

Actives


"The trail is really well maintained. It's kept clean and mowed. I know it takes a lot of volunteer work to make that happen."

"...the trail isn't completely finished, so if you want to walk longer or run or bike, you have to get on the roads."

"The thing is...the proximity [of the intersection of M63 and Highway 34] to the school and all the activity. There [are] a lot of kids on that intersection going home from school, and then there [are] a lot of people coming in that way...because that's where we've got Casey's and...the daycare... It's just [an unsafe] intersection."

"Coming from the east side of town, there really isn't a good spot to jump on the trail..."

"[They should improve] the parking for employees on Main Street so that there's more room...because there's no extended parking anywhere downtown so that people who work there can park somewhere else so that the Main Street [Broad Avenue] is clear."



Youth


"I would have them fix the cracks in the sidewalks and in the streets..."

"If there was a [trail], it would be a lot easier to get to Viking Lake..."

"You just don't see anything while you're on [the trail]. You see all the houses and everything...but you just ride the trail and that's it. There's nowhere to really stop and do anything."

"I think the entrance to Anderson [Park] is paved, but after that, it's just gravel...But there's people like my grandpa who are handicapped [who] want to go watch the games and he has a walker and it's a struggle to get there."

"The walking trail gets kind of flooded with mud and dirt and stuff...when it rains."



Parents


"All of the trails go by most of the sports complexes and fields too, so you've got games, practices, that kind of stuff...while the child is at practice...[the parents] just hop onto the trail and come back."

"[Kids can go] from practice to the game from this field to that field and they can be on the trail where you don't have to worry about them walking and crossing intersections..."

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"I drive...to the Viking Center and then when it's nice out, I'll run the trail all the way around."



Older Adults

"That would change the whole character of the town to have a new [railroad] underpass. It's awful the way it is. It was built in 1905."

"I think they've done a good job putting benches in along [the trail], so you can stop and take a break and sit."

"The trail system...that we put in several years ago and still are working on...[accommodates] a lot of people [who] go out just to walk. They go to it rather than walking on the streets now."

"Most of the streets in the main part of town were put in, in 1925, and it hasn't changed, and so they aren't really smooth anymore."

"The sidewalks make it difficult to walk...there's a great [risk] of tripping and falling because of the...unevenness...or the lack of [sidewalks]."



Mobility Challenged

"The only way you can get on that sidewalk [on the east side of Broad Avenue downtown] without going up steps is at either end [of the block]."

"There [are] issues with parking because they don't have enough handicapped parking so people can get around."

"...if I were to be in a wheelchair and I wanted to sit down next to my spouse... and watch the birds or the kids, I wouldn't have the opportunity to sit next to that park bench because...it's [on] grass...so my thought process was to perhaps put...some kind of platform next to those benches so you can have wheelchair access."

"...the trail...is smooth and I don't have to worry about the golf carts and that kind of stuff. I can just walk."

"My wife has a scooter and the sidewalks are too rough for her to go down, so when she goes, she has to go on the street."



Steering Committee

"The sidewalk down the hill [on Halland Avenue] is nice that takes you to Casey's. It wasn't part of the trail and that's steep, but at least it keeps kids off that whole road going down to Casey's."

"[The trail is] actually lit up at night. That's actually my favorite time to walk is when it's dark out."

"[South Hill is] kind of isolated from the walking trails or the recreation areas. So unless we're walking around the streets, you're actually driving to get to a location and then do your exercising."

"I just see little kids trying to get to the basketball court and there's not an easy way to get there without being out on the roads somewhat."

"I think the overall quality of sidewalks in Stanton needs some attention and the lack of sidewalks..."