

Community Connectivity

Community connectivity addresses improved pedestrian accessibility and connectivity via trails and sidewalks. The proposed concepts focus on closing gaps and creating new opportunities to travel within and outside of Riverside.

Connecting to Other Communities – Riverside is connected socially and geographically to surrounding communities through collaborative local government, consolidated school districts, and commerce. Residents have a strong desire to extend their existing trail to the adjacent communities of Kalona, Washington, Lone Tree, and Hills, further strengthening their connectivity.

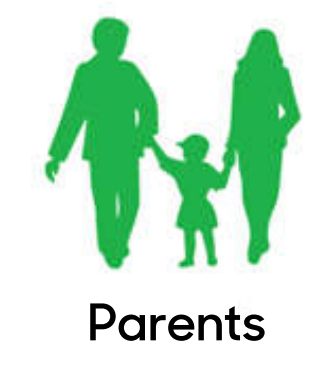


"...something else that would be nice...[is] if we could somehow connect Riverside to the bike trails even up to Hills...if you were to come out Tupelo [Blvd to Observatory Ave SW], [it] goes to the overpass up at Hills."

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

Future Development – Riverside, for the foreseeable future, is growing its residential footprint to the north and its commercial footprint between downtown and Riverside Casino. The goal of the community is to ensure the new developments include accessible sidewalks that are linked to the existing sidewalk network and that the streets meet the requirements of intended users and follow a well defined circulation pattern conducive to the needs of the impacted areas.

Downtown Connections – As commercial amenities develop between downtown and Riverside Casino there is an increased need for pedestrian access from residential areas to those amenities. Currently a trail exists partway.



"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..."

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

Sidewalks – Within the established neighborhoods there are several blocks with missing sidewalks, sidewalks in disrepair, and pedestrian crossings that are not conducive to those with differing physical abilities.



"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..."

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