

**Actives**


"I would like to have sidewalks in order to safely make sure that I'm not going to hit a pothole with my daughter in a stroller and crash."

"It would be nice to be able to go out past the Wheatland Manor and...on that old highway [30]...It would be nice to have a path off the side of that so we could get some distance in and... look at the scenery rather than to go...continually around town, just for a little change of scenery."

"Toronto Street is really narrow as far as walking or running or bicycling."

"Toronto Street could use sidewalks all the way up and down it. We have kids [who] walk back and forth to school, and they're walking in the roads, and that's a concern for safety."

"I always enjoy it when my kids ride along with me...I'll run and they'll ride their bikes along with me. They're getting out and getting some exercise and so am I."



**Youth**


"What makes [biking] enjoyable for us is not going alone, if we were with each other or... someone's riding bike along with us. That's probably what makes it the most enjoyable."

"There are a lot of [snow] pile ups along Main Street that make it a lot harder to get around when you're trying to run on the roads."

"[They should] make the area between Harry's Tires and the area with all the bins a little safer for kids."

"I don't think people can use the sidewalks very much just because [they are] not connected."

"[It would be nice to] add more sidewalks down by the park."



**Parents**


"If you're driving, [the railroad crossings are]...rough...I don't walk over them because...I think it's kind of a divide. I don't know how safe it is to walk on the other [side]... but...traffic is a lot higher on the...south side of the tracks."

"The park road does not have a sidewalk, and also does not have a lot of lighting on it, so if you would walk at night there's not a lot of lighting on that path."

"A lot of us use the road to the St. Paul's Cemetery [Memorial Drive], so there's definitely not any lighting out in that area, but it's a nice path because there's not a lot of cars out there."

"...when we go for runs or bike rides in town, we have to stay on the street because the sidewalk isn't wide enough or smooth enough for a double stroller."

"My kids really like going up to the high school and using the parking lots because it's the smoothest surface that we have in town, and they like using...the walkway up to the high school doors as a ramp [for scooters]."



**Older Adults**

"...Long Grove and Eldridge...have a beautiful trail connecting the two. We...started trying to plan a path between Calamus and Wheatland; it would be huge, a chore...but a pipe dream."

"I do a lot of walking...I like to be out of the wind...I tend to go to the DeWitt walking path. There [are] a lot of trees there...You're out of the wind. It's a little bit warmer if it's cool. There's a lot of shade if it's hot. It's very nice. It's fairly level, and it's always cleared, if possible. It's just beautiful...You don't have to worry about traffic."

"I watch a lot of the walkers walk by my house, and...they're always walking out in the street, which is a good thing...but I've noticed that with this Dollar General...[there] seems to be a lot more traffic out and about."

"I always walk with a friend. It gets me going and gets me out there... the other part I like...is if it's pretty, if it's beautiful, if there's trees and birds around, it's just more enjoyable."

"A point of interest is our old highway, Old Highway 30...it was kind of a historical road, and they closed it down because... it needed upgrades, and they decided that it was too much money to put anything into it, but it has some historical value."



**Mobility Challenged**

"[The railroad crossing at Toronto Street is rough. I could see the wheels of my son's wheelchair getting caught in the ruts]."

"[I would like biking or walking paths to the schools and between Wheatland and Calamus]."

"[Main Street is good for walking because the sidewalks are wide and smooth]."

"[The sidewalks at the school need to be more accessible]."

"[I would like to have accessible sidewalks to Wheatland Manor]."



**Steering Committee**

"...Wheatland is laid out well on [its] Main Street...you can park in one spot, go to the post office, go to the insurance office, go to the hair salon."

"I think better signage on both Highway 30 and 130th Avenue would be better, because people coming from wherever...they're not always familiar with the road, and the blind spot, so better signage would be good too."

"The other obstacle... is how many times the trains go through, how many times we're stuck waiting at the train intersection..."

"[Wheatland] is a safe place...[my grandkids and I] will walk to the bank and...go to the library, and they enjoy it."

"[The railroad crossings] are terrible, and they have always been terrible. I don't understand why they can't get that to be smoother."

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## What People Said

### Transportation Assets and Barriers

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