

Actives


"...the City of Toledo put a nice bridge in over Deer Creek there right by the park. It's got really nice space for biking and walking across the bridge...but there's just nothing going up to it or away from it...There's no walking or biking lane."

"...we've got two major U.S. highways just cutting right through Tama and Toledo... it's almost impossible for a kid, depending on where they live, to get to a school without having to cross a major U.S. highway."

"When we walk out to Toledo Heights, we go on [Ross Street]... There's hardly a sidewalk, and there's quite a bit of traffic on that stretch."

"If you go High Street to the east, you can pick about any street and run into bad sidewalks."

"I just think what Tama and Toledo both need to do is [look] at how to better connect with the bicycle trails."



Parents


"...the sidewalk in front of Weiting Theatre [is] very nice and very safe. It's exactly the kind of sidewalk we would like to see more of in our communities."

"...whenever I go to drop off my kids at the high school, there is a lot of traffic...There [are] always people coming in from both directions...turning in the same spot. Usually, it goes pretty smoothly, but if you're trying to make a left-hand turn...it's near[ly] impossible to go north."

"...our rec trails are a great place that we can go with kids. Only downfall...I have experienced there is just trying to get strollers through..."

"...in general, our community is not walking, biking, or exercise friendly...because our sidewalks are disconnected and all over the place."

"[Cherry Lake Trail] is nicely graveled. It's a pretty even walk...It's very level. It's easy to walk around. The only drawback is when the train goes by and it honks the horn."



Youth


"I like to go to the old football field...because usually... when there's snow on the ground, I like to go with my friends sledding, because there [are] steep hills..."

"When it's nice out, I usually ask my mom if I can go walk or ride my bike to my friend's house...My mom doesn't have to worry about it because they live so close."

"Where the playground used to be for the middle school, it's a steep hill and there's not a [curb ramp] at the bottom. It's a curb, so it's hard to get up."

"There's usually a lot of sticks and leaves on the trail [at Cherry Lake], so it's a little harder to walk."

"At Toledo [Heights] Park, there [are] no sidewalks."



Older Adults

"...there's no way to get [to the walking trail]...for all those people [who] live on Prospect Drive and the trailer court...and there's low income housing and then there's a nursing home...Many of these people don't have a car..."

"Several years ago...we went out and tried to walk [from]...the convenience store in Tama to the grocery store in Toledo...there's no sidewalk for part of that area, and it's right in front of the high school. They have to walk on a four-lane street to get there or walk on uneven ground to do it."

"I think it would be great if we had some kind of an Uber system...or even a little taxi system in town. We have nothing, absolutely nothing, to help elderly people."

"...when [Highway 30] went in...they made overpasses for people to walk, and that is great for biking."

"A lot of the children's recreation is out at Toledo Heights Park [on Ross Street] and there's no safe way to get out there."



Steering Committee

"We only have...two pedestrian routes that connect Tama to Toledo now, and on both of those routes, the sidewalks dead-end within a quarter mile of the crossing, so there's no way to get to those crossings safely."

"...one reason why I haven't ridden my bike...[is] because I have to cross the highway, and it makes me nervous to do that."

"It took me 20 minutes to walk [to the high school]. Fifteen of that was crossing the highway and climbing over snow banks to do so."

"Our sidewalks are in bad shape in town. A lot of times, there's debris them and snow, and it just forces people out into the street."

"What I like about both Toledo Heights and the rec trail is [they are] wide enough for two people to walk side by side and have a conversation. [The trail is] surrounded by trees and so it's quiet and you get that feeling of nature."

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What People Said

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