

Actives


"...something else that would be nice...[is] if we could somehow connect Riverside to the bike trails even up to Hills...if you were to come out Tupelo [Blvd to Observatory Ave SW], [it] goes to the overpass up at Hills."

"The highway cutting through the middle of town I think has to be an issue. It is for us, trying to get to the walking trail or anything south of the highway—that would be Casey's, Hall Park."

"I really do like the itty-bitsy little part of the trail we have where it's that bridge [southeast of] Boies [Street]. It's beautiful..."

"[The trail] is reasonably safe when you get there...it's flat; you can take your five-year-old; you can pull your bike trailer. It's easy to use."

"At minimum I would like to see reduced speed [along Highway 22]...between the casino at least and the [east] edge of town."



Youth


"I think it would be nice if from the school...there was just a straight kind of trail road to get to the Purple [Railroad] Park."

"I would say crossing [Highway 22] to get to the parks... is kind of a safety issue for kids."

"I think this Ella Street was redone recently. That's a really good way for people to get around. The sidewalks are wide. Everything's nice there."

"...you can ride your scooter...and bike, and it's just really fun because [the trail is] a smooth road...What I don't like about it though is where it stops...my parent [and I] want it to go farther."

"The intersection of Schnoebelen and [Highway 22] has a really bad sidewalk...It's uneven. There [are] cracks in it and there's...almost like tiny potholes..."



Parents

"If there was a way we could find to extend that trail safely under, around, over the interstate and get it out to [the casino area], I know we would pull more people in to use our businesses..."

"When we walk that trail, we always stop at the creek...and walk in the creek and...do some of the nature stuff out there."

"There [are] five streets literally meeting in one place [at the north end of Ella Street]. No one really knows...who does what...the signage is not very clear."

"That speed bump on Schnoebelen almost needs to be closer to the school...because after that speed bump, you have quite a ways yet until you get to the school and people do pick up speed."

"There's no good way to cross [Highway 22] to go to that trail."



Older Adults

"Old 218 [Vine Avenue] is a really nice biking trail, but to get to [it from the trail], you have to take your life into your hands for a few moments [along Highway 22]."

"The sidewalks I think in this town need to be re-vamped and re-cemented. Most people [who] do walking—it depends on what part of the town you're in—they walk in the street because the sidewalks [have] a lot of cracks."

"[The river access area] definitely could be improved upon I feel like. There could be a shelter and there could be a sidewalk or a trail that you could drive down, park, watch the river..."

"It would be nice on the walking/bike path to circle the whole city...we need more walking and bike paths in the middle of town, around town, the whole town..."

"I would change the downtown parking from parallel to diagonal... There's not enough parking, and I actually think it's much harder to park parallel than it is diagonal[ly]."



Mobility Challenged


"[The trail is] wide, it's in good condition, it's scenic...it gives people in Riverside [who] don't have accessibility or don't want to try to manage the hills or the sidewalks a nice, smooth, long path to take."

"...I would much rather walk to the post office, and I can't do that. I can't even take my scooter because it would have to go out in the street...[the sidewalk is] very narrow and it's got cars...parked on it."

"[The school playground is an asset because] they put a wheelchair-accessible surface so it's not mulch, it's not sand. There is wheelchair-accessible play equipment. There's a wheelchair-accessible swing."

"...if they want to bring in more restaurants or businesses, they're going to have to find a place [where] people can park [downtown]."

"...there [are] only two handicap[ped] parking] spots, one going east and one going west on 1st [Street] between La Chiva Loka and Casey's."



Steering Committee

"Ella [Street] needs a stop sign [at the five-street intersection] because you can't see people coming... You're at a stop sign and then you're pulling out and you can't see people coming up that hill."

"[Highway 22 west of the interchange has] such quick traffic through there that even if [there were] slower speed limits or something...maybe that would prevent some [accidents near Kum & Go]."

"I don't know if that's feasible to have the wider sidewalks, but when I have a stroller and then my [child] is riding a bike, it's nice to be side by side."

"...I really like the idea of connecting and making a larger area of trail, and I like the idea of doing something with the pond that we have [at Conservation Park] that's underutilized..."

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