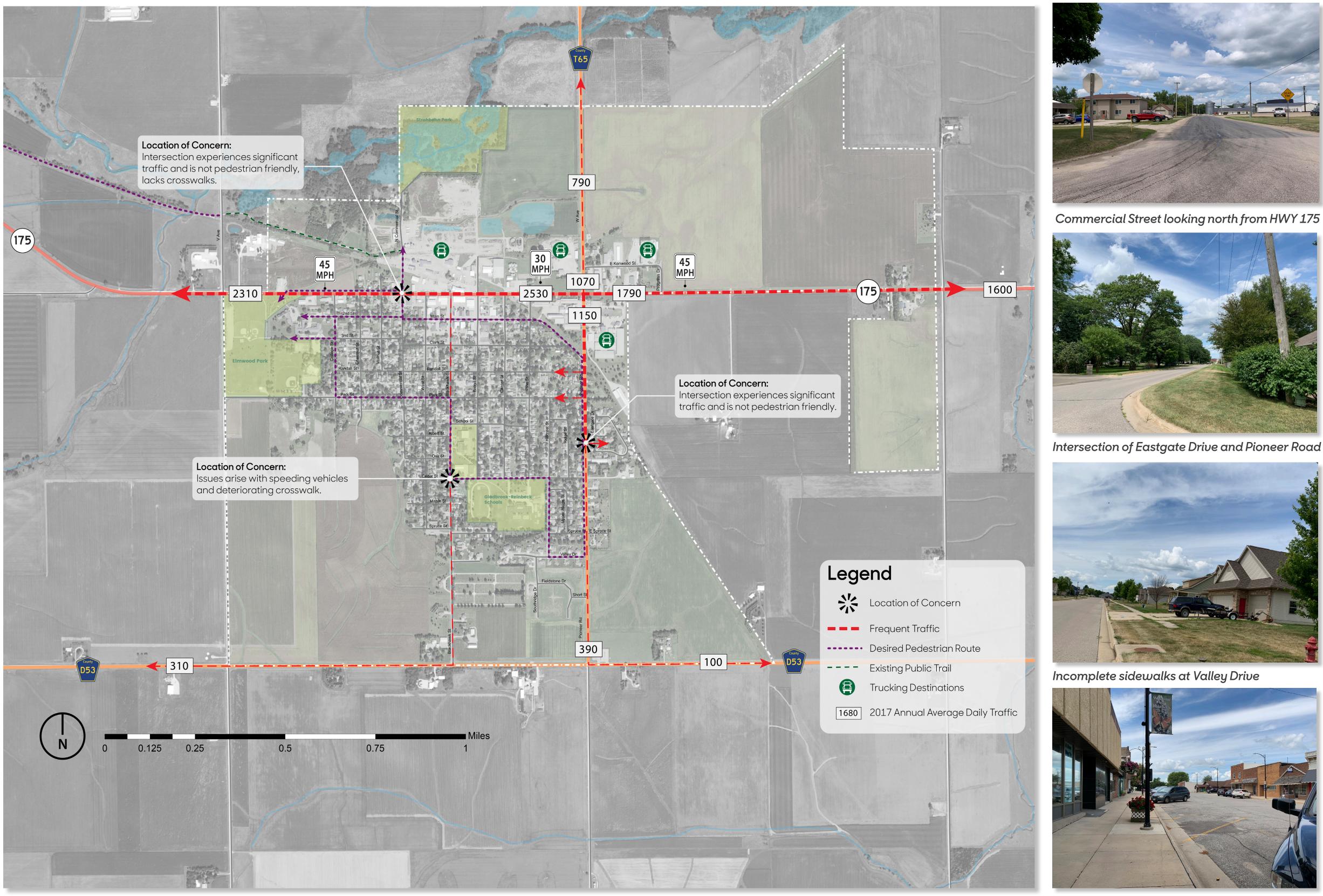
Reinbeck Transportation Inventory



Existing 10' sidewalk along Main Street

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Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Reinbeck, population 1,639, is located in southeast Grundy County intersected by County Road T65 and US Highway 175. The town has a wide array of large construction and agricultural industries that increase the daytime population and the amount of truck traffic these major roads carry. Additionally, Highway 175 provides a connection to US Highway 65 to the west and US Highway 63 to east. This strings together an efficient route for several lowa communities, creating an uptick of traffic commuting through Reinbeck on the north side of town.

Lack of connectivity to popular destinations in Reinbeck is a main concern due to poor sidewalk conditions and lack of sidewalks that affect pedestrian safety. One survey participant stated, "We need more sidewalks for our students" to get safely to and from school. For many of my students they must walk on the streets to get home. [The] main problem road would be Pioneer." (reference: Priorities, 4c). Lack of sidewalks and crosswalks creates difficulty when moving through town, causing residents to resort to walking in the roadway.

Highway 175 separates the majority of residences in Reinbeck from the entrance to Strohbehn Park and the Pioneer trailhead and there are no pedestrian crosswalks to navigate across this busy roadway. During a focus group a high schooler stated, "I think it'd be kind of cool if [Pioneer Trail] was somehow connected to the town. People [have to] drive all the way out to [V Avenue] just to get to the trail." (reference: High School Study Overview, 3a). The community has also noted that the "industrial" look of Highway 175 could be improved by cosmetic enhances such as street trees, lighting, and sidewalks, which would also create a safer space for pedestrians and a more appealing drive through town.

Reinbeck's Main Street has an accumulation of shops, eateries, and services, making it a significant destination for many in the community. In their application, to the program, the steering committee specified the need for bicycle racks to potentially alleviate some of the concerns with parking. Creating improved mobility routes in town would allow residents to safely travel on foot or bike to downtown, and providing space to adequately store their transportation would encourage these modes of travel.

