



Transportation Inventory and Analysis

Wellsburg, population 692, in Grundy County is segmented by the intersection of County Roads T19 running north-south and D25 running east-west. Wellsburg experiences a high volume of traffic due to these county roads providing access to and from Highway 20 to the north and Highway 30 and Highway 330 to the south. Additional traffic is due to a number of trucking and agricultural businesses on the north and south ends of town.

A prominent safety concern for the community centers around the intersection of T19 and D25. The proximity of speed-limit signage entering town is not conducive to slowing traffic through Wellsburg, causing drivers to frequently pass through this intersection without stopping at the current four-way stop, which includes flashing lights on T19. A member of the steering committee said, "Trucks slowing down and even stopping at the four-corner stop doesn't always happen. They coast [through]" (reference: What People Said – Steering Committee, 3b). This is especially concerning due to this intersection's proximity to downtown and the Wellsburg City Park, two major pedestrian destinations.

The community has many residents who enjoy walking and biking as a leisure activity or mode of transportation around town, but they share a similar safety concern while walking or biking on sidewalks or on the roadway (reference: What People Said, 3b). Sidewalks are troublesome for parents with strollers or children on bikes because of their poor conditions and sporadic placement. This forces parents and children to use roads as their main route for travel. Uneven sidewalks pose another concern for the aging population of Wellsburg, who like to walk for exercise. "It's pretty hard to look at things around town and enjoy [them] when you are looking down at all the sidewalk cracks" (reference: What People Said – Older Adults, 3b).

The overall lack of sidewalks has been a talking point for the town. North Adams Street is a priority for the community to create safe and accessible sidewalks, because it is a destination for residents and visitors (reference: Emerging Themes, 3c). Also, the community wishes to see a paved pedestrian route and increased parking for the Wellsburg City Park and Casey's General Store, which are seperated from the majority of residences in the town by T19 and D25 (reference: What People Said, 3b). There is limited access for pedestrians to get to AGWSR Elementary and Middle School, the public pool, North Adams Street, and the City Park and Casey's General Store area without having to use the roadway to travel (reference: What People Said, 3b). With aspirations to enhance many of these locations, mobility in Wellsburg is essential.



Intersection of S. Monroe Street and W. 4th Street



Intersection of County Roads T-19 and D-25



Existing sidewalk conditions along N. Adams Street