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LONG RANGE 2024 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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APPENDIX D-1:

Wikimap Comments

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1	Transit Comment	Please run a route to the airport area.	5/4/2023	I Agree, there would be a good amount of people needing this	5/30/2023	5	5	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440155&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	5/31/2023				
				I Agree	6/6/2023				
2	Bicycle Comment	Add E/W route south of Central Ave and north of 10th Ave S	5/23/2023	I Agree	5/30/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440926&type=point&no_login=1
3	Vehicle Comment	Can be tricky to cross Central Ave when driving on 32nd St in morning commute.	5/23/2023	I Agree. Four way stop would be a good addition.	5/30/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440927&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree, even other times of the day it's tricky.	6/1/2023				
				The intersection at 10thAvaS and 39th street is dangerous. Lowering the speed limit would make a difference. People speed up the make the green light so they may be going 50 or 60 mph when they hit a car coming on to 10th Av S. Please lower the speed limit to 35 from city motors to Walmart.	1/25/2024				
4	Bicycle Comment	Need dedicated bike lanes on Central	5/23/2023	I Agree; Central is plenty wide enough to allow for bike lanes.	5/31/2023	8	8	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440928&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	6/6/2023				
				I Agree, it'd be especially helpful in expanding the range for the bird scooters we have around town. We have the rides, we just need the infrastructure!	2/6/2024				
5	Vehicle Comment	Transition into roundabout for better safety and traffic flow	5/23/2023	I Agree. Though people might not be used to it at first it honestly might help 3rd St NW not get as congested during rush hour.	5/30/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440936&type=point&no_login=1
6	Pedestrian Comment	Move crossing further down and add blinking button to link river's edge safely to street grid.	5/23/2023	Not sure about moving it away from the intersection, but definitely need a better crosswalk with leading pedestrian interval, wider ramps etc.	12/16/2023	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440937&type=point&no_login=1
7	Pedestrian Comment	Put a park on park island for pedestrians and cyclists	5/23/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440938&type=point&no_login=1
8	Pedestrian Comment	Hard to cross the road	5/24/2023	I Agree! how is the connector along the river coming?	5/22/204	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440979&type=point&no_login=1
9	Pedestrian Comment	Sidewalk connector to these businesses. In the winter, the snow is so high it's hard to walk across without a path to these businesses (Sushi, Coldstone, Steakhouse, black bear, and McDonalds).	5/24/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440980&type=point&no_login=1
10	Pedestrian Comment	Crosswalk markings needed. Neighborhood kids cross Flood Rd on foot and bike to get to the church for different afterschool actives. It would be great if they had a marked path.	5/24/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=440981&type=point&no_login=1
11	Vehicle Comment	There should be a left turn arrow onto the 15th Street bridge due to heavy westbound traffic on River Drive North, much of which is industrial.	5/25/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441030&type=point&no_login=1
12	Bicycle Comment	Trail connection needed at 25th St N	5/26/2023	I Agree. Would be a hard spot to connect to the trail though	5/30/2023	4	4	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441089&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree.	5/30/2023				
			5/26/2023	I Agree that more trail connections are needed for both bikers and pedestrians, but this spot would be hard to connect to the trail. Perhaps a better location would be to connect from 8th Avenue North to the location of the Caboose on the trail between 15th Street and 25th Street	5/31/2023				
13	Bicycle Comment	Can we get bike lanes to the River's Edge Trail in Riverview?	5/30/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441147&type=point&no_login=1
14	Vehicle Comment	1st Ave S between 12th and 13th streets is like a roller coaster ride since the water main work last year. I think the company that resurfaced needs to fix this.	5/30/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441166&type=point&no_login=1
15	Transit Comment	I live on 61 hawk drive. Paratransit would sure help me. I am a single mom that struggles to get her son places	5/30/2023	I agree!	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441169&type=point&no_login=1
16	Vehicle Comment	1st and 2nd Aves North are state-managed "minor arterials." Between 15th and 36th Streets, each of these allows two traffic lanes and two parking lanes (left and right). By law, each lane should be a minimum of 8 feet wide. The average width in this stretch is 28 feet (four feet short of minimum for the lanes). Very few people actually park on these avenues, due to the hazard, and use driveways/alleyways instead. Please look at the safety of the current situation, and compare them to 25th and 26th Streets North, which are also state-managed minor arterials, but have been converted to two traffic lanes and just one parking lane--much safer and saner!	5/30/2023	I Agree	6/6/2023	7	7	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441179&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	12/4/2023				
				I Agree	12/16/2023				

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				I Agree. Need to enhance these one-ways as pretty much the only viable cross town alternative to 10th Ave S.	12/17/2023				
17	Vehicle Comment	If it's possible, extend the rest of tenth to the same lane count from 26th Street up to 38th street.	5/30/2023			2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441180&type=point&no_login=1
18	Bicycle Comment	Bike lanes on the shoulder of 10th Ave S would be appreciated	5/30/2023	I agree that bike lanes near 10th Ave S are necessary but would prefer the lanes on 9th Avenue South running the full length of the city	5/31/2023	-1	1	2	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441181&type=point&no_login=1
				I Disagree, bike lanes are needed around town for sure. But for safety they should always be off of major traffic arteries. For example if you put lanes on 9th south it would be safer for all and 10th would still keep traffic flowing. I think when we plan bike lanes the key is that they should be safe enough for kids to bike on.	7/7/2023				
				I Agree only if the lanes are protected bike lanes. Simply marking shoulders as bike lanes is not conducive to bicyclist safety.	1/26/2024				
				I would also add that bike lanes on 9th isn't as effective as adding them on 10th because 9th isn't a straight-shot all the way through GF like 10th is. Even if you add bike lanes through the parks that intersect it, you can't put bike lanes through people's homes.	1/26/2024				
19	Transit Comment	More bus routes especially in residential areas and longer hours of operation along with being open on Sunday's would help immensely for those who are not able to drive or bike. You can look at other cities in Montana such as Missoula for example. Our public bus system currently is pretty lacking.	5/30/2023	I Agree. I also think Missoula's bus system being free allows many more people to ride regularly, and encourages bus use for younger people, students, parents, seniors, and low-income individuals. Great Falls would greatly benefit from an improved public transit system and a free fare system.	5/31/2023	4	4	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441182&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	5/31/2023				
20	Vehicle Comment	When turning East onto 10th Ave S from the inside left turn lane, the median sticks out so far that the turn is nearly a 90 degree turn, making the adjacent left turn lane vehicle very close...perhaps shortening the median would allow for a less sharp turn	5/31/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441186&type=point&no_login=1
21	Vehicle Comment	I feel a second left hand turn lane should be added at the southbound intersection of 25th and 10th Ave S. A lot of people turn left to go to the hospital and then have to cross 3 lanes to make that immediate right hand turn	5/31/2023	This is a confusing intersection for north bound right turns because of people weaving over to 26th thinking they have the right of way. Consider extending the one way through the intersection.	12/17/2023	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441187&type=point&no_login=1
22	Vehicle Comment	Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3 has heard complaints from residents about speeding cars on the narrow portion of 6th Street N.W., north of Smelter Avenue. Cars exceeding the speed limit have created a safety issue for pedestrians and animals. Widening the road could provide better visibility for drivers.	5/31/2023	I Disagree. Widening the road will encourage drivers to drive faster. (Think: wide interstate lane vs. narrow alleyway.) The lanes should be narrower to naturally slow drivers.	5/31/2023	-1	0	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441189&type=point&no_login=1
23	Pedestrian Comment	Could we get flashing pedestrian lights for our schools? Similar to what Benefis has for its crosswalk.	5/31/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441211&type=point&no_login=1
24	Bicycle Comment	Three lanes on 1st Ave North is not necessary to accommodate the traffic. Recommend removing one lane and including bike lanes on both sides from Park Drive to 9th Street.	5/31/2023	I Agree, getting safe multi use lanes there would be great for traffic, businesses and health!	7/7/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441264&type=point&no_login=1
				A road diet could help vehicular traffic and non-motorized traffic both flow more efficiently and, more importantly, more safely.	4/7/2024				
25	Bicycle Comment	Three lanes on 1st Avenue South is not necessary to accommodate the level of traffic. Recommend removing one lane and including bike lane from Park Drive to 9th Street.	5/31/2023	I Agree	6/6/2023	4	4	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441265&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree. This would also spur development of the vacant lots in this area by increasing how many people would pass through and reduce the need for parking.	4/7/2024				
				Painted lanes do nothing for cyclist safety. A dedicated lane with a physical barrier is needed for cyclists of all ages to be safe.	5/31/2023				
				I Agree	6/19/2023				

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26	Bicycle Comment	Clearly painted bike lanes needed on the 8th Ave N biking corridor	5/31/2023	Sort of agree. I don't bike 8th because not enough space so paint won't help by itself. Door zone bike lanes are worse than nothing. Eliminate parking on one side and stripe a bike lane. On other side bike lane next to curb and separate from car lane with parking lane. Then it would be amazing!	1/7/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441266&type=point&no_login=1
27	Vehicle Comment	This is an uncontrolled intersection that is out of control. Please consider making it a 4 way stop or adding yield signs to blvd	5/31/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441267&type=point&no_login=1
28	Pedestrian Comment	Sidewalks need updated at crossings to allow for strollers, wheelchairs, bikes to transition easier instead of the large curbs	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441268&type=point&no_login=1
29	Pedestrian Comment	Dangerous intersection for pedestrians. No crosswalk. No need for a three lane highway cutting thru the heart of downtown. The dedicated turn lane for cars needs to be eliminated.	5/31/2023	I Agree	6/6/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441300&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	12/4/2023				
30	Vehicle Comment	Install a protected left turn arrow west bound on 10th Ave S for people turning south on 20th St. S.	5/31/2023	I Agree. One needs to be at 23rd St S also	6/1/2023	3	3	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441301&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	6/1/2023				
				I agree. Also a left turn arrow at 23rd St S.	5/22/2024				
31	Pedestrian Comment	Rivers Edge trail is weakly linked across River Drive and is barely linked at all to Downtown. There needs to be more prominent access, fewer parking lots, and more infill development and this could be a pedestrian-friendly corridor	5/31/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441302&type=point&no_login=1
32	Vehicle Comment	Repurpose driving lanes and add angled street parking like on Central Ave for all one-way streets	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441303&type=point&no_login=1
33	Vehicle Comment	Too many parking lots downtown. They are almost all vacant. City should add more angled street parking and alleyway angled parking	5/31/2023	I Agree- too many vacant lots but not enough affordable monthly or pay to park options.	6/1/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441304&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree. Encourage the owners of these lots to develop them to create a thriving and vibrant area with residential and commercial developments. This could be done by reducing parking minimums and/or instituting parking maximums.	6/21/2023				
34	Transit Comment	Bus needs to run later, especially on weekends. It should link a few disparate parts of town frequently rather than try and cover all of town infrequently.	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441305&type=point&no_login=1
35	Transit Comment	Bus should run later to cover nightlife/dinner crowd	5/31/2023	I Agree. Bus should also run later to cover public meetings, like transit district meetings.	10/28/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441306&type=point&no_login=1
36	Vehicle Comment	Reduce to one lane, slow traffic, add angled street parking	5/31/2023	I Disagree	6/1/2023	-1	0	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441307&type=point&no_login=1
37	Vehicle Comment	10th Ave S (also 89) should either be a street or a road. A street is a pedestrian friendly place to park cars and construct a nice place to be. A road is an efficient way to move cars between nice places. Currently, it fails to be a street because it is so dangerous to walk there. It also fails to be a road because driving is stressful and unsafe. Traffic engineers should decide whether it ought to be a street or a road.	5/31/2023	I Agree!	1/26/2024	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441308&type=point&no_login=1
38	Pedestrian Comment	I walk intersections across 1st often and walkers are always waiting for the light. Drivers are also waiting for the light. We should install bump out sidewalks to encourage more walkers, replace the lights with single lane roundabouts, and add parking to benefit businesses on 1st	5/31/2023	I Agree	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441309&type=point&no_login=1
39	Pedestrian Comment	I do not feel safe crossing any of the one-ways downtown	5/31/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441310&type=point&no_login=1
40	Vehicle Comment	This intersection should be a roundabout	5/31/2023	I Agree, the bridge up ahead is one of the important roads for getting across the Missouri so keep traffic flowing as our city grows in population is a must.	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441311&type=point&no_login=1
41	Vehicle Comment	This intersection should be a roundabout	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441312&type=point&no_login=1
42	Pedestrian Comment	I saw a man in crutches struggling to cross 3rd with his wife and two children. I've almost been hit while crossing. 3rd is a deathtrap for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441313&type=point&no_login=1
43	Pedestrian Comment	How are we supposed to get from the River's Edge Trail to the Expo Park?	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441314&type=point&no_login=1
44	Vehicle Comment	More yield signs along these secondary roads that have more traffic would really be helpful.	6/1/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441321&type=point&no_login=1
45	Vehicle Comment	This red light is typically very difficult to navigate, often and various times of the day the traffic is backed up past Super 1. It would be super helpful if there was another light (possibly at 34th?) to evenly spread the traffic here.	6/1/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441322&type=point&no_login=1

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46	Vehicle Comment	Adding a secondary continuously moving traffic option in addition to 10th to connect both side of town and the residential areas in between is a fantastic idea.	6/1/2023	I Agree	6/8/2023	4	5	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441324&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree, with separated trail next to it.	6/19/2023				
47	Pedestrian Comment	This is an unsafe intersection for pedestrians. In order to see oncoming traffic, cars entering the intersection from 3rd Ave S have to pull into and obstruct the crosswalk - they do not watch for pedestrians when they do this. How many turning lanes does 3rd Ave S have on this intersection? I always see two cars create two right turning lanes. I frequently see cars who are trying to drive past the intersection (traveling N up 2nd St) get frustrated waiting behind a car wanting to turn left on 3rd Ave S - so if parked cars aren't in the way to their right, they will speed up and zoom around the car waiting to turn, creating their own driving lane. This is where I will be killed as a pedestrian crossing the street.	6/1/2023	I Agree	6/6/2023	3	3	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441326&type=point&no_login=1
				Everything posted here is 100% accurate. Would love to see this fixed!!	12/4/2023				
				Agreed - there aren't enough safe ways to cross 2nd Street at all	12/4/2023				
48	Pedestrian Comment	When this section of 10th Ave S was expanded into a 6 lane road, the sidewalk was moved behind the boulevard, protected by a line of greenery and trees. It would be nice if the rest of 10th Ave S had a barrier between cars and bike lanes + sidewalks, as it is terrifying to walk alongside 10th.	6/1/2023	I Agree. And businesses need a reminder to clear that walkway instead of piling the snow from their parking lots onto it.	10/28/2023	4	4	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441327&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	12/4/2023				
				I Agree, creating a little bit more separation between the road and pedestrians/bicyclists would be a critical move to making using the sidewalks (and potentially bike lanes on 10th) more attractive as an alternative means of transportation.	2/6/2024				
49	Pedestrian Comment	Why is there a tree planted in the middle of a sidewalk here?	6/1/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441328&type=point&no_login=1
50	Bicycle Comment	A picture of a bicycle on the road is not enough to make a safe lane that bicyclists will want to use. I have walked this street twice to thrice a day for the last 6 years and have only witnessed 2 instances of bicyclists using the "bicycle lane."	6/1/2023	I Agree! bike lanes in great falls barely exist, and I don't think most people know what they are here. Education and better marking are needed	6/7/2023	5	5	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441329&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree. Sharrows only make sense on low volume low speed streets where cyclists can realistically share a lane.	12/30/2023				
				I agree. This could be a candidate for some sort of protected bike lane, as there is the room and could help spur development of additional businesses and restaurants by increasing the number of people who can access this (bike parking is less space intensive than car parking).	4/7/2024				
				I Agree. most people don't know what those marks mean	5/22/2024				
51	Pedestrian Comment	How about safe pedestrian access to River's Edge Trail from these sidewalks?	6/1/2023	I Agree, in my dreams, although I can't imagine how it would be possible here. Cog rail down the hill? Elevator? Tramway? It would be awesome, though.	10/28/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441330&type=point&no_login=1
52	Bicycle Comment	Walking/Biking across 10th is a nightmare. We really need a bridge or something dedicated to safely crossing.	6/1/2023	I Agree	6/11/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441331&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree 100%, there needs to be pedestrian bridges all along 10th.	12/21/2023				
53	Pedestrian Comment	Narrow this vehicle entrance to Gibson Park like the other entrance was narrowed to slow down cars and prioritize pedestrian travel.	6/1/2023	I Agree	12/4/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441332&type=point&no_login=1
54	Pedestrian Comment	From Park Dr to 5th St, Central Ave could be closed to cars. In the street, we could have greenery and a walking path (Something similar to Last Chance Gulch in Helena). There is no real utility for cars in this stretch of Central.	6/1/2023	I Agree. Would be a great space for food trucks, events, etc	6/7/2023	3	3	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441333&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree, would be great to make sections like this more walkable and pedestrian friendly.	1/26/2024				
55	Bicycle Comment	Can we create a loop that connects the river's edge trail to GFC, UGF, GFH, CMR?	6/1/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441334&type=point&no_login=1
56	Bicycle Comment	Can we create a loop that connects the river's edge trail to GFC, UGF, GFH, CMR?	6/1/2023	I Agree	6/4/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441335&type=point&no_login=1
57	Bicycle Comment	Can we create a loop that connects the river's edge trail to GFC, UGF, GFH, CMR?	6/1/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441336&type=point&no_login=1
58	Bicycle Comment	Can we create a loop that connects the river's edge trail to GFC, UGF, GFH, CMR?	6/1/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441337&type=point&no_login=1

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59	Pedestrian Comment	There is one small section of sidewalk on the walking path at Carter Park that is completely missing. This missing section is a potential hazard for walkers & runners, to say nothing for people wanting to use strollers or bicycles on the path. This chunk of sidewalk has been damaged for at least 3 years. Numerous requests for repair have been made.	6/1/2023	I've asked about this getting fixed multiple times!	12/4/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441338&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	12/4/2023				
60	Vehicle Comment	We need a light or something here.. constantly people turning when they shouldn't and so many accidents	6/2/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441339&type=point&no_login=1
61	Vehicle Comment	Please consider putting in a round-about at the intersection of Smelter Ave NW and 6th St NW to ease traffic flow and make the intersection safer.	6/2/2023	I Disagree	2/3/2024	-1	0	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441345&type=point&no_login=1
62	Vehicle Comment	Please consider putting in a round-about at the intersection of Smelter Ave NW and 4th St NE to ease traffic flow and make the intersection safer. This is a very dangerous intersection to try to cross from 4th St NE.	6/2/2023	I Agree	6/6/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441346&type=point&no_login=1
63	Vehicle Comment	Please consider putting in a 4-way Stop to calm the traffic on 2nd St NE. NC3 has received many complaints on speeding on 2nd St NE.	6/2/2023	I Agree Hate to say it but the division road round a bout created the problem for this intersection.	2/3/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441347&type=point&no_login=1
64	Vehicle Comment	Reflective tape or paint at the base of the circle would help drivers unfamiliar with the roundabout to slow down as they enter the intersection at night. Drivers have driven over the top of the roundabout.	6/5/2023	I Agree	5/22/2024	-1	0	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441423&type=point&no_login=1
65	Vehicle Comment	Ice accumulates at the bottom of this slope, which makes the intersection with quick-moving traffic on 2nd Ave N dangerous in winter	6/6/2023	I Disagree 15mph speed limit inside the circle is sufficient. It's properly signed with yield signs. I'd suggest a TV ad to teach people how to get through the circle. It's a yield sign as well not a stop sign. Learn how to drive and it will be smoother.	2/3/2024	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441433&type=point&no_login=1
66	Vehicle Comment	The southbound lane just south of the intersection with 1st Ave N seems to collapse the merging lane into a single lane immediately, then open up into two lanes almost as quickly. The lanes here are confusing, and should be two lanes all the way through.	6/6/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441434&type=point&no_login=1
67	Pedestrian Comment	Industrial/commercial traffic on River Drive has a strong negative impact on the peace and enjoyability of the park	6/6/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441435&type=point&no_login=1
68	Pedestrian Comment	Pedestrian bridges are needed for folks who live in this area	6/6/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441436&type=point&no_login=1
69	Vehicle Comment	Current parking policies make it difficult to leave a car overnight, which discourages use of downtown restaurants/bars, or worse, encourages impaired driving	6/6/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441438&type=point&no_login=1
70	Pedestrian Comment	The gradual removal of downtown seating presents a challenge to those with limited mobility. Some folks would like to, or need to, walk to their destination, but need a little rest along the way.	6/6/2023	I Agree	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441439&type=point&no_login=1
71	Vehicle Comment	On June 6, a vehicle traveling on 2nd Ave North managed to hit a light pole, severing it at ground level, and then plowed into a tree. The light pole and tree are in the boulevard section of my property in the 2900 block. This is the THIRD time since we have lived here (20 years) that a vehicle has taken out the light pole and battered the tree. What can you surmise from this? Think maybe the avenue is unsafe somehow? Not enough room for two traffic lanes plus two (unmarked) parking lanes? Not enough monitoring of speedsters in a residential zone? I have photos of multiple parked cars which have been rear-ended; broken off side mirrors; scraped side bodies. Also plenty of photos of cars parked on 1st and 2nd Aves North with two wheels up on the curb in hopes of not being hit; and photos of most of the stretches where no cars park at all, for safety reasons, presumably. I am just glad I was not mowing my lawn or walking on the sidewalk at the time(s). It's a matter of time before somebody is killed or badly injured--beside the drivers!	6/7/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441440&type=point&no_login=1
72	Vehicle Comment	This intersection is very dangerous when turning from 10th Ave onto Fox Farm when vehicles are turning into businesses as there is not enough turn space or part of vehicle sticks out into traffic.	6/8/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441471&type=point&no_login=1
73	Vehicle Comment	Need to deal with all of this traffic from 10th Ave trying to turn onto Fox Farm..At certain times of the day, traffic backs way up to almost the bridge causing safety issues as people coming across at 45 MPH to a stop.	6/8/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441472&type=point&no_login=1

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74	Vehicle Comment	In from of Meadowlark school traffic backs up bad 2 times/day when people trying to pick up or drop off kids. Need a short-term fix and long-term fix. As more homes built south of town this issue will only get worse.	6/8/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441473&type=point&no_login=1
75	Vehicle Comment	This slip lane is quite dangerous due to the way the traffic light operates. Since the light is nearly always green, drivers do not expect that it might ever be yellow or red, and as such do not always register that the light is signaling to stop. This intersection has been the location of a few fatal accidents between vehicles and pedestrians/bikes, further indicating that the intersection as a whole is designed poorly and unsafely.	6/9/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441485&type=point&no_login=1
76	Corridor Comment	Reduce driving lanes, add angled street parking, slow traffic, and increase pedestrian amenities (bump out sidewalks, better crossings, and slower vehicles)	5/23/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330017&type=line&no_login=1
77	Corridor Comment	Reduce lanes, slow traffic, add street parking and loading zones, increase pedestrian crossings	5/23/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330018&type=line&no_login=1
78	Corridor Comment	How are pedestrians supposed to get to the trail from the rest of town?	5/23/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330019&type=line&no_login=1
79	Corridor Comment	Add bypass long term	5/23/2023	I don't think this would be wise as it would be too expensive and cuts through existing land.	5/31/2023	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330020&type=line&no_login=1
				should have been done 40 years ago.	6/1/2023				
				I agree, how much traffic flowing through 10th is just people trying to cross from one highway to the other?	2/6/2024				
80	Corridor Comment	Add Greenbelt to loop Rivers Edge to the landlocked side of town	5/23/2023	Love this idea. would be easy to do at this point.	5/30/2023	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330021&type=line&no_login=1
81	Corridor Comment	Change the speed limit from 25 to 35 on 8th Ave N past 15th St N up to 38th St N as most people tend to drive faster on the road as it currently stands.	5/30/2023	Instead of changing the speed limit, perhaps some traffic calming would be better?	4/7/2024	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330110&type=line&no_login=1
82	Corridor Comment	There needs to be a way to walk and bike over this intersection either here or down by the Country Club. Right now this is very dangerous.	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330111&type=line&no_login=1
83	Corridor Comment	We will probably need another bridge at some point to reduce congestion	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330118&type=line&no_login=1
84	Corridor Comment	Link needed from neighborhoods to Rivers Edge Trail	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330119&type=line&no_login=1
85	Corridor Comment	Rivers Edge Trail should extend thru golf course along railroad track to connect with neighborhoods	5/31/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330120&type=line&no_login=1
86	Corridor Comment	Flooding of road during hard rain and/or snow melt is causing extreme hazards for drivers along this route. Need a short-term and long-term fix.	6/8/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330239&type=line&no_login=1
87	Corridor Comment	Fox Farm traffic is getting too much for a route through housing are and going by school. Need a way of redirecting traffic away from Fox Farm.	6/8/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1330240&type=line&no_login=1
88	Vehicle Comment	Great falls could use 1-2 more bridges across the river. connecting River dr N and NW Bypass would be beneficial.	6/19/2023			3	3	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=441689&type=point&no_login=1
89	Vehicle Comment	I have lived in my home 3020 for 8 years now. We have had a car in a tree of a neighbor, i have had a hit and run against a tree in my side yard and most recently my 9-year-old was assaulted by a speeding car and a can while riding his bike on the SIDEWALK on our street. We need a round about and speed bumps on our street. I contacted the city 2 years ago and was told that we would at the least get a traffic counter, to see how great the need is. With the speeding cars (some get up to what looks like 45+ MPH) on our street.	7/11/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=453505&type=point&no_login=1
90	Vehicle Comment	Please give us speed bumps, cars travel at speeds above 45+ MPH daily. It is so dangerous. We have several close calls, and a current assault charge to a minor on our street.	7/11/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=453506&type=point&no_login=1
91	Vehicle Comment	Have to agree with the roundabout idea. I've lived in this area for 35 years and have avoided many close calls at this intersection. People coming from the East and West on Skyline drive are traveling way to fast. Skyline Drive and 9th street NE is a large awkward intersection and a roundabout would improve traffic safety for all.	7/15/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=453597&type=point&no_login=1
92	Pedestrian Comment	THERE NEEDSTO be a ways to alert ag traffic updated crossing areas at both 6th Street Southwest and Old Havre Highway	7/26/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=453848&type=point&no_login=1
93	Vehicle Comment	When school is in session or during rush, getting on and off 38th Street can be a dicey affair. I propose a roundabout at this intersection.	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454863&type=point&no_login=1

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94	Vehicle Comment	This intersection does get congested at times, especially before and after school. I strongly suggest a roundabout at this intersection	9/18/2023	This intersection is a pain; a roundabout would be so much smoother and quicker to navigate.	12/4/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454864&type=point&no_login=1
				I'd love a roundabout here! It'd keep traffic moving and reduce a lot of that start-stop traffic that happens at this intersection.	2/6/2024				
95	Vehicle Comment	With the amount of traffic turning onto 10th from Walmart and the lack of pedestrian crossings into the Walmart shopping complex, I recommend a stop light be placed at 54th and 10th Ave S	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454865&type=point&no_login=1
96	Vehicle Comment	The light on 10th Ave N and 57th Street can take a while to turn if you're on 10th Avenue North trying to turn onto 57th or going straight through.	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454866&type=point&no_login=1
97	Vehicle Comment	Dual turning lanes on 1st Avenue North Eastbound going onto 37th Street would divert some of the Malmstrom Traffic, which usually turns wide, so they can make the turn onto 2nd Ave N	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454867&type=point&no_login=1
98	Vehicle Comment	A 4-way stop sign is needed at this blind intersection, where part of the Super One Foods building blocks the view if proceeding southbound on 32nd Street.	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454868&type=point&no_login=1
99	Vehicle Comment	Whenever the 2nd Avenue North Gate is closed, there's little or no notice. I suggest putting a digital sign at 52nd Avenue North or around the vicinity, letting motorists know of such gate closures	9/18/2023	I Agree, maybe add one on 57th Street as well, on the south part, for people who come up north.	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454869&type=point&no_login=1
100	Vehicle Comment	Widening 57th Street Northbound to three lanes would alleviate some of the traffic jams and add some additional capacity, especially if the 10th Avenue North gate is closed. The third (right lane) would divert traffic onto 2nd Avenue North.	9/18/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=454870&type=point&no_login=1
101	Transit Comment	Bring back the train/trolley	10/27/2023	I Agree. And in the Electric City, it should be electric.	10/28/2023	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456130&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	1/26/2024				
				I agree! I hear there are tunnels below Central Ave, maybe make it a metro?	1/26/2024				
102	Vehicle Comment	There should be a roundabout to slow traffic and increase a steady, consistent flow rather than "stop and go"	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456131&type=point&no_login=1
103	Vehicle Comment	There should be a roundabout to spin the traffic and encourage a slow, steady flow rather than a "stop and go" Fast and Furious style drag race with drivers trying to beat the yellow light or navigate a left turn in front of oncoming truck traffic	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456132&type=point&no_login=1
104	Pedestrian Comment	2nd Ave is dangerous. I was almost ran over. The walking public should be the safety priority in this area with the Library, County Courthouse, and County Government services. Cars should be slowed down by street design.	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456134&type=point&no_login=1
105	Pedestrian Comment	Dangerous drivers going too fast on the one-ways and trying to beat the light.	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456135&type=point&no_login=1
106	Vehicle Comment	Not enough traffic to justify stoplights. Consider small traffic circles and angled parking to slow cars down.	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456197&type=point&no_login=1
107	Pedestrian Comment	Dangerous intersection. One way roads are like racetracks for drivers in a hurry trying to beat the light. Our downtown should be a destination not a drive-thru.	10/27/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456198&type=point&no_login=1
108	Transit Comment	Whats the point of having a transit system if people cannot walk around downtown without having to cross three lane racetracks where drivers have nothing slowing them down?	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456199&type=point&no_login=1
109	Transit Comment	Lighted bus shelter and a loop or rotary for buses (and all those trucks) to turn around is needed here. This is where the second transit center should be located if we keep the same route system. Three bus lines meet here. It's quite the pile up. But it could be excellent for WalMart and restaurants and truckers and the public if we could make this area move vehicles more efficiently.	10/28/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456215&type=point&no_login=1
110	Transit Comment	When the pool opens up, we'll want to re-route a bus line to stop here. Suggest changing the #4 would be better, since the other route is already pressed to meet its times.	10/28/2023	I Agree	12/4/2023	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456217&type=point&no_login=1
111	Pedestrian Comment	Crosswalk and light. This is the only safe access point to River's Edge Trail between Giant Springs and 9th Street bridge.	10/28/2023	I Agree. There is a long stretch with no access to the trail system or safe entryways to the only access point on the river side of the road.	2/7/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456218&type=point&no_login=1
112	Pedestrian Comment	Put a pedestrian tunnel and walkway on the other side of the underpass. This is way too narrow for RVs coming around the bend to avoid pedestrians cutting through to the Market Place. (The safe route out the other side of the RV park, down Fox Farm, up Park Garden...etc...is a very much longer hike.)	10/28/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456219&type=point&no_login=1
113	Vehicle Comment	This piece of 5th street's going away, isn't it? Looking forward to that. Good idea.	10/28/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456220&type=point&no_login=1

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114	Corridor Comment	Convert street into one-way trolley loop, bike lanes, street parking, and pedestrian mall	10/27/2023	I agree! It'd be great for the businesses in downtown if it was more walkable down there.	2/6/2024	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1331745&type=line&no_login=1
115	Corridor Comment	Build a light rail or trolley station to connect Downtown to a new "Uptown" multi-use dense housing district near the base.	10/27/2023	Absolutely agree! It'd also be a great way to reduce some of the traffic on the schools on this street, too!	2/6/2024	0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1331746&type=line&no_login=1
116	Corridor Comment	Construct a light rail or trolley line connecting the U-district to the Rivers Edge trail	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1331747&type=line&no_login=1
117	Corridor Comment	Build a decorative pedestrian bridge	10/27/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1331748&type=line&no_login=1
118	Vehicle Comment	There is not enough room on 1st and 2nd for two parking lanes. Parking should be reduced to one lane, then we could keep both traffic lanes and maybe even have room for a bike lane.	12/4/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456893&type=point&no_login=1
119	Pedestrian Comment	Residents at the new apartments going up at the Milwaukee Station will want to cross to the River's Edge Trail, but River Dr N lacks safe crossings. Crossings with stoplights should be added here.	12/4/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456894&type=point&no_login=1
120	Pedestrian Comment	There are an increasing number of pedestrians that jaywalk 10th Ave S. along this stretch. It is scary and dangerous, and I don't think law enforcement does anything about it. At least, I've never seen or heard of anyone ticketed for this. Would love to see more enforcement of this, as it's getting really out of hand.	12/5/2023	I Disagree, I think there needs to be more places for people to cross so they aren't encouraged to cross where they're not supposed to. Maybe run a study to see where people are jaywalking and add a pedestrian bridge over the road?	1/26/2024	-1	0	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=456904&type=point&no_login=1
121	Vehicle Comment	Don't expand 10th to six lanes. Find other alternatives.	12/16/2023	Agreed! Expansion of infrastructure that accommodates other modes of transportation (walking, biking, buses, trains etc.) will alleviate the backups here on 10th. California made the mistake of repeatedly adding lanes to their highways and it's only exacerbated the problem.	6/15/2024	0	1	1	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457689&type=point&no_login=1
122	Bicycle Comment	Bike connection to marketplace. 18th Ave SW and a tunnel under railroad would be great.	12/16/2023	I agree. This could also connect those who live in Fox Farm and Marketplace to the rest of the trail system, enabling the numerous commuting, leisure, and shopping trips.	4/7/2024	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457690&type=point&no_login=1
123	Vehicle Comment	Bridges that won't last another 20 years, like eastbound Warden bridge, should be part of the recommended project list.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457691&type=point&no_login=1
124	Bicycle Comment	Is the shared use path across Westgate still part of the plan? Need a way to get from the signal at Smelter to the Trail (without trespassing, riding on sidewalk, or against traffic).	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457692&type=point&no_login=1
125	Vehicle Comment	4 lane River Drive from 15th to 26th. Need bike/ped facilities on both sides and a tunnel under River Drive at the caboose trailhead.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457693&type=point&no_login=1
126	Pedestrian Comment	NW corner curb ramp is small and steep. Scary place to cross.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457694&type=point&no_login=1
127	Bicycle Comment	two-way separated cycle track and separate sidewalk between 9th Alley N and 12th Ave N on east side of 15th St. for connection to river's edge trail. Lots of walkers and bikers here and just a dirt trail.	12/16/2023	I Agree	1/26/2024	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457695&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	4/7/2024				
128	Bicycle Comment	Extend the shared use path half a block to Fairway Dr.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457696&type=point&no_login=1
129	Vehicle Comment	Roundabout would help with this confusing intersection.	12/16/2023			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457697&type=point&no_login=1
130	Vehicle Comment	Roundabout needed. I avoid this intersection because it is so hard to make left turns.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457698&type=point&no_login=1
131	Vehicle Comment	Need a better more free flowing north end of 26th. Visibility is bad for 26th St traffic making left turn onto 8th.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457699&type=point&no_login=1
132	Pedestrian Comment	Bridge needs pedestrian/bike connection.	12/17/2023	I Agree	1/26/2024	1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457700&type=point&no_login=1
133	Bicycle Comment	Path connection to Gore Hill and airport.	12/17/2023	I Agree, currently the only other option for access without getting onto the interstate is through Spring Tree subdivision.	2/6/2024				
				I Agree, This would be very useful and also enjoyable as an in town excursion along the trails.	2/7/2024	7	7	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=457701&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree, this would make it safe ad possible to cycles west to Ulm and family on the hill.	2/12/2024				
				I Agree could be easy to add when the roundabout is done on gore hill	5/22/2024				
134	Bicycle Comment	7th Ave N is a better bike route than either 8th or 4th due to low traffic and flat terrain.	12/30/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458057&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree	1/26/2024				
		Since bicycles and walkers are generally prohibited from traveling on interstate highways, our shortest legal route to Gore Hill is 18 miles in lieu							

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135	Bicycle Comment	interstate highways, our shortest legal route to Gore Hill is 10 miles in lieu of a 2 mile ride up the interstate. How much consideration is being given to addressing this challenge in the LRTP?	1/20/2024	Agreed. Having a non-motorized connection to Gore Hill would allow easier access to the Ice Plex for kids and their parents, and would allow visitors and employees to easily and safely access the businesses on the hill, in addition to connecting those who live on the hill to the rest of town.	4/6/2024	3	3	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458730&type=point&no_login=1
136	Bicycle Comment	Please plan for a good shared use path connection through the new Interchange. Grade separating the ramp crossings would improve safety.	1/20/2024	This would be instrumental in helping to connect these businesses to the rest of the city, allowing additional people to safely get to work and the airport if a connection is made to Gore Hill.	4/6/2024	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458731&type=point&no_login=1
137	Transit Comment	We need bus service to Havre or Shelby that is timed to connect to the eastbound Empire Builder. Westbound connections are okay but eastbound would require an overnight stay.	1/20/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458732&type=point&no_login=1
138	Pedestrian Comment	2nd Ave N and 57th St. have asphalt that pedestrians can walk in, but the SW corner of this 2nd Ave N intersection has no sort of infrastructure that pedestrians can walk on, so they have to walk through foliage to go through this corner. Extending the asphalt through this corner would be helpful for pedestrians.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458925&type=point&no_login=1
139	Bicycle Comment	Adding a protected bike lane to both sides of 57th street, from the intersection of 2nd Ave N to the intersection at 10th Ave. S would be a great addition to the bike lane infrastructure we have already in this area, and would be great for future expansions onto 10th Ave. S. In addition, it also has the potential to reduce car traffic going into the base or further up 57th Street. Ideally, the lane would be in between two sections of sidewalk, the side closest to the street would be for planters or other decorative structures, and the side farthest would be a sidewalk for pedestrians, and the bike lane would be in between these two parts. I'm attaching an image of a bike lane in the Netherlands to demonstrate what I'm picturing, although it doesn't have to be nearly as large as shown: https://digitaltravelnotes.com/wp-content/uploads/bikingNetherlands-1.jpg I think it's incredibly important to make this bike lane in particular a protected bike lane because about 65% of bicyclist deaths in 2020 were on arterial roads, and making these lanes as safe as possible will make them more attractive to use.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458926&type=point&no_login=1
140	Vehicle Comment	This light and the light on 39th are too close to each other. Both of these lights are three-way lights, so either moving property around to make the streets align into a four-way light, or making likely 39th a dead end street that doesn't have access to 10th Ave s. would be my suggestion to fix the problem.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458927&type=point&no_login=1
141	Vehicle Comment	It makes no sense for the left-most lane to be a left turn lane and the right lane to be the go forward/turn right lane going west bound. The person who wants to go straight has to veer left into the potential path of someone who is turning left in the left lane. My suggestion is to make the left-most lane a go straight/turn left lane and the right most lane solely a turn right lane.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458928&type=point&no_login=1
142	Vehicle Comment	All of the lights west-bound into central and 2nd Ave N appear to be on a timer. When one light turns red, the other lights down the line follow. I've often find myself at a ride light on these streets when there's no one else coming to justify the light turning red for me. Install sensors on these roads for more accurate traffic signal switches.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458929&type=point&no_login=1
143	Transit Comment	A metro station *inside* the airport that connects atleast to downtown in Central Ave would be a fantastic way to get new arrivals into Great Falls and its transportation network quickly and also give residents a way of getting to the airport without having to leave their cars to the mercy of the elements (especially hail) in the car park.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458930&type=point&no_login=1
144	Vehicle Comment	Add a roof to this car park so people's cars don't get totaled by hail.	1/26/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458931&type=point&no_login=1
145	Vehicle Comment	Connect this section of 20th St.	1/27/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=458976&type=point&no_login=1
146	Pedestrian Comment	Sidewalk ends, There is no shoulder to the roadway and no path for pedestrians to access businesses from corner all the way to 19th st.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459279&type=point&no_login=1
147	Pedestrian Comment	No sidewalks and no paths for pedestrians along this high speed road. It is not safe.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459280&type=point&no_login=1
				This trail should connect to Wadsworth Pond	2/7/2024				

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148	Bicycle Comment	Extension of the River's Edge Trail along this Levee would connect a lot of neighborhoods to the trail network. It would be a popular walking and biking path and is practically already set up for a paved trail. Just pave it and open it up.	2/7/2024	This could be low hanging fruit that would be an easy and safe east/west route through town, connecting those west of the river to the trail, and by extension downtown. As another has mentioned, this would also easily connect to Wadsworth Park, which would make this path useful for commuters and leisure. Bollards would be crucial to prevent motorists from using this as a shortcut, and they could be set up to easily allow for maintenance of the levee by being removable (and lockable)	4/6/2024	2	2	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459281&type=point&no_login=1
				I Agree, but the flood levee association will not allow it. been proposed before, they have shot it down	5/22/2024				
149	Vehicle Comment	Turn 1st Ave south into a two way street. I work on this street and see so many cars traveling the wrong way on this street. It is confusing for some and as a result dangerous for everyone else.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459282&type=point&no_login=1
150	Vehicle Comment	Turn this into a two way street. This one way is pointless for the amount of traffic it sees and it is dangerous when people from out of town accidentally drive the wrong way on it.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459283&type=point&no_login=1
151	Bicycle Comment	I bike through this area and the streets are busy and dangerous. Making a bicycle path through the expo park would make a safe path past very congested and dangerous streets.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459284&type=point&no_login=1
152	Pedestrian Comment	A pathway from Valley View Park to 9th St NW, would take pedestrians off of the busy streets and provide access to parks and shopping. There is a poweline here and a clear pathway all the way.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459285&type=point&no_login=1
153	Bicycle Comment	Little to no shoulder on the roadway for biking safely.	2/7/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459286&type=point&no_login=1
154	Bicycle Comment	Add bike lanes on 14th Street SW from Flood Rd by Market Place all the way under 10th Ave exit 0 to 13th Ave SW. □ The physically narrow width of the underpass creates a very dangerous situation for bicyclists. The sidewalk could be an option but it's usually very dirty and prone to flat tires. □ Another option as mentioned by another was a stand alone bike path / trail and tunnel near the railroad tracks connecting 13th AVE SW to Flood Road	2/14/2024			1	1	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459398&type=point&no_login=1
155	Vehicle Comment	Remove this left turn pocket into the private driveway. Put in a separate northbound left turn bay so the southbound can turn at the same time and speed up the signal pattern. Put in the eastbound dual left that has been talked about for years.	2/19/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=459493&type=point&no_login=1
156	Vehicle Comment	opposing left turn lanes are slightly offset, creating a dangerous and restricted view of oncoming traffic especially when a sedan is facing a larger SUV/truck. A roundabout would be effective here, especially considering potential growth of large apartment complex.	4/1/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=460250&type=point&no_login=1
157	Pedestrian Comment	Since the day care center opened, parents parallel park with children entering and exiting vehicles. There is no school zone speed reduction, so cars are going through this two-lane congestion area at 35-60 mph, with the most dangerous offenders passing on the right as more careful drivers slow and occupy the left lane for pedestrian safety.	4/1/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=460251&type=point&no_login=1
158	Vehicle Comment	bring back this bridge. it would make marketplace more accessible	5/22/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=465001&type=point&no_login=1
159	Bicycle Comment	Create bike path along the levee out of town connect great fall to Vaughn eventually for biking, horse, ect...	6/1/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=465121&type=point&no_login=1
160	Pedestrian Comment	Improve safety of crosswalk here many employees at Benefis almost get hit here every year.	6/1/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=465122&type=point&no_login=1
161	Corridor Comment	Accessible ramp/path from trail to end of trail bridge.	12/16/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332076&type=line&no_login=1
162	Corridor Comment	Pedestrian/trail bridge	12/17/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332077&type=line&no_login=1
163	Corridor Comment	Connect asphalt path from corner of 18th Ave SW across park to path at 20th Ave SW. This would make a great low stress bike connection to Marketplace via 25th Ave and bypass a hill on 11th.	12/30/2023			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332117&type=line&no_login=1

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164	Corridor Comment	Adding a protected bike lane to both sides of 57th street would be a great addition to the bike lane infrastructure we have already in this area. It also has the potential to reduce car traffic going into the base or further up 57th Street and give the people who live west of 57th in the residential areas the ability to safely bicycle to base if they work there. Finally, adding pedestrian/bicycling options to this road would make it more attractive for residential/business construction to the east of the road, the plots of land there have been for sale for awhile. Ideally, the lane would look like this path from the Netherlands: https://digitaltravelnotes.com/wp-content/uploads/bikingNetherlands-1.jpg Making the bike lanes like this would be safer and even more attractive to use given this is an arterial road.	6/2/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332916&type=line&no_login=1
165	Vehicle Comment	there must be a stop light at stockett road to handle greatly increased traffic that is traveling at 70 MPH (often higher). Must slow traffic before hitting the Foothills Ranch subdivision, forthcoming new Malmstrom Commercial Gate, Foothills is expanding two more phases (5 and 6), developer is looking to put a convenience store right inside Foothills Ranch main entry on Stone Mill, Developer is looking to build out Wheat Ridge.....essentially, infill will be complete between Stockett and Wal-Mart. Let's do the light now, before people get killed on this highway. I've seen some 'amazing' things with people pulling out of Foothills onto the highway....but they have no choice other than to sit all day waiting for an opening.	6/13/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=465249&type=point&no_login=1
166	Corridor Comment	Can we add planters in the central median? The gravel in the medians is an eyesore and I think some vegetation can really help spruce up this arterial road.	6/15/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332954&type=line&no_login=1
167	Corridor Comment	Some of the medians here have planters but most do not, can we have the rest of the medians on 10th be filled with planters? Trees especially in the planters I think would really help cool the street a bit.	6/15/2024			0	0	0	https://wikimapping.com/admin/index.php?op=ajax&act=auto_view_feature&id=1332955&type=line&no_login=1

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Pedestrian Comment: 39
 Bicycle Comment: 28
 Transit Comment: 11
 Vehicle Comment: 67
 Corridor Comment: 22

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LONG RANGE 2024 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

APPENDIX D-2:

Comments Outside Review Period



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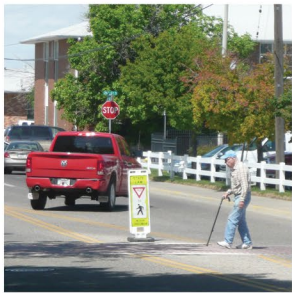
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ID	Name / Date	Comment
01	Elliot Merja 04-04-2023	Comment on Vaughn Rd./Vaughn South Frontage Rd. (both sides of Emerson Junction). I am suggesting more turn lanes on the frontage road as there are a lot of businesses along there that have had close calls getting people on and off the road. The turn lane on 34th has been needed for years, I drive that road with a semi a lot and have many close calls as people are not patient. Elliot
02	Karon Taylor 04-19-2023	My son and I live out on Hawk drive, there are several special needs children in this area. It would be helpful if we could get Paratransit out here.
03	Steve Shockley 04-21-2023	Make the previously proposed south bypass happen. Thanx, Steve
04	Patrick King 04-25-2023	Our city has amazing infrastructure for cars and it is really easy to get around Great Falls with little to no traffic. We really lack SAFE Bike/Multi-use lanes that could be well used. With the advent of electric scooters and Ebikes and the growth of them it would be wise for us to get ahead of the game and have safe infrastructure for those who choose to commute in different ways than just cars. It would help with traffic, parking, and make our city more enjoyable to live in. Most importantly it would be amazing for kids to be able to bike to school and activities safely around town. There have been many bike/car/scooter incidents (myself being hit by a car not paying attention), and having the infrastructure would help everyone make the roads safer. It would be really easy with our grid system to set it up and not cost much but paint. But to make the bike lane protected for cheap you could make parking in between traffic and the bike lanes. That was it is safer for everyone (perceived and real safety) . Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Patrick King
05	Al Rollo 05-09-2023	Andrew: You had told me a while back that the time to appropriately discuss Fox Farm road issues would be during the city's transportation review of this area. Now that the review is here, is there any way of evaluating in more detail my concerns on the overload of Fox Farm Road? Items such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge backup primarily in morning to get from Fox Farm road onto 10th Ave So • HUGE mess around Meadowlark school during pickup and drop-off times • Too much traffic going by the Meadowlark school that will get even worse unless other options are found • Dangerous situation, primarily in late afternoon, when turning off 10th Ave So onto Fox Farm where people then cross north bound lane of Fox Farm into businesses of side streets. Turn lane is not big enough to handle all of people wanting to turn. Hope this helps understand the primary issues I am concerned about. Thanks, Al Rollo
06	Jeremy Rhodes 05-18-2023	For informational purposes for the planning team, within the next 1-3 years, the Air Force will be constructing two new entrance gates on the south side of Malmstrom AFB/north side of US87MT200. One will be a semi-temporary entrance for construction traffic only. The other will be a permanent commercial vehicle entrance.
07	Chris Ward 05-30-2023	Andrew, just following up on our conversation at council of councils about moving the bike route form 38th St to 36th St. I mentioned the Neighborhood Greenway concept for 36th St S along with the idea of filtered permeability. Here are some links to cities with neighborhood Greenway pages. https://www.missoulainmotion.com/greenways ; https://www.portland.gov/transportation/what-are-neighborhood-greenways https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/greenways-program This is a better way to create a north south bike route than making 38th into a "complete street". It doesn't need a lot of paint or construction. Filtered permeability would really help. https://cyclehighways.eu/index.php?id=210 ; https://globaldesigningcities.org/publication/global-street-design-guide/designing-streets-people/designing-for-cyclists/cycle-facilities/filtered-permeability/ A diagonal diverter or two could do it. They could be made with 4 jersey barriers diagonal in an intersection. That could be tried on a temporary basis at very little cost. https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/bicycle-boulevards/volume-management/ https://highways.dot.gov/safety/speed-management/traffic-calming-eprimer/module-3-part-3#3.21 Public works is doing traffic counts on 36th this month. I would be interested to see if that confirms a higher percentage of cycle traffic on 36th S compared to typical streets when they get the data compiled. I believe there is some demand there already. I would love to discuss it further.



08 Gary Prinzing
06-01-2023

Please provide any comments

To get to variety of shops, restaurants, etc that we need, we
Also-River are essentially forced to use our private vehicles. Our
River trips are usually from our home on Southside,
across the river to Black Eagle & river in an area,
to Fox Farm area, then Prospect Heights & back home.

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It is

Not likely that any major public transportation
system would benefit us.

Also-travelling around Great Falls primarily results
in using 3 or 4 roadways:

14th & 15th streets

Smelter Avenue/3rd St NW/SW/10th Avenue South

All of these three main thoroughfares are becoming
extremely congested. At times, traffic is backed up
flowing ⁱⁿ ~~out~~ from 10th/20th street to 14th/15th street on
10th Avenue South. It can be the same in the

Great F. Fox Farm area. portion of

If an accident occurs on ^{any} 10th Avenue South, it usually
means traffic is slowed to a crawl or stopped completely.

Also semi-traffic on 10th Avenue South, River Drive &
Smelter Avenue/3rd St SW/10th Avenue NW/SW creates
major issues.

GT Falls needs some bypasses to channel through
traffic around the more typical "local" routes.
However, it is unlikely to be forthcoming as housing/business
expansion into an urban routes will likely prevent bypass
construction, unless Great Falls is to start all bypasses for

09	Cody Skinner 07-07-2023	Hello, there is no widget to leave a comment on our map for the city of Great Falls. So I will leave a comment here. There is a massive speeding problem on the corner of 9th Street NE and Skyline Dr., Northeast. The issue goes all the way past north middle school. The city has done a well enough job with police parking., But this is not sufficient enough as they cannot be there at all hours of the day and night. I have guessed folks going as fast is 80 and 90 mph coming straight off of the skyline Drive, cruising through the yield signs going straight until they break hard and T-bone right off of 9th to get back on the street down skyline Northeast. That is a rare and extreme case. The regulars are 40 and 60 mph. Which is still way too fast.Hills, schools zones and children, just don't seem to mix well. It's creating tension amongst neighbors who may be only going three and 4 mph over the speed limit due to the reckless nature of others going way over the speed limit. Could we please have a roundabout or a massive amount of signage in this area? Thank you.
10	Ashleigh McCann 07-12-2023	I have submitted this complaint through the Citizen Complaint & Request Form but I would like to bring awareness of my issue to City Commissioners. It is difficult to be a pedestrian in this city which has been designed against pedestrians and against bicyclists (this is a country-wide problem, not just a Great Falls problem, but Great Falls can change). Thank you for your time. The safety of the intersection of 3rd Ave S and 2nd St S needs to be corrected for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. I frequently use this intersection as a pedestrian and am in danger in this crosswalk. There is no marked crosswalk but there are ADA compliant curbs on the westside of this intersection and a ramp on the east side. To turn from 3rd Ave S onto 2nd St, cars need to pull through the crosswalk across 3rd Ave S to see oncoming traffic, which obstructs pedestrian traffic. Cars create two right turning lanes at this intersection on 3rd Ave S, which is something I've seen GFPD cars do as well. It's unclear to me how many legal lanes there are at this intersection. Cars on 2nd St S turning left will also create multiple lanes: when a car is waiting to turn left onto 3rd Ave S, a car travelling north up 2nd St will get frustrated and speed into the parking area around the turning car. I have been almost hit as a pedestrian while crossing on the other side of the intersection because of this. I have seen this many times. I am not a traffic engineer but I would imagine a controlled intersection with lights, pedestrian crosswalk signs would help this issue. I would implore the city to not attempt to solve this and other crosswalk problems with crosswalk flags as I've experienced how useless and demeaning they are in other cities. Thank you, Ashleigh McCann
11	Al Rollo 09-22-2023	I am checking in to see what the status of the draft plan is. There are some key items I think need to be moving forward now is why I am asking, such as Meadowlark school BAD traffic congestion everyone morning and afternoon; Fox Farm & 10th Ave So congestion; tools to ensure Fox Farm does not get any busier. THANKS, Al Rollo
12	Logan Smith 10-30-2023	Scott, Thank you for sharing. Glad to be on the communication regarding the Long-Range Transportation Plan. It's great to see the incorporation of non-motorized accommodation in the plan and in the document goals. For the listening sessions, will you all be sending out communication and invites? Bike Walk would love to amplify the message and invite out Great Falls members to attend. Additionally, you mention you are continuing to work on in-depth analysis of traffic, safety, and multi-modal connections to identify a list of recommendations. What methodology is being used to identify non-motorized connectivity and transportation when identifying the areas of recommendation? If there is any way Bike Walk Montana can support the long-range plan and integration of non-motorized transportation, please don't hesitate to reach out. Look forward to seeing the completion of this plan! Have a great evening.
13	Al Rollo 10-30-2023 <i>Correspondence with Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent</i>	Mr. Moore: I emailed you on October 5 th (see below email) about issues surrounding Fox Farm Road and Meadowlark School BUT have not heard back from you yet. Can you please let me know how best to discuss this issue with someone in the school district? Thanks, Alan Rollo 10/05/2023: Mr. Moore, I believe the Meadowlark School principal brought this up already but I wanted to make sure there is urgency with this request. At this time, the City of Great Falls and Montana Department of Transportation are evaluating long-term needs for our transportation problems. One BIG problem that needs addressed soon, before it gets worse, is the traffic issues in front of the Meadowlark School on Fox Farm Road. This is probably an issue at all schools but there are available fixes so that each school day morning and afternoon Fox Farm Road is not backed up for long distances. Now is the time, to work with transportation experts to install better parking for pickup and drop-off AND for school events. As the area south of Great Falls grows so will this problem so again, now is the time to find options to get in the funding pipeline. Thanks for looking into my request.

Sincerely, Alan Rollo

Mr. Rollo,
We have reinstalled a flashing speed sign that was damaged by a motorist back in September, we have two crossing guards stationed in the area, strategically and the school messages parents on a regular basis regarding safety during pick up and drop times.
We are aware (and have been for sometime) of the congestion in that neighborhood during mornings and afternoons.
I have been in contact with Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner for the City. They are currently aware of the situation and are undergoing a more comprehensive transportation study.
At this time, we will continue to do what we can manage the situation, remind people to be attentive, especially during school hours and work closely with the City to address potential longer-term solutions.
Respectfully, Tom Moore

FYI- coincidentally, there was a near miss this morning in front of Meadowlark School (Fox Farm Rd and 24th Ave SW). According to the Principal, Teresa Sprague, ... a custodian from the school district was nearly hit while sanding the crosswalk area.... apparently, an inattentive driver failed to yield to the crosswalk signs, and the pedestrian (custodian) in the crosswalk was almost struck!
We may need to meet to discuss possible interventions or remediations before someone does get injured there?? I would be glad to organize the meeting!
Thomas G Moore

14 **Al Rollo**
10-30-2023

With so much growth going on south of Great Falls that is increasing the use of Fox Farm Road, I would REALLY like to see if there is any chance to discuss ideas to deal with some issues before the master plan is finalized. Safety concerns with increased traffic and congestion, especially at 10th and Fox Farm are the primary areas I would like to discuss.
Attached are some possible projects that "I" think can be accomplished **before** completing/incorporating the new traffic plan. I realize easier said than done but worth a shot.
Thanks, Al Rollo

Fox Farm Road – Traffic Entering from South of Town



Fox Farm and 10th Ave So Traffic Issue



ISSUE: Traffic turning from 10th Ave So onto Fox Farm Road often want to turn left into gas station entrance.

As the cars get into the VERY short turn lane, traffic gets backed up OR many NEAR misses when traffic TRIES to go around cars partially sticking into Fox Farm lane.

ISSUE: Traffic wanting to turn left from Fox Farm Road onto Alder Drive.

Similar problem as into gas station.

SOLUTION #1: Left turn into gas station eliminated, then have longer turn lane onto Alder Drive?
SOLUTION #2: Ideas?

Fox Farm in Front of Meadowlark School Traffic Issue



ISSUE: Traffic backs up REAL BAD in front of school each school day morning and afternoon. HUGE issue in winter time when roads are icy.

SOLUTION #1: Enlarge/lengthen side road AND allow parents to use it to drop off and pickup students.

15 **Cannon Colegrove**
11-16-2023

There is a crosswalk on 26th st. S that is the primary means of pedestrian travel between the large parking areas on the west side and Benefis South tower building on the east side. I've been using this crosswalk for the last couple weeks to access Benefis hospital and have seen some very close calls with oncoming traffic and pedestrians using the crosswalk, and very upset people when cars fail to stop or pedestrians don't see the oncoming vehicle. The public deserves a safer crosswalk at this location with more visible warning lights to oncoming traffic. This is a double lane, with vehicles traveling both northbound and southbound. Being this crosswalk is adjacent to the hospital, it experiences more use of elderly people and those using wheelchairs, who may be more difficult to see for the 4 lanes of oncoming traffic. Please consider the improved safety of pedestrians at this busy crosswalk, and install a higher degree of safety lights and wanting signals to oncoming traffic. This roadway is busy, and the existing warning system in place for oncoming cars is not sufficient for pedestrian safety at this location.

16	Howard Plouffe 11-17-23	Hello, I recently spoke to Dan Block and Andrew Finch about reducing speed from 45MPH to 35MPH between 38th and 44th Street on 10th Ave South. It is dangerous entering 10th at 39th street due to speed and drivers busting the yellow light. I plan on presenting this concern to the neighborhood council. Also spoke to Cooper Thomas at City Chevrolet who has the same concerns. There have been 2 fatalities in the last 3 years at this intersection that I'm aware of. (motorcycle and car) Since the speed limit was first posted there have been over 200 homes built south of that intersection. 32nd and 39th streets are our closest entrance to 10th. I was advised to make a comment on your website. Thanks for your time. I think it's possible more will come in through the neighborhood council. There is a lot of discussion going on about this but nothing has been brought forward as far as I know. Respectfully, Howard Plouffe
17	John Juras <i>Great Falls Bicycle Club</i> 01-20-24	Thanks for your consulting work on the Great Falls Long Range Transportation Plan. I left a comment on the map page but wanted to communicate directly with you about a serious challenge non-motorized commuters face when navigating between the Airport/MANG/Gore Hill and the rest of our City. Since bicycles and walkers are generally prohibited from traveling on interstate highways, our shortest legal route is 18 miles (shown below) in lieu of a 2 mile ride up the interstate. How much consideration is being given to addressing this challenge in the LRTP?
18	Tom Grau 01-22-24	As a resident of Neiborhood Council #5, I wish to register my objections to both motions approved by this Council. I am opposed to both changing the speed limit on 10th Ave. South and installing a 4 way stop at the corners on 11 th Ave So and 32nd St So. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my positions on these matters.
19	Victoria 02-03-24	Please fix the speeding on Skyline Dr. NE and NW by adding a few more stopsigns
20	Jacque Burchard 03-04-24	I'm sorry - I don't understand if I can still add comments on the map. I'm wondering if we can get a bike trail created along the levee on the Sun River. Thank you.
21	Nancy Hampton 05-16-24	Hi, I would just like to add that 32nd Ave., Northeast in Great Falls straight up from Sacajawea school used to have a bus stop at 605 32nd Ave. NE. years ago. For some reason the buses were rerouted and the bus doesn't go past my mothers anymore I'm no longer driving and would love to be able to try to take the city bus from the south side of town over to the north east side of town. I have a disability and I think I would be able to make that ride, perhaps with a walker if the bus was able to drop me off in front of her house. I hope they'll look at that when they're planningon going from 600 17th AvenueS. over to 605 32nd Ave. NE. on the city bus. For walker or scooter accommodation for handicap transport. The place the bus would drop somebody off of now the closest is way too far and uphill to get to her home. I couldn't do it. Thank you for looking into this, Nancy Hampton
22	No Name <i>Public Meeting Comment</i> 05-30-24	Forwarded to Great Falls Transit today. This is my correspondence with the city street plan. I'd like to add this to my documentation of trying to accessibility of need to community needs hopefully being met between the two planning groups. I had written to the planning about 600 17th Ave S sidewalks to enable me to get to the bus to take the bus across town to my mothers. Thank you.
23	No Name <i>Public Meeting Comment</i> 05-30-24	So glad 6 th St NW is a committed project. Hope that helps with traffic around Albertsons. Glad for bike paths and hadicapped access!
24	No Name <i>Public Meeting Comment</i> 05-30-24	Fix deteriorated sidewalks. Need to be repaired. And also curbs for wheelchairs would make a great improvement.
		Strongly disagree with widening 10 th Ave S to 7 lanes further east. Exhaust all other options first. Alternate routes, access control, etc.

25	AI Rollo 05-31-24	<p>2024 LRTP Team: Thank you very much for all of the hard work putting together this plan. I am sure it is very difficult to make everyone happy or to solve all of the traffic problems given limited budget and resources. BUT, I am hoping the team can figure out a way to address an area problem BEFORE good and/or feasible solutions are no longer available. They traffic issues I would like to bring up are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10th Ave So and Fox Farm intersection. Great to see this on the list of proposed projects. I need more information to know if it will address the major safety and congested issues currently a problem. 2. Meadowlark school area safety and congestion. This major safety problem may be covered in the proposed Fox Farm Road - Alder Dr to Park Garden Rd but need more information on specifics. This is HUGE safety issue with so many people dropping off and picking up kids that it is a surprise no one has been killed yet. And with the huge growth south of Great Falls the problem will only get worse if not addressed in the near future. Areas around schools should be a priority of this plan. 3. Fox Farm Road cannot handle the continued growth in this area south of Great Falls. There needs to be some important planning solutions very soon BEFORE reasonable solutions are no possible. A solution is needed very soon to address huge traffic increase through a residential area, past an elementary school to an already overloaded intersection. One solution is to divert traffic to Flood Road where the is almost no home yet. 4. Fox Farm Road speeders. PLEASE find a way to slow the traffic down as they enter and leave city limits. More and more drivers are ignoring the speed limit change. I was almost run over by a semi yesterday because they don't slow down until getting past Grizzly Drive. This is a plea to do something before a child is hit crossing the road. <p>I know there are MANY other priority projects across Great Falls but hopefully the ones I have addressed can be included on soon-to-be projects.</p>
26	Chris Ward 05-31-24	<p>Scott, thanks for the open house yesterday. One thing I forgot to check is, does the proposed non motorized network include the path across the former Westgate Mall (Calumet) parking lot that was shown in the 2018 plan? I think that connection is important...it was the result of public input when the refinery asked to rezone the property to industrial. They committed to maintaining a public access across the property. The easements/lots have already been platted for it. Just want to make sure that the plan doesn't lose track of that. A street right of way route around the site is not the same thing and not what was arrived at through public input 10 years ago or so. The intent was for the path to get constructed as the street frontage pads get developed, but it would be great if the plan could identify some interim improvements to facilitate it (signal improvements at smelter/3rd, a northbound bike signal?, pavement markings in the lot to legitimize the public access easement, etc.). I am sending this from my work email for convenience but this is not an MDT position and is probably diametrically opposed to it if I had to guess. Also thought I should mention that on the website under maps available for download, all the places to click seem to download the same map, at least that's what I was seeing, keep getting the study area.</p>
27	Chris Ward 05-31-24	<p>Scott, could you pass this on to Kerry please? I shared this idea with her yesterday but I thought the map might help. Thanks,</p> <p>Andrew, I had an idea for a trail connection to Marketplace. This could be a lower cost feasible alternative to SUP-11 BNSF Rail Trail 14th St SW to 13th Ave SW and SPOT-21 14th St SW & 20th Ave SW. It consists of three parts: Widening a block of curb walk along Park Garden, signs and/or markings on several blocks in the neighborhood west of Meadowlark School, and about 1000' of new path in Montana Park. It would make a fairly flat low traffic connection and connect existing trail facilities.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1xJKcEOcT8n2F9jZ9EN9FuZqu8e55Qe_&usp=sharing</p> <p>Let me know if the map link doesn't work for you. Let me know what you think of it.</p>



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Sue Dickenson
Great Falls
Neighborhood
Council 3
06-12-24

A View and a Vision
Neighborhood Council 3
Riverview - Valley View - Skyline - Eagles Crossing - Northview

June 12, 2024

Scott Randall
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Dear Mr. Randall:

Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3, which includes the Riverview, Skyline, Valley View, and north Riverview areas would like to comment on the transportation plan which your firm put together for Great Falls.

We are delighted and excited that 6th Street N.W. is one of your committed projects. That stretch going up the hill is very dangerous and has needed attention for a long time. We hope that will be one of the first projects the city, along with the county, funds and works on.

Our concerns about increased traffic from the ARC apartments seem to be minor. When the 6th Street N.W. work is completed, that will lessen traffic around Albertsons Grocery Store, which will help with additional traffic from the apartment complex.

We also appreciate the attention given to non-motorized use of the city streets and byways. We want our city to be accessible and all transportation modes to be encouraged.

This letter has been approved and endorsed by all members of Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3.

Thank you for your work and for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

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CC Andrew Finch

29 **Shyla Patera**
07-05-2024

My name is Shyla Patera. I am an independent living specialist representing North Central Independent Living Services Black Eagle, Montana. NCILS serves the city of Great Falls as well as north central Montana. I am writing this email in follow up to the open house #2 on May 30, 2024 regarding the Great Falls long range transportation plan. Contiguous accessible affordable housing and sidewalks are very critical to the City of Great Falls. It was informative to both discuss and see both the motorized net work in the morning not a motorized net work that we would hope to serve through the next Long Range NCILS thanks the of Great Falls, the membership of the metropolitan planning organization Great Falls TAC and the policy coordinating committee for discussing the projects and needs that will be addressed through the life of the Great Falls Long Range Transportation Plan.

NCILS advocates not only for accessible contiguous sidewalks but also for pedestrian pathways and accessible ADA curb cuts as well as alleyway. When PROWAG is codified into final rule by The United States Access Board, NCILS hope to partner with all interested parties to ensure that community needs regarding accessibility will be maximized.

For those roads which are maintained by Montana Department of Transportation or are on the City of Great Falls or Cascade county system urban system, we ask that shoulders on roads are evaluated for potential widening so that if there are sidewalks on each corner a person with a mobility device can utilize the roadway or Bicycle pedestrian network. We need to make sure that there are pedestrian aisles and walkways that are accessible and allow all pedestrians to cross and major urban highways and streets such as Smelter Avenue, 2nd Ave North 10th Ave., South 9th St., North and South and more.

The City of Great Falls along with Cascade County needs to effectively implement a snow and ice policy during the winter months as so that people with mobility devices walkers, rollators, white canes, and service animals can effectively travel throughout our city and county communities.

NCILS advocates for evaluating both the timing and accessibility placement of traffic lights. The City of Great Falls needs to be engaging the disability community on these issues and to keep the updating the City wide ADA transition plan but also consider potentially appointing an ADA accessibility committee.

For those who are driving in our community and county areas, we need to be enforcing parking regulations as well as effectively enforcing that citizens not park in van accessible aisle-ways. As part of this effort we as a community need to be conscientious of parking in accessible parking spots and business drop off areas.

The City and county need to develop partnerships with our local business community so that parking lots and other accessible service aisle ways can be marked or repainted.

Thank you for allowing me to submit these comments on accessibility of motorized and non-motorized transportation outlined in the Great Falls Long range transportation plan.



GREAT FALLS AREA



LONG RANGE 2024 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

APPENDIX D-3:

Comments During Review Period

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