



**Legend**

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## Assets and Preferred Routes

The analysis of assets and routes is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the four transportation user groups. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all four of transportation user groups.

### Driving

Senior and mobility-impaired users primarily drive to get around town. They typically drive on the main roads that give them access to necessities such as the post office and grocery store. Parents and actives drive into town and once there, walk to destinations. Actives also drive to out-of-town trail systems. Young children get rides from adults to school and activities such as soccer practice. Youth who are old enough to drive tend to do so only to locations outside Stuart and prefer to walk in town. However, during inclement weather, they drive more often. Some young drivers speed south of the high school.

### Walking

People in all groups walk, mainly gravitating to the perimeter of town or paths leading to and through area parks. Actives and parents like to walk a loop along SW 7th and SW 8th Streets past the AmericInn because the road is wide and doesn't have much traffic. Parents walk the trail at the recreation fields while their children are playing sports. Walkers select their routes based on sidewalk availability and safety. Seniors walk in more public places in case of any accidents. Youth walk to places such as school, parks, and the pool, especially when the weather is nice.

### Running and Biking

Parents, actives, and youth run for exercise. Youth on the cross-country team run a five-mile loop around the perimeter of Stuart for training. Because there are no sidewalks or trails, they run on the street. Actives prefer asphalt over concrete because it has more "give." They also avoid to places with heavy traffic because they fear getting hit. Biking is popular among youth and actives. Youth bike to places

such as the library, parks, and school. Some adults would bike more if there were trails in town and connections to regional trails. Youth never cross the highway and avoid heavily traveled or gravel roads.

### Winter Recreation

During winter, youth enjoy getting pulled around on sleds by tractors, ATVs, or family dogs. For those who don't engage in outdoor winter activities, Stuart has a recreation center with a roller-skating rink and a dance floor. Water aerobics classes are offered at the indoor pool at AmericInn. Bowling is another indoor winter activity available to residents.

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