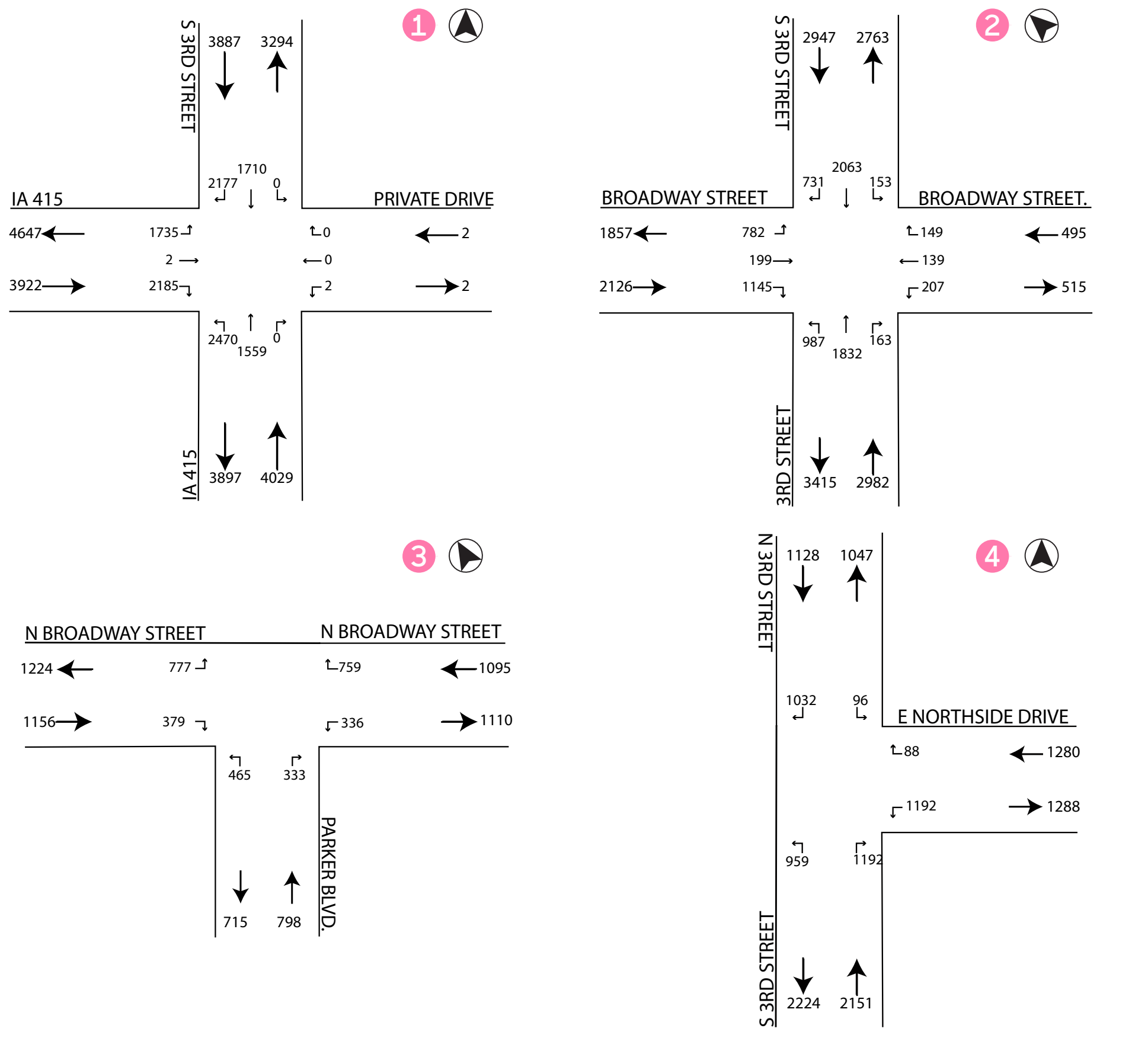
Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Knowledge of the transportation system in and around a community is critical for sustainable transportation enhancement planning. Polk City's transportation system includes roadways, sidewalks, regional bike trails, and waterways.

The eastern entrance into Polk City is considered the intersection of E. Northside Dr. (NW 18th Ave.) and N. 3rd St. The southern entrance is via State Highway 415, which also spans southwest of the community across the "mile-long bridge." From the north, folks may enter town from NW Madrid Dr., which turns into N. Broadway St. just south of Big Creek State Park.

The visioning team met with Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel, the Polk County Engineer, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and local officials to identify existing, past, and future transportation-related constraints and opportunities in the Polk City area.

Transportation-related assets and opportunities identified include the Neal Smith Recreation Trail, the High Trestle Trail, planned community neighborhood green spaces, Saylorville Lake, and Big Creek.



Turning Movement Traffic Count Summary- 2016-2017 Annualized Daily Traffic For All Vehicles

Youth

"The slickest road is [Highway 415] down by Big Creek... I crashed my car last year because it was super slick."

Steering Committee

"Even though we have designated trails on both sides of Broadway, I don't think anybody feels safe riding on either side of [the road]."

Actives

"It seems a little challenging on Broadway getting to Big Creek...you get up past a certain point and there [are] really no sidewalks."

Older Adults

"[The Neal Smith Trail] doesn't connect well. There's no access. There's [access to the trail at Parker Boulevard and Highway 415], but you have to cross a very busy [Highway] 415 to do that."

Individual's concerns about aspects of Polk City's transportation systems in and around the community.