



Actives

"All these [north-south] streets are pretty good for walking... because they[ve] got big bumps, so it kind of slows traffic."

"This town has a lot of amenities that small towns do not have. We have electrical, grocery store, a café, and eating place at nights on and so forth."

"They have so much traffic [at the elevator], they don't want people... cutting through."

"We sometimes walk all the way down through the new addition, make a circle."

"During the winters I walk in the school, in the gym at the school. They have it open in the mornings before the kids get there."

"[The elevator] really kind of cuts us off from a wonderful facility here, so it would be wonderful if we could find a way to make it safe for children to get to [the park]."



Youth

"Yeah, so if we want to walk to the park, we have to walk on the highway."

"I like how...we go out and people that want to...and come and plant trees with us—normally we'll plant trees around the edges and stuff, and put them in town. Last year we planted them up by the baseball field."

"[My sister and I] mostly walk to school."

"I see a lot of people [who] walk around, especially in the summertime. There [are] always people walking, riding bikes. Kids ride their bikes from school to home."

"[County Road M36] is not real safe. We have semis flying in and out of there."

"I [walk] to the park with my daddy and mommy and sister."



Parents

"I would love to have a crosswalk with lights and stop signs [at the intersection of First Avenue and Meadow Street]...and then slow [traffic] down coming from both directions, because it's terrible."

"The roads are a challenge for walking if you want to walk or run. The roads are just a horrible challenge because they're not even..."

"If the weather is nice, I walk with my daycare kids all the time or with my kids."

"The traffic—getting the kids safely—I think there should be [a designated route] from the addition to the park, from the school to the park, and Main Street to the park."

"The only problem [with the elevator] is that [trucks] come down [County Road M36]; it's so dusty... and our kids are trying to get to the park."

"There's no safe [route] from downtown to the park for the kids... no marked route, no anything."



Older Adults

"Every time we drive up at night, [my wife] says, 'I'd like to see more lighting there to the highway.' The electronic sign is a nice landmark because you know you're coming close to town."

"In the summertime, I walk a lot of sidewalks, but I walk streets too because they are level."

"I kind of avoid the graveled areas by the Memorial Park and the elevators and all that kind of uneven ground and gravel. I prefer to stay near pavement."

"I walk when the weather is nice down through the new addition, and in addition to that, I walk the blacktop."

"There's a lot of sidewalk where it is so uneven or crumbling that I'd rather go out in the street..."



Mobility Impaired

"...in front of the community building, there's a ramp that you can use, and there's one other on the south side too, but [those are] the only two in town..."

"The grocery store and the restaurant will deliver if you have to have it...You don't see that in the cities."

"If you go by the bank, there's a high curb there."

"My biggest fear is falling, and so even with a cane, you hit a slick spot...and that's all it takes."

"And the school has an adequate place to park and get in. It's all level. You don't climb."

"I use my walker on the sidewalks."



Steering Committee

"Once you roll into the middle October where you're hot and heavy with corn harvest, yeah, the activity at the park pretty much comes to a halt because it's just—the dust."

"I've been in a truck hauling grain in where... there were kids walking and riding a bicycle across [Ag Partners] going to a football game and you could barely see them because of the amount of dust just because of all the truck traffic."

"I drive to town because I live in the country, but I like to walk around the track. If I have to come into town...I'll go walk around the track."

"You can't access the park north of the elevator without walking on...First [Avenue], which First [Avenue] is the county blacktop."

"You walk on the streets in Royal because some of the sidewalks are not in good shape."

"I like that you can walk and bike. I mean... you're feeling safe, but you can go anywhere in town."

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What People Said

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