



Barriers and Other Challenges

In general, pedestrians have a hard time crossing Highway 30 and Highway 1. Highway 30 is congested, especially during peak commuting hours. The stop signs at “**dysfunction junction**” (3), where Highways 30 and 1 meet, do little to encourage pedestrian traffic. A community member states, “You take your life in your hands out there.” The City is considering **Entryway signage** (5) coming into town west on Highway 30. Residents are unhappy with the unsightly billboards that greet visitors when coming into town on Mount Vernon Road.

Residents expressed a desire to connect the **Stonebrook Neighborhood** to the rest of town with trails and road linkages. The Stonebrook neighborhood feels cut off—“impossible to get anywhere from there,” stated a resident. To get to school from Stonebrook, kids have to walk three times farther than the actual distance, and cross Palisades Road at least twice. Additionally, they would like a way to connect to the north side of Lisbon (other than Main Street/Lisbon Road).

People identified **Second Street (2)** as in need of improvement for two reasons. During the winter, the stairs that pedestrians need to climb to reach the sidewalk present safety and accessibility concerns. Street lighting is absent or sparse and creates safety and security issues. Another street that would benefit from lighting is **Palisades Road (4)**, especially in front of elementary school.

In a community where so many ride bikes, residents felt there were not enough bike racks on **Main Street (1)**. Long-distance cyclists were interested in creating linkages to regional trails. For example, a trail to Cedar Rapids would provide access to an extensive network of trails in that city. A trail developed along Sutliff Road could connect to North Liberty, Solon, and Iowa City. Some cyclists use Sutliff Road now, but it is dangerous because of narrow shoulders and speeding traffic.

Adults expressed a need for more parks designed for them. Adults prefer places that are quiet and scenic, with seating and picnic tables. They would like outdoor art that is not playground equipment, a vista to look at, a flower garden—something to make it special. They are looking for soothing places where small groups of adults can sit and have conversations.



Intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 30. Source: Robin Hamadani



8th Street Northwest. Source: Nicholas Gulick



Intersection of Highway 1 and 4th Street South. Source: Nicholas Gulick

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