



Desired Improvements

The analysis of desired improvements 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.

The information on this board should in no way be interpreted as design solutions, but rather as a series of suggestions for improvements taken from the focus-group sessions. These are a preliminary sample of what might be explored as the design process moves forward over the next few months.

Improved Sidewalk Network

An incomplete and poorly maintained sidewalk system makes walking around Stuart difficult. Senior/mobility impaired residents require smoother, complete sidewalks to improve their quality of life. Continuous sidewalks all along Division Street and to the high school would meet the needs discussed by all user groups. Curb cuts on sidewalks at all intersections would make cycling around town easier.

Trail System

Residents seek improved recreational opportunities in Stuart. All user groups desire a bike trail system in town and to out-of-town destinations. Parents, youth, and actives want access to the Raccoon River Valley Trail in Redfield.

Connectivity

The town is divided into quadrants by the White Pole Road (Highway 925/Front Street) running east-west and Division Street (County Road P28) running north-south. Improved pedestrian crossings would allow people to more easily walk and bike to Stuart's destinations, especially the high school. Adding a sidewalk or trail along County Road P28 would connect Egger Estates with the rest of town.

Traffic Control

Participants made several suggestions for controlling traffic in different parts of Stuart. The seniors suggested left-turn lanes on S. Division north of I-80 to reduce congestion. Parents and youth would like to either divert racetrack traffic from Adair Street or add stop signs. Residents would like either stop signs or a light at the intersection of Division and Front Streets.

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