

**Actives**


"So the problem we have in this town is our Main Street. When you're coming from the north or south, you almost have to pull out into the intersection to see [the] oncoming traffic..."

"You can't walk across Main Street without cars dodging you, and they will not put up a flashing light because it's a highway... and they won't make it a four-way stop."

"Another thing about the park is that we like to walk in it, [but] it's many times flooded..."

"I don't often bike downtown because it's too crazy."

"I'd love to see a trail around the entire city."



**Youth**


"A lot of people [bike] to Cones and Cups, up and down Main Street, up to Cub Park where the skate park would be. That's...usually where everyone else goes..."

"...before they got wiped out [the bridges] were pretty scary because the wood was almost rotten...it gets kind of scary if you go too fast and you have too much weight on the bridge..."

"...in the summer we rollerblade and bike, but normally it's just our parents driving us."

"We don't usually ride on Main Street; we just cross over it real quick and ride the back streets..."

"...[my cousin and I] walk [to Cones and Cups] all the time when he comes over in the summer..."



**Parents**


"We have a double stroller, so it's pretty wide, because we have three little kids...so it's not always the best on the sidewalks...we go on the street if we go for a walk, and Sumner's a small enough town that you can go on the road for a walk."

"...our walking trail is nice, but it needs to be repaired now. There's a big section of it that can't be used because of the flood."

"The city does a pretty good job of keeping [up with] the snow removal on the trails."

"We don't have very many trails."

"It seems like Water Street gets a lot of water on it."



**Older Adults**

"I see three people [walk] by my place and they're out in the street because the sidewalk's not wide enough for all three to access it."

"I don't really care [to walk on the street] because the street isn't level. It's not conducive to really good walking unless you walk right smack in the middle of the street..."

"And even for people walking, it's easier [when there are curb ramps] because you don't have that curb to deal with..."

"...[if] there were some kind of bike path or improved sidewalks on Main Street, that would be helpful for people in the senior apartments on Union Street."

"You see [people] walking up and down Pleasant all the time."



**Steering Committee**

"I think we've got a really good start on some of the trails that are going through and around our park area. I'd certainly like to see more and throughout the rest of town, maybe connecting the high school, connecting to the pool, future development, even the businesses."

"We have two brand-new bikes that we rarely use because we live right on Highway 93, and we have small kids, so it's not real safe for us to come into town on the highway...but if there was a trail, then we would obviously ride them more."

"There are parts of town where you'll have 10, 12 blocks of sidewalks, and then you'll have four with absolutely nothing, and then you'll be back on sidewalk..."

"Our children walk on the streets to get to school... going up...6th and then down Union there [are] no sidewalks...They're wide streets, but they walk in the streets."

"...inconsistent sidewalks [are] kind of a big deal, even if you just want to get to the grocery store... you don't want to walk in the street the whole way."

# Sumner

## What People Said

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