



Actives

"...hundreds of people walk [West Main Street], which [feels unsafe] because now...the co-op semis [take it to get to] the ethanol plant."

"I'd like to see a trail [on] either side [of W Main Street to Shell Rock Park], preferably [on the east] side so you can go right to the campground, you don't have to cross the road at all..."

"...[the cemetery] is safe. You go up there and you don't have to worry about the cars."

"...we talked about sidewalks being kind of narrow. For that reason, we don't even walk on the sidewalk because there's really not room for two of you on a sidewalk to walk."

"[When riding a bike on the Rolling Prairie Trail], you're rolling and it's great, but there's really nothing for walking."



Youth

"...there's a walking path behind the elementary school too. It's pretty cool there because it's lining the river, and...it's surrounded by trees. So, there's a lot of wildlife out there and turkeys and deer."

"On Main Street [Cherry Street]... sometimes I would have to ride on the sidewalk, and that can be kind of...hard with all the people. And Main Street's kind of busy..."

"I really like where the frisbee golf is because there's a new shelter house...If we're walking or biking for a while, that's a nice place to go just to sit down, relax, talk."

"I'll ride my bike over to the pool, hang out with friends and cool down."

"That intersection [of East Main and North Cherry] is safe. It's a three-way stop...there [are] crosswalks on both sides."



Parents

"[At] the corner at Cherry and Main Streets [it's] hard to see...and nobody stops at the stop sign going through town, for one. Second, when I want to turn left... you can't see over the bridge [really] well with the rail."

"...during school hours...they do put out a temporary stop sign... on the corner of West Adair...but I think partially because they're temporary just during those hours, people don't stop at them. I feel they don't see them."

"[The trail is] buggy [and it's] torn up. It's just not well-kept because it gets flooded so easily... It's literally right next to the river. There's nothing you can do to stop the flooding."

"Pushing a stroller [on the sidewalks] is super hard...[You] can't ride a bike in training wheels... Then, you have to walk on the street, because if you're not watching, you're going to trip over the sidewalk."

"My children are very excited to walk to the park a lot this summer. And the pool. They're excited about the pool."



Older Adults

"They have stop signs to go out on the street at both corners [on Cherry Street at the school], and you see a lot of vehicles and semis and tractors not stop and that's scary."

"Well, I like to walk a lot. They have paved a lot of streets here in Shell Rock...It's smoother, safer, which has helped a lot, but some of the sidewalks are atrocious, and I've fallen a couple times...I don't think it's only due my age."

"A lot of us like to walk out [at Shell Rock Park], but we have to walk on the highway [to get there]."

"[I like to walk by the river because] it's peaceful. Any time of year, it's nice, colorful. You see birds."

"There [are] places in the sidewalk where the sidewalk is fine, but it's dipped down and it fills with water and then freezes, gets icy."



Mobility Challenged

"My [child] has a wheelchair, so some places [downtown], we have to pick up [their] wheelchair to take [them] in...because there's no ramp. A lot of [businesses] have stairs to go into them."

"[Rasmussen Park Trail is] one of our favorite places to go because it's shaded...It's right by the river so it's so pretty and relaxing. It's a very short loop, so we can go down there...walk around, come back home...It's so convenient...but we can't get back there [because of the gravel entrance]."

"We had to avoid a lot of places...for lack of sidewalks because [my child's] wheelchair does not go over grass very well...We couldn't go down a lot of streets."

"When it's four of us [walking], we're usually in a line and you can't talk to anybody and that's frustrating too... you can't walk beside [a wheelchair] because [it] takes up almost the whole entire [sidewalk]."

"You can park [at City Hall], but you have to ride out [to the bike trail]...Then, you're on the road and there are... hundreds of semis..."



Steering Committee

"...coming in on Highway 3...lots of cars turn [left onto Center Street]. If you're driving a truck, that takes longer to stop...and it's kind of a blind curve...They may have their turn signal on, but...you can't see the signal. There [have] been a lot of close calls there."

"We have lots of kiddos [who] walk to the pool. We have a nice sidewalk and...crossing for when they go over the railroad tracks, but when they turn the corner by the co-op to go to the pool, there's no sidewalks on either side [of E Railroad and S James Streets]."

"It would be really handy if you could...walk all the way from one end of town to the other on the same side of the street."

"...my cause for concern [is] crossing Highway 3 [at the intersection with T63] to the bike trail as a family... [a] pedestrian overpass [would help]."

"You wouldn't have to worry about the traffic on North Public Road on either side of Highway 3 if you had a separate, designated path for the bikes and the walkers [from City Hall to the bike trail]."

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What People Said

Transportation Assets and Barriers

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