



Actives

"It's terrible. You'll find everybody running [on the edge of the highway] where it is the worst place you could possibly run. You'll be running out here on Highway 90 where they're going 55 miles an hour... it's a death trap."


"If I try to go on a three-mile run, Van Meter is great. Anything over three miles is not happening."

"Every time I want to do a [long] bike or a run, I have to load up and go somewhere."

"They did try to make a trail from the school...but it's overrun with weeds and gravel and I don't know. It almost doesn't even feel safe, but if they could make it nicer, that could be an area [to improve]."

"[I like the] trail that is along the river... It is just nice being along the river like that."

"It would be so nice if we could hook up to the bike trail system."



Youth


"[I like] how close we are with people...[we] kind of have a safe place that you know you're going to be okay."

"I really look forward to the summer so I can go explore the woods."

"Around the downtown there [are] a lot of sidewalks that suddenly go up; they're uneven... Hazardous conditions [for biking]."

"It would be nice to have some more walking trails different places."

"When it is warmer out, we walk because it is a small town, so you can get around."



Parents

"If there were sidewalks or safe spaces for biking and walking they would be utilized. We like to go ride on trails... and I have to drive somewhere to ride on a trail."


"We ride on the gravel roads, which isn't ideal, but there's no route to get anywhere unless you drive."

"I would love to see Crestview be a part of the rest of [Van Meter]. Let us join the rest of the town and [be] able to bike somewhere."

"It's beautiful. I don't know if anybody stops and takes the time to appreciate it, but the view coming into town is—man."

"I do think our parks are underutilized because you can't always walk to them... I'm driving my kids to go play outside at the county park or the city park."

"You can't push a stroller on the sidewalk."



Older Adults

"I enjoy the wildlife. I've been watching the birds because there's more coming back now."

"[The bike path] is too close to the road and if anybody is looking at their cell phone, — boom — you're gone. It just scares me."

"I would like to see another crossing somewhere along Wilson Street [into Van Meter Recreation Complex]."

"I feel comfortable in our town. I feel like I can walk. I can talk. I can ride my bike. I can do things comfortably."

"I would like a walking path that connects Van Meter to Crestview."

"I prefer to ride my bike around town for transportation if I can."



Mobility Impaired

"If you're not mobility impaired, you're fine and you can navigate it, but if you have anything that is impaired, [Van Meter] is not accessible."

"I have witnessed a lot of elderly and older folks who have wheelchairs or have walkers having a very difficult time navigating in [the ball park]."

"It is hard to walk in the gravel, so if we were to cement that it would be much easier for [mobility impaired] people."

"They've started doing accessible sidewalks in the newer area."

"The city hasn't upgraded the curbing so the streets just integrate right into the ditches, so even where there are no sidewalks, there's also no way for a blind person to cane where they're at. They can't find the side of the road, so they might be in the middle of the road and not even know it."



Steering Committee

"Johnston Park is a tough one because there's so much grade change. From an accessibility standpoint, if you are in a wheelchair, you can really only access the parking lot."

"I would say a common issue across the entire community is pedestrian and bicycle ways of getting around... there are no biking paths."

"I think street lighting is needed, especially around the main paths to school and down Main and Mill."

"We get people that'll come and park out at Crestview as well and are walking around [the track]."

"[I would like] artworks and things like that to enhance the community... creating unity throughout [the community]."

"We walk a lot during the day, but the sidewalks are sometimes impassable. You have to watch where you are going because you trip and there are holes."