

Concept Overview

Wellsburg, like many rural towns, faces transportation-related issues that occur due to aging and incomplete infrastructure. Sidewalks in particular have been a main topic of discussion for the community and the steering committee (reference: Emerging Themes, 3c). The lack of good-quality sidewalks hinders the connectivity of popular destinations in town and causes concern for pedestrian safety as people resort to walking or biking in the roadway.

The design team conducted a walk-by workshop where residents were able to vote and indicate to which destinations they would most like to be able to safely walk (reference: Connectivity Assessment, Board 6). Based on the results of the workshop the design team created a phased sidewalk connectivity plan that would best accommodate the locations in which the community had indicated as a priority.

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Along with sidewalks, improvements including crosswalks, additional indicators for stopping, or general updates are proposed. The intersection of Washington and 4th Streets was specified by the steering committee as a heavily trafficked location that presents an issue for pedestrians. The intersection of West 4th and South Monroe Street was another problem area identified by the community due to ice and snow buildup (reference: Emerging Themes, 3c).

Improvements are also being proposed for some of the desired destinations as indicated by the walk-by workshop and prior analysis. The City Park plan includes the restoration of the band shell, new playground equipment, and accessible sidewalks. North Adams Street's plan details accessible sidewalks, street trees, updated lighting and similar amenities, and the conversion of the street to two-way traffic. In addition, the steering committee is proposing a splash pad for the swimming pool park and accessible sidewalks.

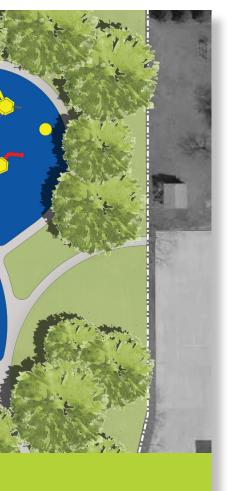
The committee would like to connect to a proposed regional trail that could one day join the communities of Steamboat Rock and Reinbeck. A possible connection could be on County Road D25 but the route should be assessed further once planning for a regional trail is finalized.

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(See Downtown Improvements, Board 8)



(See Pool Park Improvements, Board 11)

