

Appendices



APPENDIX I – RTA POLCY BOARD & COMMITTEES

Policy Board Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor
Bremer County	Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor (Vice Chair)
Buchanan County	Keith Wieland	Supervisor
Butler County	Greg Barnett	Supervisor (Chair)
Chickasaw County	Scott Cerwinske	Supervisor
Grundy County	Mark Schildroth	Supervisor
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Brad Bleichner	Mayor
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
City of New Hampton (Small City At Large)	Steve Geerts	Mayor

Transportation Technical Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Cathy Nicholas	County Engineer
Bremer County	Landon Moore	County Engineer
Buchanan County	Brian Keierleber	County Engineer
Butler County	John Riherd	County Engineer
Chickasaw County	Roman Lensing	County Engineer
Grundy County	Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
City of Clarksville (Small City At Large)	Jerald Heuer	Mayor

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County Conservation	Mike Hendrickson	Executive Director
Bremer County Conservation	Andrew Hockenson	Director
Buchanan County Conservation	Ben Bonar	Executive Director
Butler County Conservation	Matt Wilken	Executive Director
Chickasaw County Conservation	Chad Humpal	Director
Grundy County Conservation	Nick Buseman	Executive Director
City of Waverly	James Broner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
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City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
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Transit Advisory Committee Members (TAC)

Name	Organization
Mindy Benson	Black Hawk County Emergency Management
Bethany Fratzke	Black Hawk County Health Department
Lisa Sesterhenn	Black Hawk County Health Department
Aaron Reinke	Black Hawk County Health Department
Rachael Mayer	Black Hawk County Health Department
Alecia Allen	Black Hawk County Health Department
Jan Heidemann	Bremer County of the East Central Region (ECR)
Sheila Baird	Cedar Valley United Way
Kyle Clabby-Kane	Iowa Works
Debra Hodges Harmon	Iowa Works
Todd Rickert	Grundy County Social Services
Susan Backes	House of Hope
David Sturch	MET Transit
Rosalyn Middleton	MET Transit Board
Phillip Golden	MET Transit
Lon Kammeyer	MET Transit Board
Greg Zars	Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A)
Megan McKenzie	McElroy Trust
Erin Tink	Waterloo Community Foundation
Cathy Showalter	Otto Schoitz Foundation
Terrance Hollingsworth	Empower Me/Project Health
Shannon Bass	NEIA Food Bank
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor of Evansdale
Emily Hanson	BHC Gaming Association
Trista Hill	Tri-County HeadStart
Aric Schroeder	City of Waterloo
Hector Salamanca-Arroyo	Cedar Valley Boys & Girls Club
George Phillips	Cedar Valley Boys & Girls Club
Norman Coley Jr.	Hawkeye Community College
Karen Siler	Iowa Works of the Cedar Valley
Kyle Durant	INRCOG
Oghogho Oriakhi	INRCOG
Sanzida Rahman Setu	INRCOG
Nick Fratzke	INRCOG/Onboard Public Transit

APPENDIX II – ACROYNMS

3-C	Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive
AADT	Average Annual Daily Traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAS	Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
ADT	American Discovery Trail
AIP	Airport Improvement Program
ALO	Waterloo Regional Airport
ATTAIN	Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
BPAC	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CAT	Community Attraction and Tourism
CAV	Connected and Automated Vehicles
CE	Categorical Exclusion
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CPFM	Continuous Pavement Friction Measurement
CRFC	Critical Rural Freight Corridors
CRP	Carbon Reduction Program
CSAP	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
CUFC	Critical Urban Freight Corridors
CVAST	Cedar Valley Association for Soft Trails
DI	Diversity Index
DMS	Dynamic Message Sign
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECP	Existing, Committed, and Planned
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EV	Electric Vehicle
EVRP	Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAC	Freight Advisory Council
FAF	Freight Analysis Framework
FBO	Fixed Base Operator
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FFC	Federal Functional Classification
FM	Farm to Market
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GDL	Graduated Driver's License
GTSB	Governors Traffic Safety Bureau
HFST	High Friction Surface Treatment
HPMS	Highway Performance Management System
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
ICAAP	Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program
ICAT	Iowa Crash Analysis Tool
ICE	Infrastructure Condition Evaluation
ICS	Incident Command System
IEDA	Iowa Economic Development Authority
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
IMFN	Iowa Multimodal Freight Network

INRCOG	Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments
InTrans	Institute for Transportation
IRI	International Roughness Index
IRVM	Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management
ISMS	Iowa Standardized Model Structure
iTRAM	Iowa Travel Analysis Model
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LOS	Level of Service
LOST	Local Option Sales Tax
LOTTR	Level of Travel Time Reliability
LPI	Leading Pedestrian Interval
LRSP	Local Road Safety Plan
L RTP	Long-Range Transportation Plan
LTAP	Local Technical Assistance Program
MET	Metropolitan Transit Authority
MIPRC	Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
NACTO	National Association of City Transportation Officials
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NEIA	Northeast Industrial Access
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHFN	National Highway Freight Network
NHFP	National Highway Freight Program
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
NHS	National Highway System
NHTS	National Household Travel Survey
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NMFN	National Multimodal Freight Network
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRF	National Response Framework
PCI	Pavement Condition Index
PCR	Potential for Crash Reduction
PHFS	Primary Highway Freight System
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
PTASP	Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
PPP	Public Participation Plan
PRF	Primary Road Fund
PSC	Proven Safety Countermeasure
PTP	Passenger Transportation Plan
RAISE	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
RAMS	Roadway Asset Management System
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection
RISE	Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy
RRFB	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
RSA	Road Safety Audit
RTA	Regional Transportation Authority
RUTF	Road Use Tax Fund
SHSP	Strategic Highway Safety Plan
SLRTP	State Long Range Transportation Plan
SPR	State Planning and Research
SRTA	Safe Routes to School
SS4A	Safe Streets and Roads for All
STA	State Transit Assistance
STB	Surface Transportation Bureau
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant

STRACNET	Strategic Rail Corridor Network
STRAHNET	Strategic Highway Network
SUDAS	Statewide Urban Design and Specifications
TAC	Transit Advisory Committee
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TAMP	Transportation Asset Management Plan
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
TDM	Travel Demand Model
TEAP	Traffic Engineering Assistance Program
TERM	Transit Economic Requirements Model
TIFF	Tax Increment Finance Funding
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMC	Traffic Management Center
TPWP	Transportation Planning Work Program
TSIP	Traffic Safety Improvement Program
TTC	Transportation Technical Committee
TTTR	Truck Travel Time Reliability
TWLTL	Two-Way Left-Turn Lane
ULB	Useful Life Benchmark
UNI	University of Northern Iowa
USBR	United States Bike Route
VCAP	Value, Condition, and Performance
VHT	Vehicle Hours Traveled
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VRM	Vehicle Revenue Miles
YOE	Year of Expenditure

APPENDIX III – 2024 PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY REPORT

This document summarizes the results from both Round One and Round Two of the Public Input Survey, conducted as part of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan update for the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The RTA serves Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, and Grundy Counties, excluding the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metropolitan area, which is managed by the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The goal of the survey was to identify transportation challenges, needs, and priorities within the six-county region. Developed and administered by RTA staff, the survey was conducted in two rounds. In Round One, a mailing list of 1,000 randomly selected households from Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, and Grundy Counties was acquired through the consultant DirectMail, while Black Hawk County was excluded due to difficulties filtering out metropolitan addresses. Round

Two was open to the public through INRCOG's media platforms, including email lists, the RTA website, and the INRCOG E-newsletter. The two rounds were launched simultaneously to maximize outreach efforts and remained open from August 15th to September 15th, 2024.

ArcGIS Survey123 was utilized to create, distribute, and analyze the survey. For Round One, postcards were designed and mailed using VistaPrint, featuring a QR code and URL linking to the online survey. To encourage participation, recipients could also request a paper survey from INRCOG. Additionally, respondents to the mail-out survey were entered into a drawing for a \$50 cash prize.

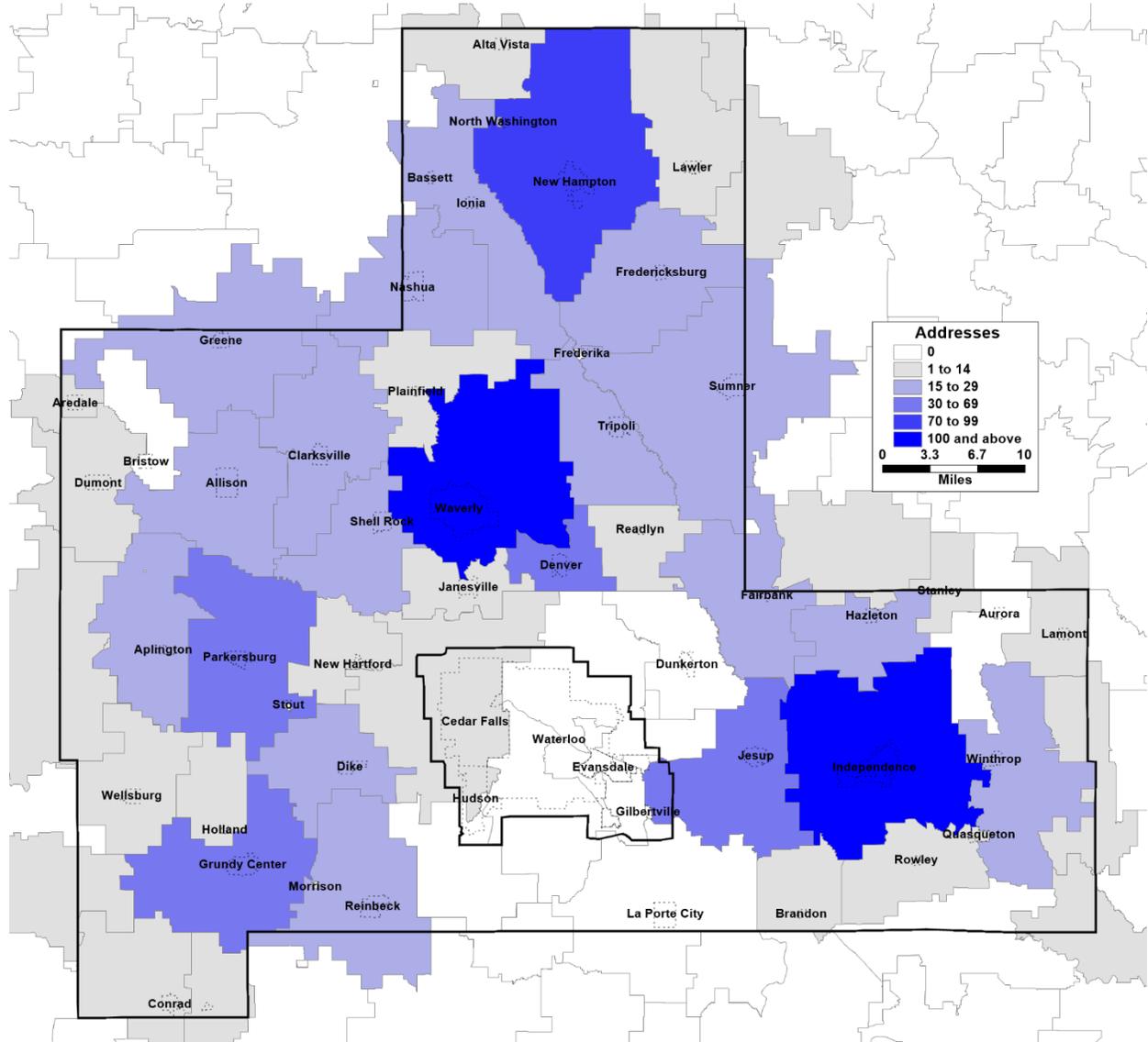
A total of 1,000 survey postcards were sent to residents in the region, resulting in only 9 responses. Staff observed that the timing of the surveys coincided with the 2024 elections, which likely contributed to the low response rate due to a surge in media advertisements. In Round Two, there were 232 submitted surveys. Given the low response rate from the mail-out survey, the results were combined. Overall, these combined results offer valuable insights into the community's transportation needs and priorities.

This document outlines the results for each question, along with a compilation of written comments submitted. In the following pages, "N/A" indicates no answer was provided. This may occur if the respondent did not submit a response, or if their answer was incomplete, irrelevant, or misinterpreted the question. All written comments are included in this report, except those marked "N/A" or "I do not know."

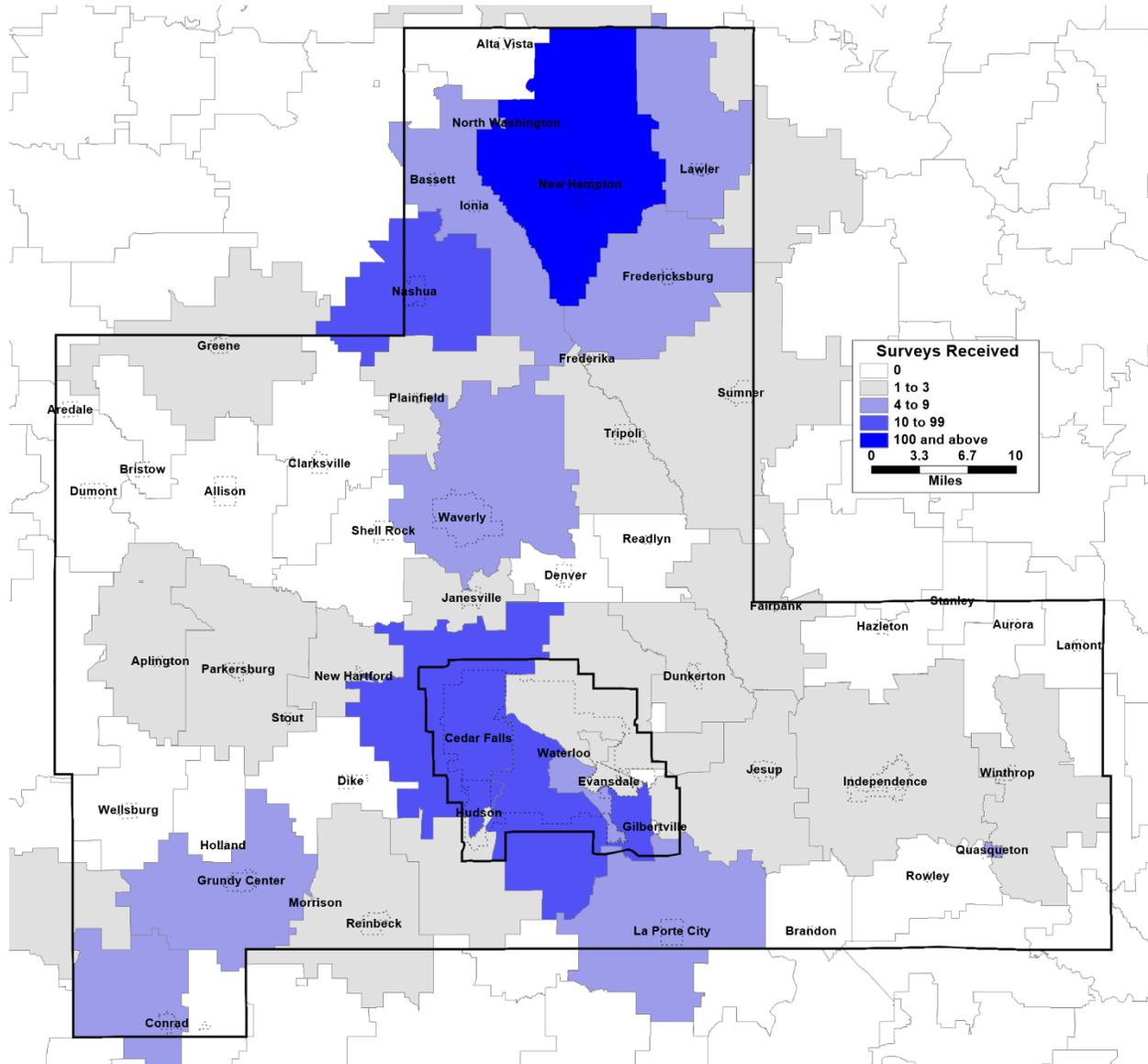
Since the second round of the survey was open to everyone, some respondents are residents of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metropolitan area. These responses were not excluded, as these individuals may still work or travel outside the metro area and into the region.



Survey Distribution by Home Zip Code



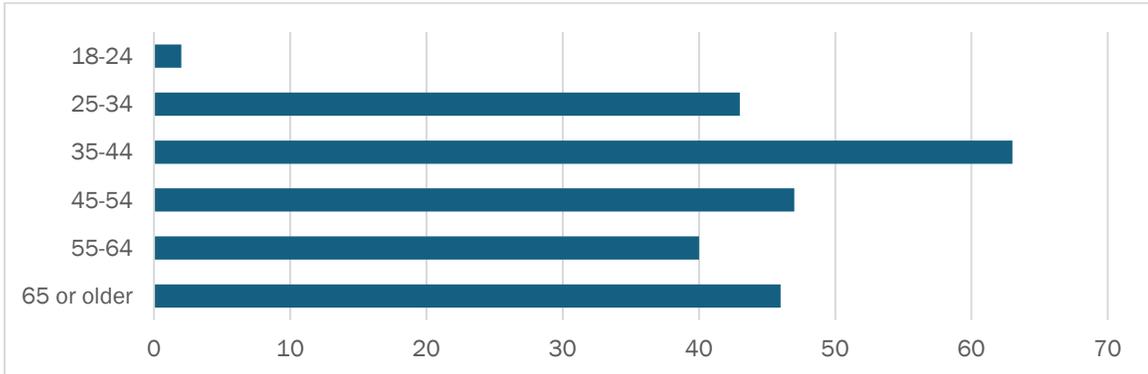
Completed Surveys by Home Zip Code



1. Which age group are you in?

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



2. What is your home ZIP code?

A. Answered: 241

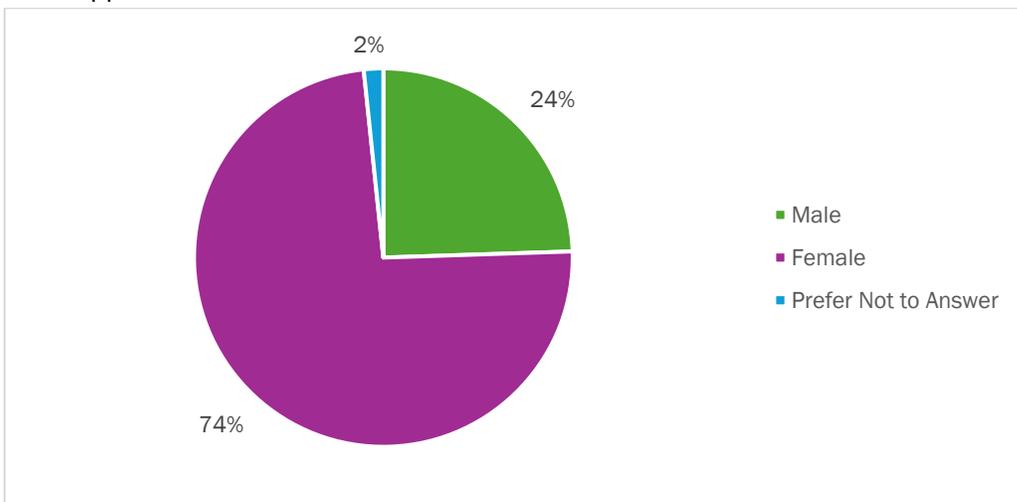
B. Skipped: 0

- **50659, 130 (53.9%)**
- 50658, 14 (5.8%)
- 50701, 13 (5.4%)
- 50613, 12 (5.0%)
- 52154, 8 (3.3%)
- 50645, 6 (2.5%)
- 52326, 5 (2.1%)
- 50621, 4 (1.7%)
- 50630, 4 (1.7%)
- 50638, 4 (1.7%)
- 50651, 4 (1.7%)
- 50677, 4 (1.7%)
- 50702, 4 (1.7%)
- All others, 29 (12.0%)

3. To which gender identify do you most identify?

A. Answered: 241

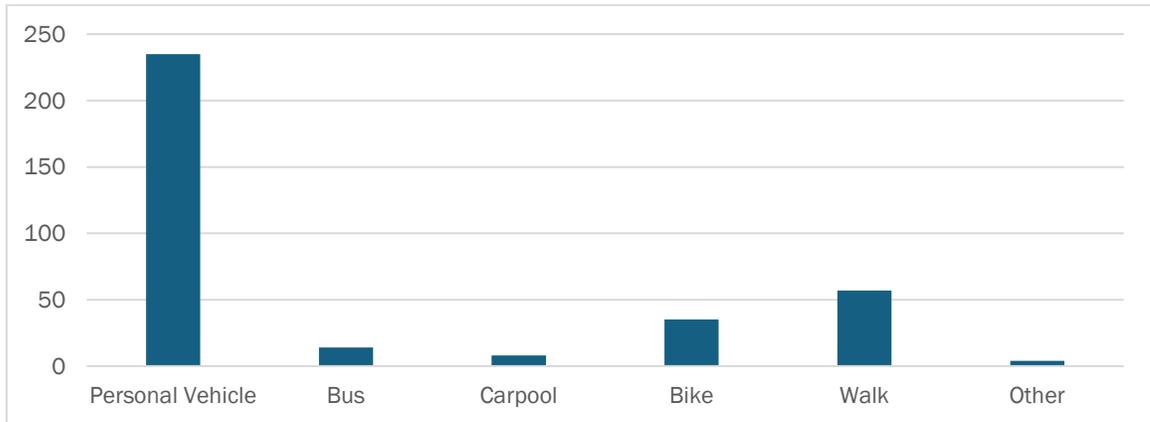
B. Skipped: 0



4. What transportation mode do you most commonly use?

A. Answered: 240

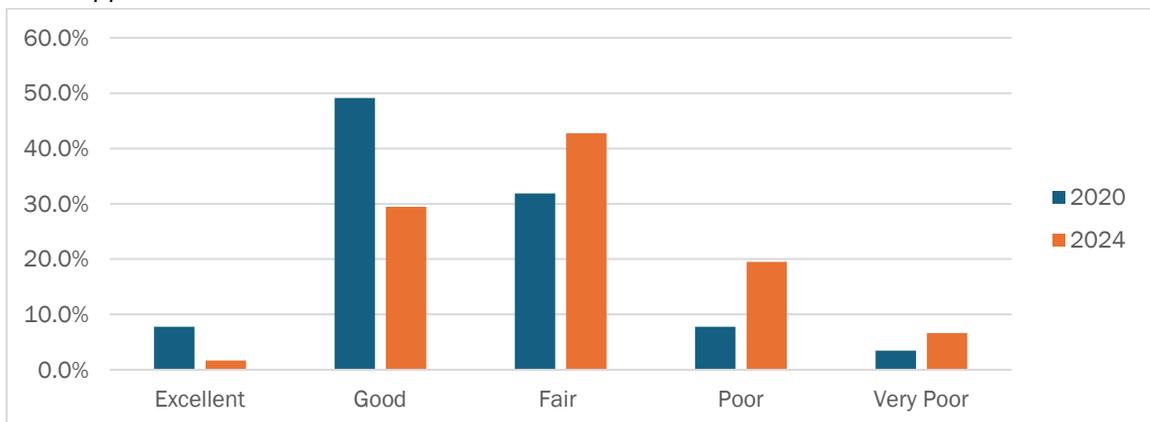
B. Skipped: 1



5. How would you rate the physical condition of our roads?

A. Answered: 241

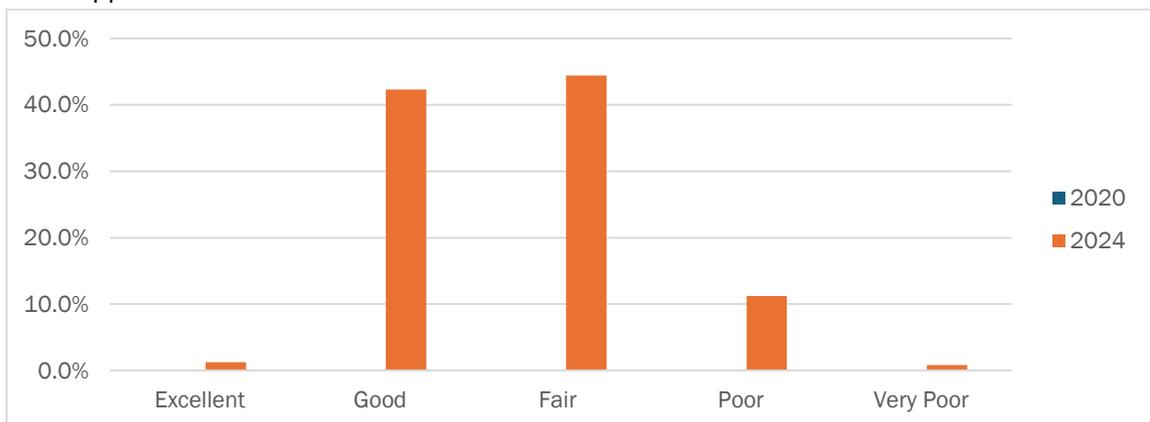
B. Skipped: 0



6. How would you rate the physical condition of our bridges?

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



7. Which road(s) would you improve, and what specific improvements would you make?

The responses to the question reflect a widespread concern about road conditions, particularly in rural areas and small towns. Key themes from the responses include:

- A. **Resurfacing and Paving:** Many respondents suggested resurfacing or paving roads such as Hwy 18, Hwy 63, and Hwy 218, as well as various county roads and side streets in New Hampton, where road conditions are described as poor, with potholes and deteriorating surfaces.
- B. **Widening Roads:** Several respondents called for widening key routes, such as making Hwy 63 a four-lane road north of New Hampton to the Minnesota border.
- C. **Addressing Dangerous Intersections:** There were mentions of dangerous intersections, such as the Racine Ave and Water St junction in Quasqueton, calling for reconfigurations or added safety features.
- D. **Improving Side Streets:** Many side streets in New Hampton, like North Chestnut, Logan Ave, and Maple Ave, were highlighted for needing full repairs or repaving.
- E. **Fixing Gravel Roads:** In rural areas, there were calls for blacktopping gravel roads, adding more rock, or grading them better.
- F. **Drainage and Sidewalk Concerns:** Respondents mentioned drainage issues, the need for sidewalks, and poorly maintained storm drains.

Individual Responses:

- Racine Ave
- Just keep keeping them up as they have been. I was impressed with seal coat done on C33 east of Hwy 63 years back. It turned out great and has lasted longer than I expected.
- Pave/Blacktop Barclay Road from Canfield Road to Baxter Road.
- Kenwood Avenue *Airport* Road going North of New Hampton
- North Chestnut, along with a lot of others in New Hampton.
- A lot of the side streets in New Hampton. A few as examples are North Chestnut, East Washington, and part of Foley Ave
- 188
- Highway 18 and 24.
- Alta Vista roads completely redo - more holes than road! Hwy 18 from Floyd County through New Hampton. Resurface Roads throughout New Hampton.
- Hwy 63 from directly north of New Hampton to the Iowa border - it needs to be a 4-lane road as it was made into from New Hampton south to Waterloo.
- Secondary black top
- 1) US 20 outside of Black Hawk County could have a lot of bridges replaced with intersections, the traffic volume is very low. For example, where Dugan Avenue currently has a bridge that goes over US 20 with no way to access one road from the other, when the bridge needs major repairs, instead of repairing it, it could be torn down and turned into an intersection. 2) US 218 might need some of the intersections removed/reconfigured, the intersection between 250th Street and US 218 is almost impossible to cross during high traffic times. 3) Does the ramp from US 20 West to I-380 South need to exist? I think this could be removed with little effect.
- All roads in rural Iowa. Stop wasting money on new overpasses in Des Moines and other large cities.
- County Rd 346
- Hwy 18-repave. Add more rock to secondary roads
- Linn Ave, East Main St/Hwy 24 could all use re pavement. Making Hwy 63 north 4 lanes to Minnesota. Making secondary gravel roads hard surfaced. Pembroke Ave specifically
- Almost every road in New Hampton needs repaired. The problem is the funding. Each road needs new concrete and the infrastructure underneath also needs to be replaced. It is very costly and our past councils for the last few decades were not preparing the future citizens financially for this.

- There are MANY streets in New Hampton city limits that are way below par. Our state roads are not bad, our county roads are just OK.
- The intersection of Linn and Milwaukee in New Hampton
- Highway 63 north of New Hampton to Highway 9.
- East Logan from First Station to gravel road. It is rough, cracked.
- West Milwaukee from Hwy 18 west to Hwy 63 overpass
- Secondary roads do not get enough good rock. They turn to mud roads quickly. City streets lacking proper updating. Parking areas poorly maintained.
- Main St, New Hampton
- Roads are in great condition
- Kenwood Ave north of HWY 18 in New Hampton. County black top between New Hampton and Chickasaw.
- N Maple Ave, New Hampton between Marv & Zips and Zips Trucking coming from Milwaukee up through the train tracks. It's a disaster zone.
- Many streets in New Hampton example Logan Street from S Linn to S Alta Ave
- Our town is like 10 blocks long 10 blocks wide and just about every street has potholes
- Quasqueton Diagonal Boulevard from Quasqueton to old Highway 20.
- Widen Quasqueton Diagonal and update bridge over Pine Creek.
- All streets in the city of New Hampton
- New Hampton city streets: terrible. Bumpy, like riding a roller coaster. US 63 north of IA 188 - Occasional large holes in concrete. Ignored for weeks and months, then finally sprayed with tar and rocks.
- 63 North from New Hampton to Cresco turn
- Pembroke Ave from 150th street to 100th Street in Chickasaw County
- Many city streets in New Hampton
- The intersection of Racine Ave and Water St. Coming into Quasqueton. There have been many accidents at this corner.
- Blacktop the 1 mile County line road starting from 2 miles south of Aplington that 7th Street runs into it to the Buck Grove blacktop that the 1 mile would run into. This would provide a hard surface road from south of Aplington to the Buck Grove blacktop. It would help farmers and residents of Aplington with a road that should have been blacktop years ago.
- Hwy 20 Evansdale to Dike
- All of Dunkerton Rd from city limits east to west
- Hwy 188 between Plainfield and Hwy 63 in Bremer County- Needs re-surfacing. Hwy 27 bridge just south of Plainfield in Bremer County- Has rough transitions. Hwy 27 overpasses from Hwy 14 to Old Hwy 218 West & slightly North of Charles City- Both have terribly rough transitions. Make a better Waterloo/Cedar Falls bypass for Hwy 27/Hwy 218/Hwy 63. Hwy 63 overpass where Hwy 346 turns into Hwy 18 in Chickasaw County- Has rough transitions. Hwy V21 from Bremer County line north to Hwy 346 in Chickasaw County- Needs re-surfacing & every culvert has been patched and they're rough. Hwy B60 west of Nashua to T64 in Floyd County- Re-Surfacing & bridges seem rough. Fix dip in Hwy 27 northbound south of Nashua right near 305th St. Connect Hwy 3 North of Shell Rock over to Hwy 27 at the Bus 218/ 210th St overpass for grain trucks hauling to the ethanol plant & soybean facility in Shell Rock.
- 188 between Plainfield and 63
- T55 and 175 need repaved
- The city streets in Nashua - the entire community has poor to very poor roads throughout the town. There is no shoulder or drainage system, so the roads get eroded and the adjoining properties have flooding.
- Hwy 218 potholes between Plainfield and Nashua
- Most of streets in Nashua need repairs
- Highway 3. Resurface in Butler County from Highway 14 west to Franklin County and repair the rough areas from Highway 14 east to Shell Rock.
- All the streets within the town of Nashua
- HWY 218 between Waverly and Nashua needs repairs.
- Road conditions change, sometimes due to weather. In making changes to roads, one thing to take in consideration is an increased amount of traffic through the years. If it increases as it has, roads need to be designed with consideration of that. Roads now are being reconfigured because unexpected amount of increased traffic. That is a waste of money.
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- HWY 188- resurface. 4 lane HWY 27 it is hollowed out in the tire tracks. Old HWY 218, potholes, resurfaced
- Hwy 188 east of Plainfield. V14 south of Horton

- Greeley Street, Nashua, Iowa.
- B60. Resurface due to being very rough.
- Would like the Nature Trail from La Porte City to Waterloo improved. There are many cracks making it very rough. Also, the Nature Trail all the way to Cedar Falls is rough. Other cities with trails are cement and very smooth. Ours are asphalt and very rough.
- Highway 218 from LaPorte City to Cedar Falls. Highway 20 from Winthrop to Dike. Brandon Rd from LaPorte City to Brandon.
- Cedar Wapsi and 63 junction. Too busy and accident bound.
- Most gravel roads in Chickasaw Co need rock and a good maintainer! Culverts need replacing
- E Milwaukee to Foley to court and Washington
- West Main Street and South Hamilton as well as South Broadway have safety concerns! Safe school routes, stop signs, crossing guards
- North Maple Ave from Milwaukee to W Jefferson St
- Make designated walkways for transportation to school. Linn and Main Street in New Hampton to have updated sidewalks and walk lights (with buttons) to designate which direction walker needs to stop direction.
- Almost all streets in Nashua
- E Logan Street to be less bumpy
- East Hamilton. West Garfield
- All the roads in our town are terrible and need repair. If they are repaired, they just throw gravel on them.
- Hamilton, Broadway
- Milwaukee Street
- East Hamilton and east logan
- The streets around West Main/Court/Hale are very bad.
- Court Street. From Foley all the way through town. Mostly on the first block is awful. I have had kids fall, trip and twist ankles over potholes and big chunks of the road that has fallen off. There are many others like this as well but this one I take often and know it's really bad.
- West Milwaukee Street in New Hampton IA. East main Street by Mikkelson park in New Hampton IA
- Just wish there was more sidewalks. On W. Hamilton St to the high school and streets around the high school and streets around Mikkelson that don't have a sidewalk
- South Broadway
- Hwy 18, Hwy 24, Iowa 24, All new Hampton roads
- Unfamiliar but roads in town of NH, over by Thiessens
- E. Logan Street
- Our city streets are all a mess
- Too many to list here in New Hampton
- The snow removal in the town of New Hampton is awful. The intersections don't get fully cleared, so there's ridges to drive over when crossing/turning.
- South Maple to Main Street. Hamilton to Broadway. Main Street and South Maple to Broadway. All around the school. These intersections are very dangerous during the school year
- Main Street, road past Croell roads near the school
- South Linn Ave in New Hampton, most roads in New Hampton need to be redone and not just a layer of chip and seal put on top.
- Logan Ave
- Industrial Ave
- Washington St New Hampton Iowa
- All gravel roads. Many city streets.
- Main St/Highway 24 from East city limits to Pleasant Hill in New Hampton. East Washington St to Pleasant Hill in New Hampton. Logan Avenue in New Hampton
- 2445 Odessa Ave. More rock, better grading, brush out of ditches
- Main Street heading east from new Hampton. Horrible surface and one of the most important roads of the city.
- Seems like many roads are in need of improvement
- New Hampton Main St. from the east edge of town to Pleasant Hill Rd.
- Cleveland, Logan, South Sheakley
- Logan Ave and Cleveland Ave
- All New Hampton roads
- Broadway Ave in NH, travels around NH, road by high school, road around railroad tracks, many roads have potholes that are beyond fixing.

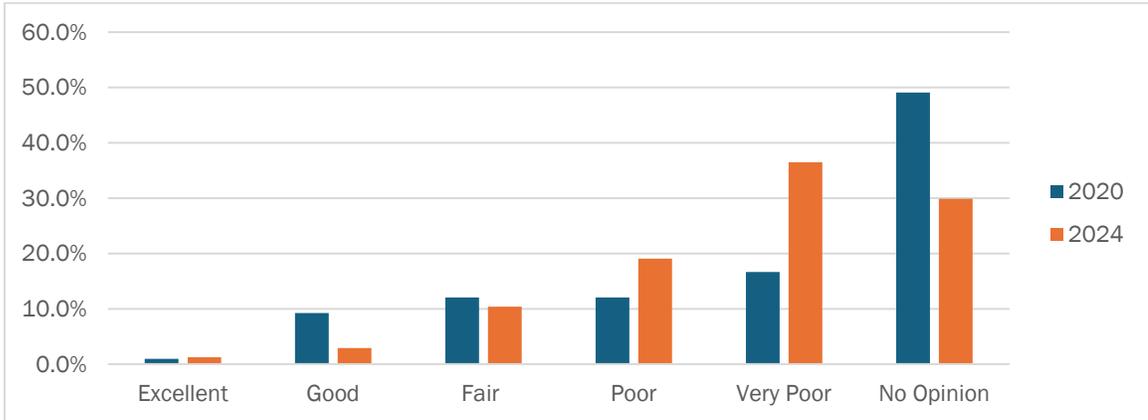
- Mowing ditches on gravel roads once a month during the summer. There should be NO uncontrolled intersections. Put up a yield or stop sign.
- New Hampton, right in front of Poor Richards
- Hwy 63
- More push button cross walks especially by the school and on Main Street
- Logan Street east of Linn Ave, Maple Ave south of Milwaukee
- Hamilton
- Logan Street New Hampton
- Safer ways to cross streets, especially for children and elderly.
- East Main and North Maple
- Highway 18, going west out of New Hampton. Concrete is very rough.
- New Hampton: Logan St from S Linn to S Alta. Hamilton St from S Linn to S Chestnut. W Garfield from S Maple to S Linn
- On E Harrison St it becomes dangerously backed up with kids running in the roads, along with adults when school lets out. Cars passing cars when they're not supposed to. S Water Ave where the buses need to pull in. It's dangerously narrow where littles have to be walking to get to the bus or across the street to their parent's vehicles. We need some kind of system implemented to keep the kids and other drivers safe.
- New Hampton roads in town
- S. Broadway Ave in New Hampton Iowa
- W Hamilton, congested around the schools and no sidewalks on the west side by cemetery
- 2nd St
- 63 south
- Almost all the roads south of Main St in New Hampton. Definitely Hwy 24 going east out of town by the park.
- City of New Hampton is horrible
- Our city leaders are well aware of which ones need work
- Logan Ave and North Maple from train tracks North, New Hampton.
- Cleveland, Logan, Broadway in New Hampton
- Back roads and main roads traveled on daily.
- West Gardner Street old manholes sticking up create hazard. W Gardner and Broadway corner fills with water every time it rains.
- All streets in New Hampton
- Foley, Washington, Pleasant Hill, Water-all streets in New Hampton. Just to name a few
- Hamilton, S Locust, Cleveland, E Logan, W Milwaukee
- West Milwaukee Street in New Hampton Iowa. E Main Street connecting to 24 in New Hampton Iowa
- East main in New Hampton and there are too many side streets to list them all. The city tars and rocks the side streets coming directly off of Main Street and the part of Main that is business district but the rest of New Hampton is in dire need. I don't know much about fixing and the cost of cement is high. Not sure if it is possible to grind off a layer or if it needs flat out replacing but I drive 5mph in many places because of the rough roads
- New Hampton
- East Logan from South Linn to Mission Street in New Hampton
- Lots of potholes/ rough conditions
- Hwy 3 East of Waverly for Winter driving
- I can't think of any specifics at the moment. I do know gravel roads in Parkersburg could be made into paved roads.
- W Hamilton Street between S Linn Ave, New Hampton and Western Ave, New Hampton needs sidewalks the length of the street between school buildings.
- Hamilton, Maple, Broadway
- NO SIDEWALKS ON WEST HAMILTON STREET THE BUSIEST STREET FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND A MAN WAS HIT BY A CAR THERE THIS AM!!!!
- Broadway is bad
- Logan Ave New Hampton
- Highway 24 going east from 50659. Logan Ave New Hampton the entirety of it.
- Streets in Alta Vista need some serious attention.
- Water Ave, Logan & Cleveland - also Kenwood Ave - all of it should continue to be paved to county hwy.
- 4th Street in New Hampton heading south around garnet pond, black top.
- City roads. Kenwood Ave. Repave roads.
- Hamilton street and Linn Ave in new Hampton. 100th Street in rural New Hampton
- All New Hampton streets that have been chip and oiled for decades

- Multiple roads between Jerico and New Hampton and in New Hampton. Always ice on the Jerico blacktop that it worries me with the bridge with no railing
- Broadway, Cleveland and West Milwaukee from Bailey Ave to Linn Ave.
- 290th, bridge going over the Wapsipinicon is riddled with holes as you go on and come off. It is super dangerous after rain and snow.
- Kenwood Avenue as heavy bus traffic.
- Industrial Ave. in New Hampton, IA. North Maple from Milwaukee to Hale in New Hampton, IA
- All - this summer they just laid crushed rock on the roads
- Hwy 24 leaving New Hampton heading east
- Mission. 4th Avenue
- County line road between Grundy and Hardin County is very rough
- I'm thinking adding a walking path under the bridge on Highway 14 into town would greatly benefit Grundy Center citizens.
- Hwy 18 west of New Hampton continues to have boils and wear pockets. Still some low spots on the north south road from Horton to Waverly
- North Maple to Milwaukee.
- When resurfacing county roads it would sure be nice if you could extend the asphalt a little on the edges for bicycle safety.
- City side street. Lots of cracks and uneven surfaces.
- Garfield Street- large cracks and holes that make it difficult for my children to ride their bikes and scooters.
- South Hamilton Street- a heavily trafficked road that should have a sidewalk to keep pedestrians safe. This road would be the quickest route for my child to walk home from the elementary school, but so many vehicles speed on it coming to and from the high school that my family avoids walking on it. It is dangerous.
- HWY 346, V21, T76 South, Hwy 18 East of 63, Hwy 63 North of New Hampton to Rochester
- T29 from 330th St to Highway 14-widen/increase shoulder
- North of Conrad
- Roundabout at Dubuque Road and South Canfield
- Prospect Street from 1st to 6th. 6th Street from Prospect to North
- City streets in the New Hampton City Limits are not in very good condition.
- HWY 20 Mile marker 220-225 both directions. Not too bad but concrete starting to break. HWY 14 near Fern Iowa. Concrete disintegrating.
- All of the county roads need work and maintenance. Some bridges in Bremer County are closed for work (Waverly on Highway 3)
- Place long turn lanes in both directions at each new elementary school on Waverly to allow the traffic at beginning & ending of school day.
- Hwy 20 West
- Several roads in Grundy County. Highway 14, and most county roads are terrible. Bridges aren't up to date. The state takes very poor care of snow Plowing in Grundy County, other counties are clear and Grundy is a mess.
- Spring Avenue in rural New Hartford to 325th Street then to Terrace Avenue. It is currently gravel but with heavy vehicular traffic due to a lot of rural housing. There are two small wooden bridges that could be replaced on that route too.
- East Bremer Ave from Kwik Star to Cedar River Pkwy. Cedar Lane is also very bumpy in Waverly. Would be nice to have the gravel road east of Wapsie Valley High School paved.

8. How would you rate our public transit?

A. Answered: 241

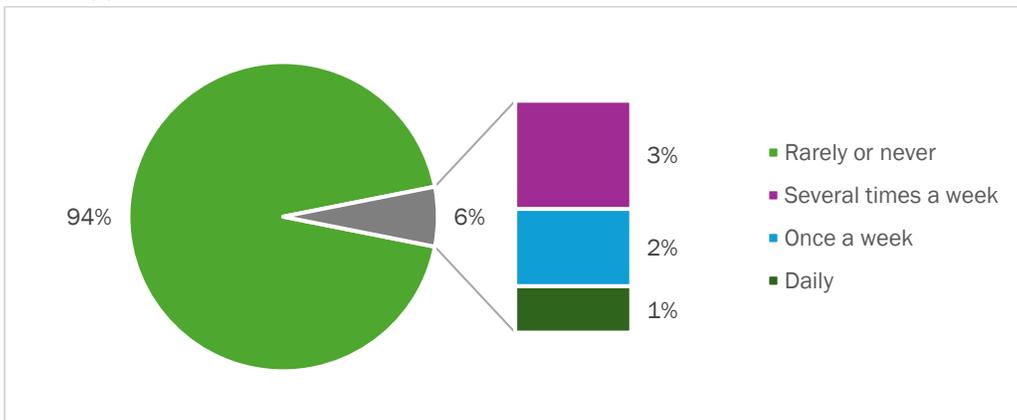
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9. How often do you ride public transit?

A. Answered: 241

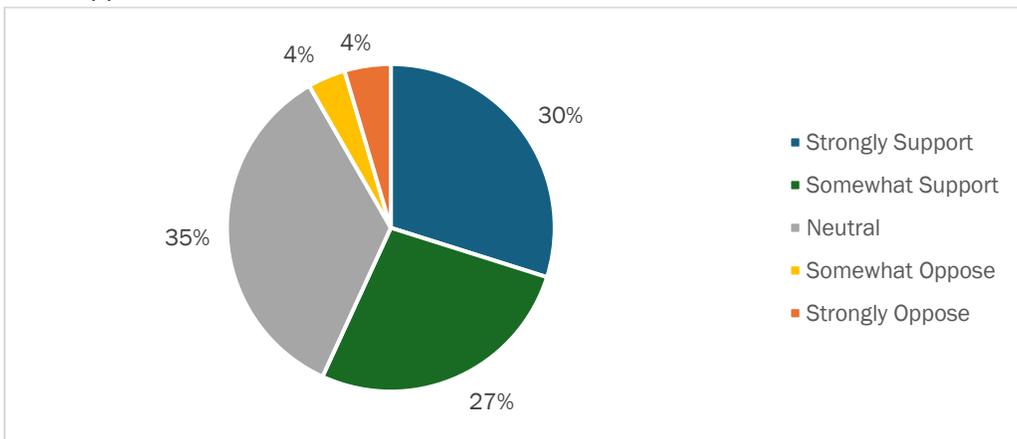
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10. How supportive are you of expanding passenger rail service in Iowa?

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



11. How can our public transit system be improved?

The responses reveal several key themes:

- A. **Passenger Rail:** Many respondents suggest expanding passenger rail services, particularly connecting regional hubs like Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Des Moines, and even further to cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, and Denver, Colorado. There is a strong desire for more rail options both for short and long-distance travel.
- B. **Availability in Rural Areas:** A major concern is the lack of public transportation in rural areas, especially in smaller towns like New Hampton. Many emphasize the need for basic services, particularly for school children, the elderly, and those without access to cars. There is a call for local and regional bus systems, or alternatives like shuttle services, to provide essential transportation for daily activities, such as getting to school or medical appointments.
- C. **Bus System Improvements:** In areas where buses exist, people seek increased frequency, longer operating hours (especially for 2nd and 3rd shift workers), more stops, and greater connectivity between smaller towns and larger cities. Simplifying bus routes and improving accessibility (e.g., easier access to bus passes) are also suggested.
- D. **School Transportation:** A recurring issue is the lack of transportation for school-aged children in small towns. Many respondents note the loss of local shuttle services that used to transport children to school and activities, creating a significant hardship for families.
- E. **Affordability and Accessibility:** There are concerns about the cost of existing services in rural areas, which some describe as prohibitively expensive. Additionally, respondents highlight the need for affordable, safe, and clean public transportation options.
- F. **Skepticism and Cultural Resistance:** Some respondents express doubt about the viability of public transportation in rural areas due to low demand, the dominance of car culture, or concerns about the impact on farmland. However, others advocate for targeted services to meet the specific needs of vulnerable populations (e.g., the elderly, children, and people without cars).

Individual Responses:

- Availability (x11)
- We need to repair our bridges first!!! Too many are low tonnage rated and others are closed while waiting to be replaced. This is unacceptable!
- New Hampton doesn't have a public transportation. There are other transportation companies with there on business. Most except insurance. Some have to show for me. I have called and they don't show.
- New Hampton currently doesn't offer Bus services.
- Public transportation is non-existent and for what does exist in rural areas, is incredibly expensive.
- Would love passenger rail to expand in the Midwest states!
- I would like to see passenger rail service more utilized/built in this area/state/country.
- Availability to transport kids to school
- Adding passenger rail of course, increasing how often the busses come, adding more bus stops rather than the current system of stopping at any intersection people are at, adding a bus transfer station somewhere along University Avenue near the Waterloo/CF border
- Expand to rural areas
- Add passenger rail
- There needs to be better options for transportation in smaller towns, we just lost a shuttle service in New Hampton due to costs being too high.

- Add a passenger rail.
- Availability to rural areas
- Public transit is not needed in our area except for young children and senior citizens.
- I'm not sure. There is a demand for transportation of all ages for school, doctors' appointments and general rides. We often have people that cannot leave because they don't have a ride home.
- I am okay as long as it doesn't go near my property.
- Public transportation is rarely use in NE Iowa. No improvements are needed.
- New Hampton is in need of public transportation service for our in-town students because the Chassis is no longer operating.
- We don't have any
- Expand in places where it's most easily accessed, then plan out from there. Example, from Cedar Rapids to Iowa City for commuters.
- I've always been a proponent of adding passenger rail to this area to connect Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Des Moines and the Quad Cities with hopes to get the Quad Cities and Des Moines connected to Chicago, Minneapolis and Denver with Amtrak for us without having to drive long distances to do so.
- Availability throughout the state
- Help the elderly get to appointments, especially those that are not able to get other help.
- Passenger rail would be a big plus. All the money goes to the coasts and major cities.
- More pick up/drop cities in mid to North Iowa. Work on safety and marketing of options
- Rail to Iowa to CR and Iowa City would be nice
- The MET Transit buses need to run more frequently. Rail service between towns and as far as Des Moines, Minneapolis and Chicago would be awesome!!
- Passenger rail.
- Hours suck for anyone that works 2nd or 3rd shift. There aren't busses available in all areas. No busses go to small towns outside of Waterloo/Cedar Falls
- As I get older I would love to be able to take a train to Chicago or Des Moines or Minneapolis or St Louis.
- Provide services around the various shift change times from our factories and businesses that have 2nd & 3rd shifts.
- Availability and affordability. In New Hampton we lost the town chassis that transported our children and elderly. Due to staffing and funding this service is no longer offered.
- Longer evening and weekend bus service. Add passenger rail.
- Put a depot in Aplington with a passenger train going through Aplington.
- There is no good bussing or public transit that runs often enough to be useful to me.
- Have it run to a few more cities so people don't have to travel so far to a major city to get on it. But I could see people using it from a regional hub to go to a larger city and back.
- Newer buses and shorter ride times.
- Rural areas do not want public transport, it will ruin farmland
- Clean, affordable, safe, proximity. Good options are not available.
- 1) Rural public transportation doesn't go where I want to go for longer trips, or even close. And it would require going way out of the way. 2) I have to drive so far to access it, I might as well drive the whole way. 3) The number and times for departures and arrivals is inadequate for my schedule. When I lived on the East Coast I regularly used commuter rail between cities and subways in the cities. It was convenient and worked well. When I lived in the Twin Cities I regularly used city bus and for a while the tram (but it got seedy). Now in Butler County I live near work so car is best. I still would use rail for my regular medium trips (Des Moines, Wausau, Rochester, Mankato) and especially for regular longer trips (Orlando, Denver) if it would work with schedule, access, cost, and if there was adequate feasible last mile transportation. It doesn't do to only add a few spurs. The whole system needs expansion by adding more hubs with non-stop service, and many more spurs.
- Availability and addition of passenger rail
- There's no availability that I'm aware of in my community
- While I personally do not use public transportation, I work in a position in which I am trying to support others who need public transportation and use it daily. We need the times that it available to be expanded so that evenings and weekends are offered. We also need the ability to streamline it to make it so that it does not take several hours to get from some places in Waterloo to Cedar Falls. I would love to see a passenger rail that would go from the Cedar Valley to Cedar Rapids and also to Ames and Des Moines that could also maybe take people in a faster and more direct way from Waterloo to Cedar Falls and vice versa.
- Keep roads and bridges in excellent repair in rural areas since public transit systems probably will not be efficient in these areas.
- In my area there is no transit if any sort... not even Uber or Lyft

- One problem is this is a rural area. People are traveling in different directions at different times of the day. Public transportation may prove to be very costly. Public transportation for elderly and people that are unable to drive should be considered and promoted. Some that I have told people about aren't used as they should be. A lot of people are not aware of what is available now to help them.
- In Butler and Chickasaw County, we have no public transportation nor in Floyd County. Since we are not used to any we have all gotten used to using our own form of transportation.
- Many folks living in the surrounding communities outside of Waterloo- CF commute to work in Waterloo Cedar Falls. Connect the smaller communities to the larger cities. Connect Waterloo to Iowa City and Des Moines.
- Connect Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City with high speed light rail service
- Just being available. Right now we have nothing because of cuts and no funding. Our school children and elderly who rely on public transportation are scrambling. It is a hardship on people of this community.
- We need more transportation for school kids around New Hampton since we lost our local Chickasaw chassis. Day cares have no way to get school aged kids to school.
- We need a system to assist with getting daycare kids to school as it is too far to walk for 3-4 year olds.
- Transit bus for school age children!
- We don't have local public transit around town that is available to pedestrians and children
- Currently in New Hampton there is no transportation for the town kids to get to school. The only transportation company shut down earlier this year. So it can be improved by setting up a new business to help with transportation getting kids to and from school.
- More of it in rural areas - not enough companies providing public transportation
- We have no public transit currently in New Hampton and are in need.
- In a small community and there is none. Need a service.
- We do not have any transportation services in our town. The schools and parents are struggling with getting kids to school. I wish they had town bus stops. A lot of children don't take extracurricular activities as well because they don't have someone to take them to and from practice, if they live out of town.
- We have none.
- There's a huge need for a busing system to transport children to and from school especially from both in home daycares and daycare centers. The current buses don't transport kids.
- Availability for school aged students who need a ride to school especially on extremely cold days, or extremely hot days, instead of walking. Availability also for those who cannot drive themselves for any reason
- There's no public transport for kids in New Hampton Iowa. I give a child rides to and from school every day because they don't have a car and have no other way of getting her to school.
- Would be awesome to expand to our area as we have lost our public transport and we have school kids that are needing a safe way to and from school. I am a daycare provider who would know it would be a great thing to have in our town, knowing our kids are getting where they need to be safely as it is difficult for all daycare providers to help transport the kids with growing families
- Need to have more availability in the rural communities
- Be available for rural Iowa
- Kids that need rides to and from school, elderly people that need transportation, people without cars, people unable to rides, etc. do not have any local public transport anymore
- To actually provide it.
- Bring affordable transportation for kids to ride
- Increase availability as there are very limited to no options
- We don't have one
- Need better support for school transportation!
- Availability in rural areas.
- Need more for city kids that can't get take time off to get their kids to daycare.
- New Hampton lost our chassis that was hugely utilized for our school children. Now our little preschool kids have to walk, and someone is going to get killed. We need a safe way for our children to get to and from school
- Make it available, safe, and affordable. \$20 to go 6 blocks is excessive when the driver ignores all stop and yield signs.
- For small towns.
- Rural areas have next to nothing for public transportation. Availability, options...
- Public bus for to/from school and to/from Dr appointments and grocery store in New Hampton.
- Have County, Towns public transportation for those that are in need to get places
- Low flying drone passenger carriers. Electric trolley as well.
- New Hampton is in great need for bus service!
- Availability in smaller towns such as New Hampton.

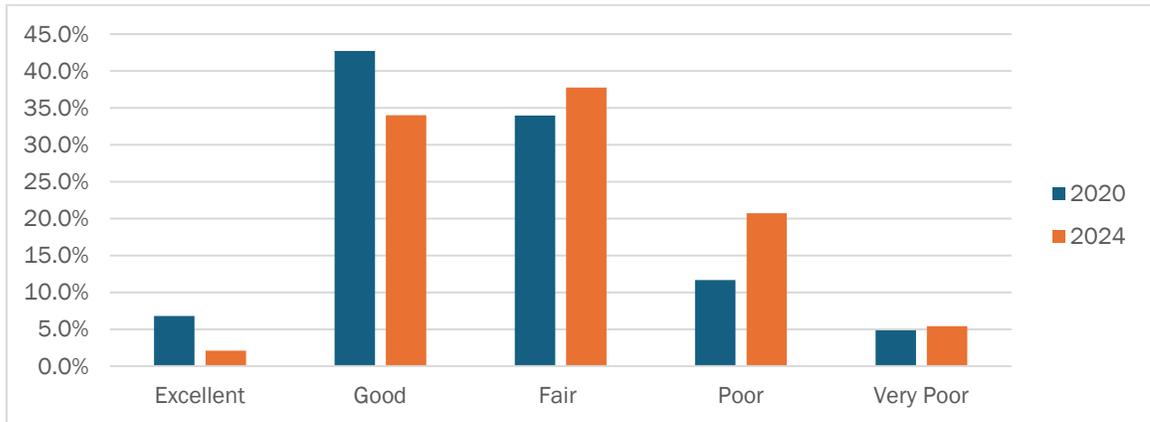
- Making scheduling easier
- No available public transportation to/from daycares to schools in New Hampton. The school does not offer bus service to all in town kids. I think they should add bus stops in all 4 quadrants of New Hampton.
- There is no public transportation system. No everyone has a car available to get groceries or go to doctor appointments.
- Add bus in New Hampton IA for kids for school
- Not sure as New Hampton is small
- Bus route to take town kids to both schools
- Availability needs major improvement. Adding any kind of public transport would help.
- We have no public transportation in New Hampton
- Getting a public transit system could help student gets to school
- We recently lost public transportation for school kids who live or go to daycare in New Hampton. We used the service when our kids were young. Options for after school transportation needed.
- We have a son with special needs and we live in town. We can't allow him to walk places on his own due to those special needs. We looked into the possibility of using the transit van in New Hampton for him to get from a daycare to school this was an option, but we opted to opt use it as the service was ending.
- We need to have one
- It is hard to get consistent public transportation in small towns due to its limited use and town walkability
- Hours
- Have no public transportation in New Hampton
- We have nothing and that makes life so hard for two parents that work or single parents, stay at home moms with babies. Plenty of my employees struggle with shifts at our factories and being able to get their child to and from.
- More service
- Have public transit available. Add passenger rail.
- At least one local transit in New Hampton
- Major city connections might be nice to have, but I'd rather see our roads, bridges, and trails improved versus adding more rail transit. We are culturally an automobile country and that is where we should be primarily investing in for transportation infrastructure. the rail network just doesn't exist and is cost prohibitive to create in the short term for sure and maybe even in the long term.
- Need service to take small children to school in town (some may have to walk 1.5 miles).
- Our community has a high need for transportation of town students to and from school. Transportation for the elderly population as well.
- I am not sure on this because I don't use this service now, so I don't know what is available. I did use the chassis when my kids were little to get to school and my grandma did when she lived alone and didn't have a car. To be able to have a chassis service to me is secondary to an ambulance service as far as its value to the community.
- We don't have public transit. it is needed.
- Having one available
- Availability for those with disabilities, longer hours of operation, add a passenger rail, make it eco-friendly and accessible. People in the rural counties that don't have a car are stranded and have very limited access to work.
- More buses for the current operating area. The ability to get users further distances or at least operate between the major cities (Cedar Falls, Waverly, Waterloo, Grundy Center). It'd be helpful if users could be brought from Grundy Center to Waverly or any commute matching the examples I listed in parenthesis. Hours of operation could include some evening routes and/or limited weekend transportation.
- Having available transportation services 24/7 would be outstanding but would at least like to see it available M-F 7:30am -5pm
- Small regional buses would be so helpful! Transport within town (New Hampton) and the surrounding communities would be great, especially in the summertime when kids have swim lessons and activities in town during the workday.
- More bus stops.
- Local transportation options would be helpful for in town transportation, especially for school children. New Hampton ended their chassis service and the competing service's prices were seven times higher. Passenger rail would be a neat idea, depending how far it goes.
- WE NEED TRANSPORTATION OF SOME SORT IN OUR NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY!
- Availability to rural communities. Rural communities have no options to get around but to walk or own a vehicle. We need at minimum a transit bus transport for public use especially with very little parking.
- I'm not aware of any public transit currently. The one system in New Hampton was ended leaving many people without a way to get around.

- In town, in New Hampton for school aged children
- Daycare transportation in our small town
- Bus routes that connect all cities over 5,000
- Would love a train that connected major cities in Iowa to allow for options other than driving. In particular, Waterloo to CR/Coralville/IC & Waterloo to Des Moines.
- Adding some transit options for school aged kids that live in city limits.
- We need something to pick up children like we had when the Chickasaw Chassis was here. When my kids were young this got them from daycare to school. As well as from daycare to summer activities. Not sure why this is no longer available.
- Make one available that has licensed drivers who follow roadway laws.
- There is no public transit in New Hampton
- Availability for school aged children
- Insurance used to pay for transport to IA City. We could use some sort of mini bus to major hospitals in the area. People with eye appts have to find a driver.
- Could use more services for elderly and school age children
- Add passenger rail.
- Rail might be nice for stops along Highway 30 line, if people would use it enough.
- My town is too small for public transportation.
- Get Rid of it Save the Tax Payer
- Connectivity and availability
- Unfortunately, in rural areas, it isn't viable economically.
- Provide service to our area - New Hampton Iowa
- I lived in Yokohama, Japan for 3 years and their public transportation is great. Buses stop throughout neighborhoods with stops at local businesses and rail stations within the city limits. Trains take people out of town with stops and connections along the routes. It's a wonderfully easy system.
- There is NO reliable bus or rail near Bremer County. I did use the rail from Dubuque to Chicago when it was available years ago, When I go to cities with public transportation--Minneapolis (LTr) for example I use it. Don't see the any available in Bremer County any time soon.
- Little need in our area.
- Add Uber etc.
- Public transportation is fine in larger cities, not a rural idea. Too inconvenient
- A passenger rail would be amazing to see. I don't use other public transportation.

12. How would you rate our pedestrian infrastructure?

A. Answered: 241

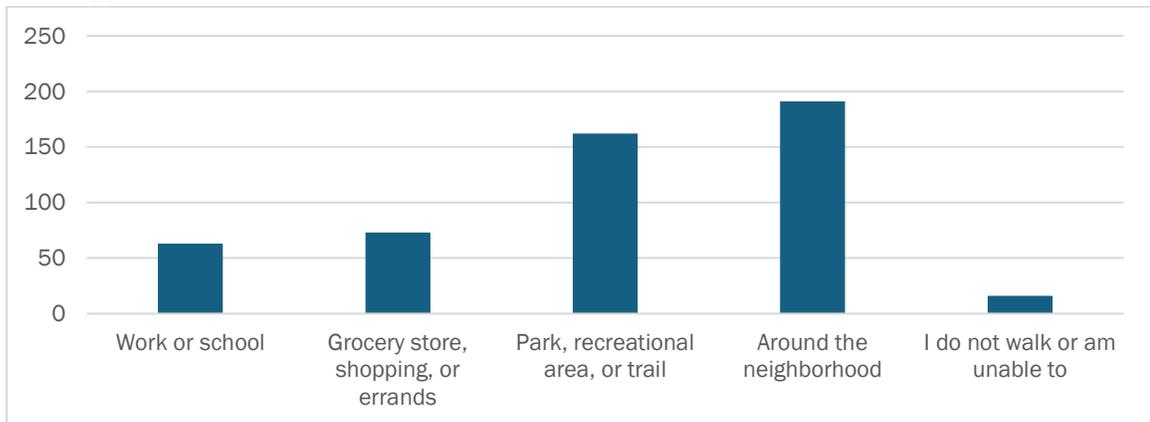
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13. Where do you walk to? Select all that apply.

A. Answered: 241

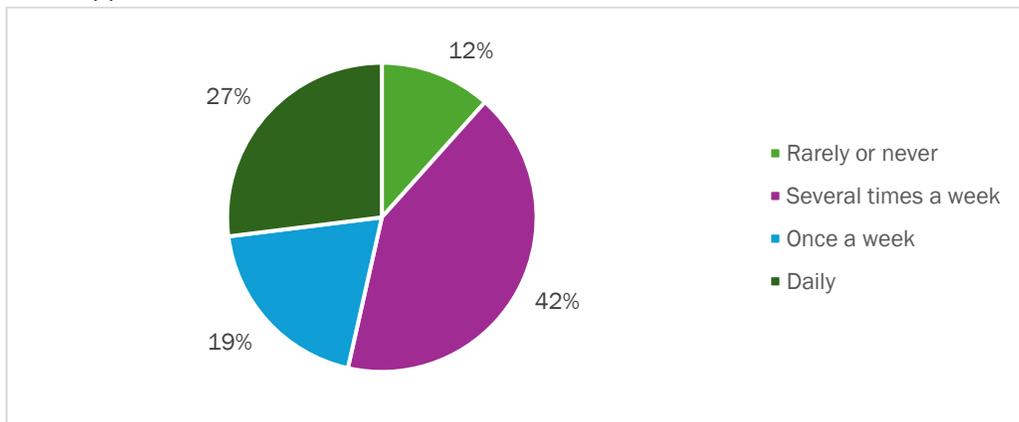
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14. How often do you walk?

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



15. Which road(s) would you improve for walking, and how would you do it?

The responses regarding road improvements for walking focus primarily on the need for better sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting across various towns. Key points include:

- A. **Sidewalk Additions and Repairs:** Many towns, especially New Hampton, are noted for inconsistent or missing sidewalks. Specific streets, such as Hamilton St., Milwaukee St., and others, are frequently mentioned for needing sidewalks to enhance safety, especially around schools and high-traffic areas.
- B. **Crosswalks and Pedestrian Safety:** There are numerous calls for improved crosswalks, especially on busy streets like West Main St., Milwaukee St., and around schools. Some respondents suggest installing flashing lights or crosswalk signals to increase visibility and safety.
- C. **Trail Expansion and Connectivity:** Expanding and connecting walking trails, such as around parks and connecting neighborhoods, is a recurring suggestion. Trails like the Tribe Trail in New Hampton and proposed trail connections in Buchanan County are seen as positive additions.
- D. **Lighting Improvements:** Respondents stress the need for better street lighting, particularly for walking at night or in poorly lit areas.
- E. **Sidewalk and Crosswalk Maintenance:** Many responses highlight the poor condition of existing sidewalks and crosswalks, urging towns to repair uneven surfaces, clear debris, and maintain accessibility.
- F. **Traffic Calming and Signage:** Reducing speeding, adding stop signs, and improving signage around schools and pedestrian-heavy areas are common themes to enhance pedestrian safety.

Individual Responses:

- Many or all (x5)
- We need more grant opportunities to expand trails
- Cedar Lane in Waverly needs a place for walkers, runners and bikes.
- The city of Jesup could use more sidewalks or a walking trail.
- All of New Hampton's side streets
- Most all of them in New Hampton
- East Washington street in New Hampton needs more sidewalks as it's a heavily traveled. Part of the road only has one side with a sidewalk and another part has no sidewalk at all. A lot of people use that street to get to nearby parks and a store on east side of town
- W. Milwaukee by Zips needs a crosswalk for employees for they are not dodging cars to get to parking lot. All residential homes should have a sidewalk throughout town to make it easier to walk around town.
- Sidewalks in New Hampton aren't standard. You can be walking on a sidewalk and it will end mid-block.
- Lights and [crosswalks].
- More sidewalks through New Hampton, Ionia & Alta Vista - repair those that are there
- New Hampton recently made a very nice walking trail connecting the existing trail around the park on the east side of the town to the walking trail on the west side of the town. It's mostly connected now (due to be completed soon) and is a welcome addition to the town.
- Have walking trail
- School to School and Park to park roads
- Ionia sidewalks for daycare traffic is increasing because of closed bridge on 18 and kids on bikes are in danger they close back street by park kids are out in semi traffic speeding in Ionia
- Sidewalks could be repaired to be level to reduce fall hazards
- West Main Street from Western to the trail could use a sidewalk. There isn't one along there and it makes walking to the trail dangerous unless you go behind the CWC.

- How are we supposed to get sidewalks in New Hampton city limits if our Board of Adjustment and City offices constantly allow new builders to ask permission to NOT put in a sidewalk? The rule needs to be any NEW construction or cement work requires a sidewalk to be put in if it's not already there.
- Sidewalks on Milwaukee St in New Hampton
- Numerous sidewalks in New Hampton need to be replaced. The Tribe Trail in New Hampton is an awesome addition to our community!
- Hamilton from New Hampton Elementary to CWC, no sidewalk but a lot of foot traffic with kids walking
- North Pleasant Hill Ave in New Hampton--needs more sidewalks
- I can't say of the top of my head. There are a number of them in New Hampton that need repair.
- Reducing heavy traffic on busy walk routes. Have truck routes and make them use them.
- There needs to be pedestrian crossings on Main Street in New Hampton for those walking to the park.
- Sidewalks are rarely used anymore. They are in good condition.
- New Hampton's roads are fairly decent for walking purposes
- Add sidewalks to heavily vehicle roads. All of Hamilton St in New Hampton
- On Second Street South the sidewalk ends after 311 South Second St and then we have to walk on the street
- I live in a small town. Not many sidewalks left or being added as infrastructure. Most people here complain about them, so they get taken out by homeowner. Other town roads are pea gravel over tar. Once driven on, not terrible to walk on. Not all streets have this though.
- Would like to see a connecting trail system in Buchanan County that hooks up with the Cedar Valley Nature Trail - could consider trail system along the Wapsipinicon as well.
- Crosswalk could be installed on IA 24 near Zips, Inc. for workers.
- Over or under-passes for pedestrians to safely get through all of the roundabouts that seem to have been designed entirely without pedestrian safety in mind.
- People need to do a better job of maintaining sidewalks on their property. This means keeping weeds from growing in cracks and over edges of walks, removing overhanging branches and grass clippings, and removing snow in winter. Same goes for the recreational trails.
- Logan St in New Hampton and many other streets in New Hampton are dangerous for walkers and bikers and motorists.
- Sidewalks on Water St
- Put sidewalks in all parts of Aplington instead of the hit and miss that it now has. Sidewalks on West end of town, east end of town, South end of town, north of Main Street, on Gray Street, around city park, and fill in on all properties that do not have one on both sides or even on 1 side. We need consistency on our side walks.
- On some streets there are houses with and next them without sidewalks, so you have to walk in the street at times
- I think within a city all three of the items listed are very nice for walking. Good sidewalks, ample lighting & crosswalks. But I think we do a pretty good job with that in most cities.
- I always thought a bike trail all the way around New Hampton could be possible.
- We do not need walking trails in rural Grundy County
- General ideas for sidewalks: 1) Wide enough for 2 or 3 adults to walk together. 2) Smooth and without upheavals, uneven cracks, or other tripping hazards. 3) In winter, kept shoveled, plowed, blown, or brushed of snow and de-iced. Preferably done uniformly by the city. 4) Hedges and tree branches should be kept trimmed to not encroach on the path or poke your face. (Done either by property owner or city). 5) Wedged curbs at intersections are nice for walkers, bikers, and wheelchairs. 6) Bike rack locking rail designated areas downtown for shoppers and bike commuters. (Better if covered). 7) Think in terms of systems for walkers and bikes (like bike racks, posted safety rules for bike on sidewalks and or roads).
- When I lived in Japan and Europe I was impressed with their extensive, well planned, equipped, and maintained interactive systems for bike, cars, trains, and foot traffic, with shared and organized responsibilities by government, businesses, property owners, and patrons.
- Resurface the roads as they haven't been done in decades, they are a hazard due to the enormous potholes that are "bandaged" yearly with some cold patch.
- Sidewalk improvements and bike lanes
- Sidewalks often in disrepair or no sidewalk available
- I was forced to replace my sidewalk within 6 months of buying my house, but I have not seen any others in town with torn up horrible sidewalks being forced to replace theirs. We need decent sidewalks in Nashua to walk in.
- More recreational trails and better sidewalks and lighting around towns.
- Sidewalks in Nashua need to be upgraded, repaired or improved. They have been neglected for years. Old HWY Road in Nashua is used for walking and biking a lot and it is in serious shape.

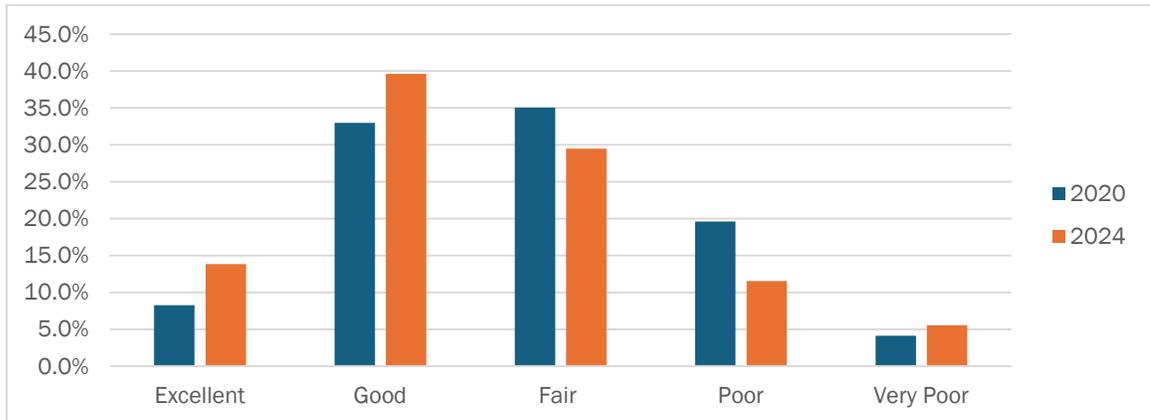
- Greeley Street. Residential areas just west of Main Street.
- The recreational trails are mowed too often and too wide. It greatly reduces the nature experience.
- Would like the Nature Trail from La Porte City north to Waterloo and to Cedar Falls improved as the asphalt has numerous cracks and is very rough riding a bicycle.
- La Porte Rd from W Main St to E Reinbeck Rd needs a sidewalk & lighting to get to Dollar General from town.
- They are fine for walking. Except for E. Washington going. There needs to be a stop sign at the corner of E. Washington St. and N. Water. And Washington and Foley. There is a big hill. Can't see over. There are at least 12 kids on this block alone. This road is a racetrack. Someone is going to get hurt or killed.
- I only use the pedestrian system for recreation. I have no good awareness of the conditions otherwise.
- West Main Street and 3 side streets with stop signs during before /after school. One way street ONLY during school hours for school drop offs! Crossing guard issues! Bath paths painted on South Maple as no sidewalks for children to walk to school! Stop sign during school hours t South Broadway and West Hamilton. Or pedestrian flashing lights so parents can cross!
- More crosswalks with walking lights. More lighting for kids during the walk.
- Almost all streets in Nashua could use sidewalks/improve sidewalks
- E Logan St more lights
- A lot of roads in town do not have sidewalks for kids to walk on so they have to walk alongside the road
- I would put a sidewalk along one of the main roads that's traveled by our grocery store. It's a main road from our park to our schools. I would have my children walk to school, but that road is just so busy and there is not a sidewalk.
- Hamilton Street from water street going east and west. sidewalks not available in full route to high school nor to the city park
- Add sidewalks all the way along Hamilton from Stolz Park area (Bigelow Ave) to the high school. I see lots of kids walking downside of road here.
- They are fine
- Not all streets in town have sidewalks. Add sidewalks to the North side of E Logan. Add sidewalks to the North side of W Hale.
- Lighting
- Crosswalk lights could be a little longer giving slower kids or people enough time to get off the road
- There needs to be a way to safely walk from the sidewalk that ends by the bike trail, to the bike trail by the factories that goes behind the McDonalds area. Also connected sidewalks on court street.
- Around the school would benefit with better crosswalks. There are also several roads that do not have sidewalks that would benefit from adding a walking/biking lane or a sidewalk.
- Sidewalks where we don't have them, safer ways for kids to get to and from school
- South Broadway
- Main Street school to 271 S Water Ave New Hampton Iowa
- Adding more sidewalks throughout New Hampton for safety
- Sidewalks - several areas in our town that need attention
- E. Prospect Street, better sidewalks
- Lots of dark streets in our town at night
- Better training and guards so drivers know not to drive in the bike/walk lane
- More sidewalks
- Better lighting/signage/flashing lights near St Joes school in New Hampton
- From school to NH daycares. My sister-in-laws are affected by this. I am not in the New Hampton district.
- South Maple and Hamilton
- Most main sidewalks
- New Hampton needs more cross walks across Linn Ave, or an elevated crosswalk above the street near the elementary school.
- Logan Ave
- Put more crosswalks in place.
- By the schools
- Even ground, pavement, safe crosswalk options...
- E Washington St in New Hampton with sidewalks
- Finish the sidewalks in New Hampton
- Lots of sidewalks need repair and many streets don't even have sidewalks
- Sidewalks throughout town and lighting
- Logan Ave and Cleveland Ave
- Push button that lights up when pedestrians walking to alert car drivers.

- N Jackson St in Fredericksburg between the Marsh Creek bridge and middle school needs a sidewalk. Also, trying to cross Main St in Fredericksburg sometimes is very difficult due to heavy traffic. Almost wonder if there should be a permanent stop sign/4 way stop near the middle school to make it easier for pedestrians to cross all times of the day.
- Public transport for kids
- Crosswalks by the school and on Main Street. Even by Fareway
- Stop light at Milwaukee and Linn Ave, Pedestrian crossing on Milwaukee for Zips Trucking
- Hamilton to school
- Sidewalks
- Lighting and crosswalks in many different areas.
- Too many dogs
- By the school
- Intersection of Highway 18 and Linn in New Hampton. Just east of Zips. Extremely busy corner. Recommend a stoplight. Lots of foot traffic in this area, walking north to Dollar General or the factory. Also Highway 18 across from Zips. Needs a crosswalk. Heavy foot traffic as workers cross the road to reach the parking lot.
- New Hampton: I would like all corners (even on side streets) be handicap accessible. Right now, it seems only one sidewalk needs to be accessible, causing you to have to turn right, then left to get straight across the street. Often times, the accessible 'ramped' sidewalks do not line up.
- E Harrison Street where it needs a better system for people to get across the streets. Crossing light only works for one way so it's dangerous unless a crossing guard steps in the middle of the road to protect kids.
- Sidewalks
- Residential sidewalks in New Hampton
- West Hamilton. All around elementary, and back side of middle school/high school
- Sidewalks
- 4th Avenue
- Like I stated in the previous page almost all of them from south of Main St.
- All of New Hampton Iowa
- Main Street from S Maple towards high school New Hampton. Add streetlights on S Maple Ave.
- Many side roads/residential roads throughout La Porte City have horrible sidewalks or none at all. heaved, sunken. The downtown area has blind corners near alleys that can be unsafe and again, everything except Main St has areas of opportunity for repair due to uneven or dangerous footing conditions.
- Some areas don't have sidewalks.
- Sidewalks
- Some roads don't have sidewalks and there are not crossing lights for walkers at busy intersections-Pleasant Hill and Main or Water and Main
- Broadway and Hamilton. W Main.
- E Main Street and w Main Street in New Hampton Iowa
- Again too many to mention specifically. The sidewalks in areas not connected to Main Street business is neglected. Sidewalks are tripping hazards. We have the walking trail which is new and smooth but just going to get your mail or take garbage out is pretty hazardous in many areas.
- Many streets need sidewalks and crosswalks for kids
- Safer crosswalks on South Linn, Hamilton and West Main Street especially by the schools!!
- Closer to school, crosswalks, more safety near the school and parks.
- Bike trails from rural areas to towns.
- Sidewalks are not maintained at a high enough quality. Usually walk on the edge of road or highway
- Maintaining a Cedar River bridge for the Rail Trail. Sidewalks to Wartburg baseball field needed.
- Hospital area
- Cedar Lane needs a sidewalk on the entire road for runners/walkers

16. How would you rate our bicycle infrastructure?

A. Answered: 241

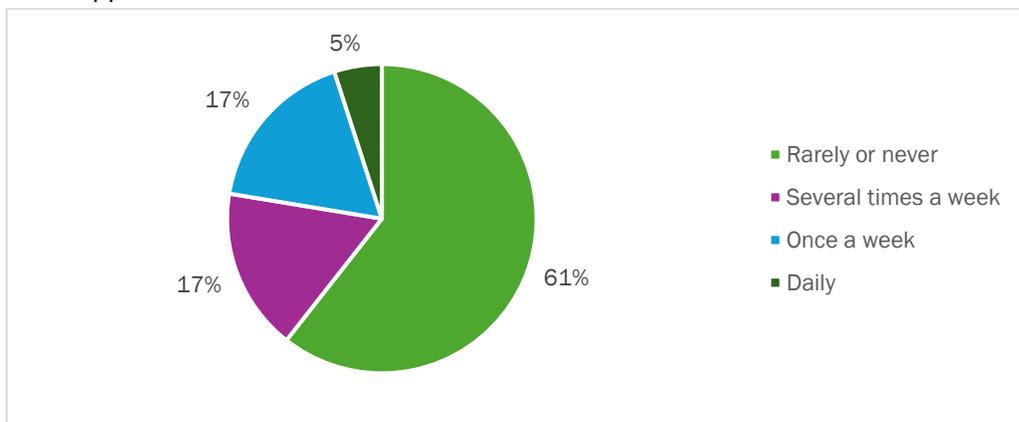
B. Skipped: 0



17. How often do you bike?

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



18. Where do you bike to? Select all that apply.

A. Answered: 241

B. Skipped: 0



19. Which road(s) would you improve for biking, and how would you do it?

The responses gathered highlight a community-wide commitment to improving biking conditions, emphasizing the need for better infrastructure, maintenance, and safety measures to promote cycling as a viable mode of transportation. Key points include:

- A. **Infrastructure Improvements:** Many respondents emphasized the need for more bike lanes and dedicated bike trails to keep cyclists safe from traffic. Specific roads like Hamilton St, East Washington, and 4th and 5th Streets were mentioned as needing bike lanes. Additionally, shared road options and wider shoulders on roads were suggested to improve connectivity between existing trails.
- B. **Trail Maintenance:** The condition of trails, such as the Waverly Rail Trail and Cedar Valley Nature Trail, was highlighted, with calls for repaving and maintenance to address issues like cracks and overgrown vegetation. Respondents also requested better signage indicating bike lanes and paved shoulders to enhance awareness and safety.
- C. **Community Connectivity:** Suggestions included connecting bike paths to retail areas and schools to promote biking for daily errands, rather than just for recreation. Some responses pointed out that improving access to bike trails could help encourage more people to bike instead of relying on roads for transportation.
- D. **Safety Concerns:** Respondents noted the dangers of riding on busy roads without proper infrastructure, citing accidents and visibility issues. There were also calls for reduced speed limits near schools and community areas to improve safety for cyclists, ensuring a more secure environment for biking.
- E. **Additional Features:** Lighting improvements, particularly around newer trails, were mentioned to enhance safety during nighttime use. Some respondents suggested bike safety classes to educate riders about traffic laws and safety practices, promoting responsible cycling habits within the community.
- F. **Specific Recommendations:** A mix of suggestions for specific roads included adding bike lanes on Union Rd, Ansborough St, and S Linn Ave. Proposals for enhancing the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and linking trails to broader regional networks were frequently mentioned, indicating a strong desire for interconnected biking routes.

Individual Responses:

- All (x3)
- Expand opportunities for communities to build trails
- Biking needs to be off of roads.
- Most of them in New Hampton
- East Washington would be a good road to have a bike lane as that is a heavily traveled road
- Sidewalks through out town.
- The Waverly Rail Trail to Readlyn and Denver is rough and needs repaved. Also, Waverly to Butler County via Hwy 3 is not safe.
- New Hampton has an amazing trail system.
- All small towns could use either bike lanes
- Use riding trail
- Bike lanes less traffic just streets
- I bike on trails
- Bike lanes are all well and good but most bikers do not ride in the street if there is a sidewalk available.
- A bike path around Chickasaw Basin area

- I see many bikers on the blacktop between New Hampton and Ionia. This is very dangerous since there is basically no shoulder.
- Hamilton, it is a bike route but no markings on the road for safety
- Most of our roads do not have bike lanes.
- Maintenance and more opportunity
- Bikes trails are in good condition. No improvements are necessary.
- Lighting around the new addition to the tribe trail would be wonderful
- Adding a bike lane on Hamilton St in New Hampton. Adding a bike lane on S Linn Ave in New Hampton.
- We have no bike lanes in town just in the street
- Any town street that needs attention
- There have been fatal or almost fatal accidents with bikers on the rural highways. Roads are not wide enough or drivers have poor visibility. I've seen some areas put in bike/walking trails miles long to great success (Quad Cities, near Dubuque, Cedar Rapids area to name a few) that have gotten a mass majority of bikers off the highways. Walkers and bikers would all benefit from it and give the communities a great amenity.
- All roads should have a bike lane to ensure safety.
- New Chickasaw Trail is great
- Allow bikes on the trails/sidewalks and not in the streets. I know many want them to "share the lane" but it's not safe at all
- New Hampton has a great Tribe trail
- Too many to name in New Hampton
- Trails would be great
- Offer bike safety classes as very few of bike riders obey traffic laws!
- Bike lane on Joseph Rd, Dunkerton Rd, Sal Ave, Carroll Blvd, Main St, Stickney etc.
- I think biking should be totally separate from traffic, so I think building bike trails & bike lanes a little ways apart from regular lanes of traffic would be best & safer.
- Bike trail around New Hampton.
- None, don't tear up rural farmland for this dumb
- I rarely ride bike but my wife does a lot, for all the reasons above. My comments about bikes are in previous question about sidewalks. However, I didn't think about lighting. That's a good point.
- Same answer as pedestrian - all city roads are in poor to very poor condition and are not very safe due to the large potholes.
- Hwy 346
- We do not have bike trails in Nashua
- More trails.
- When roads are constructed or improved, some have increased shoulders. I would like to see bike paths integrated at those times. One example would have been from Nashua east on Hwy 346 at least to the Little Brown Church. Doing that and making a beginning and ending trail for tourism would be good.
- Old HWY Road is where there is biking in Nashua
- Reducing speeds on Greeley Street. Better lighting on this street.
- Connect your trail system to other communities
- Increase bike trails
- A bike lane to and from Denver would be great! A bike lane on Union Road north of Cedar Falls would be great. Once the Cedar Valley Nature Trail is finished, you can ride from Cedar Falls to Iowa City or vice-versa. Promote this fantastic accomplishment! Maximum speed on trails should be 15 mph. Too many electric and throttle bikes are going well over 20 mph, and make the trails very unsafe.
- Please improve the Nature Trail from La Porte City Trail entrance north to Waterloo and also to Cedar Falls. The asphalt trail has numerous cracks and heaving making it very rough to ride a bicycle. We have heard numerous same comments from others. We take our bicycles to other towns to bicycle since they have nice smooth trails.
- Bike lane on all roads.
- More bike trails to locations on the outskirts of town adding access to the casino, Hawkeye College, public housing, etc.
- Reduced speeds on West Main and South Hamilton
- Our trail is complete and pretty safe to ride on
- Almost all roads in Nashua - trails are needed, improved sidewalks
- Not a lot of sidewalks in New Hampton so kids have to ride on the busy roads to school.
- We have a bike trail, but again There is a main road that's heavily traveled by kids walking to and from school that has no sidewalk or bikes or people walking.
- Same as sidewalks. Only aware of one road in town that has a bike lane available.

- E. Logan going from Hwy 63 to Mission Ave. This is a way to get on the Tribe Trail and people go very fast near the trailhead.
- We have a new bike trail
- The new bike trail is really nice, but it's on the outskirts of town and is for recreation not necessity of getting places. Kids can't really use it to get to school and people don't ride it to go to work or run errands.
- Speed and lights
- South Broadway
- E. Prospect Street
- 4th Street part of the tribe trail - drivers still use the bike lane as a drive lane, very dangerous after dark!
- New bike trail
- More paved shoulders/wider shoulders on county blacktops would be nice.
- South Maple
- Add trail on all of Milwaukee
- Create bike lanes near schools and libraries.
- Maintain current locations. Resurface broken, uneven concrete. Better crosswalk options.
- Bike lanes on Main St or Avenues to connect neighborhoods to bike trails in New Hampton because the streets are so rough and broken/cracking they're dangerous to ride on.
- All roads wider shoulders for biking on
- No bike lanes. Expand the trails more to main businesses
- Many in need of repair
- Lighting
- Logan Ave and Cleveland Ave
- I am worried about potholes when biking
- It is not safe to bike on roads. I only bike on trails or exercise.
- I don't usually ride my bike but my husband rides his bike to work. I think overall, there are no issues. Main St in Fredericksburg doesn't allow bikes on the sidewalk where their businesses are. They've stated on their Facebook page that there will be a fee if caught riding on the sidewalk. However, there are no signs on Main St that we've ever seen. They should get a no bike sign so everyone knows this rule. The Fredericksburg library has a bike rack which is nice.
- Bike racks and lanes
- Trail around industrial need some updates
- Hamilton to school
- Better shoulders on all roads.
- S Water Ave, W Hamilton Street, Main Street. A lot of people biking with no real safe space to.
- Bike lanes on Hwy 24 out of New Hampton
- Bike lane to school
- W Hamilton
- Hwy 18
- 4th Avenue
- Locust, Water, Chestnut
- Bike trails are good just roads are rough
- Add more bike lanes around town
- Cedar Valley Nature Trail is very rough with lots of deep holes that need repair. Hitting a hole can nearly wipe a person out. South of Waterloo on Cedar Prairie Trail there is a bridge that crosses the Black Hawk Creek... This bridge has so many trees piled up against it and it looks like it has already started to shift... it could possibly fail in the next flood. Overall the trail network is nice and I don't want to lose any of it. I would always appreciate more, but the big thing we need more of is maintenance on what we already have. When trails or paths do get damaged they are closed or are dangerous for a long time before anything is done about it. Investment in a trail user networking app (and marketing for the app) for reporting areas of concern could improve trail monitoring and could help pinpoint areas that really need maintenance.
- Crossings
- Trail
- The area just finished an amazing trail
- Could use bike lanes and signs
- Crossing over South Linn using the TRIBE trail!
- Lighting, improving sidewalks
- There really needs to be a bike trail, separate from the road on Union Rd. and Finchford Rd. from Cedar Falls to Finchford.
- In New Hampton, the road quality varies greatly across the town. I'd like to see some of the money the city council has set aside start to go towards cement road repairs and less of the tar and gravel repairs.

- Maple, Broadway, Hamilton
- Reduce speeds and or stop signs down West Main in 2 areas for sure. Kids can't cross safely. West Hamilton is a huge problem!! HELP
- Extend our bike trail to airport park
- Linn Ave
- New Hampton has almost no bike lanes for transportation within the city areas. Coupled with prohibiting people from sidewalk biking it means minors including would have to bike on the roads. Reducing speeds near schools would help.
- Logan, Cleveland, Water Ave
- Bike lanes in town or wide sidewalks for kids to ride on
- Find more options to link our trail with others. This is a tourist investment.
- There needs to be a designated route
- Bike Trails need to be extended out into Chickasaw County. There is only about 6 miles of trail in city limits and the county roads are dangerous to ride on.
- Make the trail complete so can ride on just trail and not streets as part of it.
- Bike lanes on Milwaukee, Linn, and Main St in New Hampton, IA.
- Create more bike lanes
- We have a nice trail
- Everything west of maple street to the schools
- Speed is a problem on all county roads
- Having better access to trails would be very beneficial, as they are great for biking/walking, but can be difficult to get to.
- Bike trails are improving :)
- The "Beaman blacktop" in Marshall County has a strip of asphalt off to the sides to make biking safer. Be nice if the same conditions existed in Grundy County on that stretch.
- side streets have uneven surfaces.
- I love our bike trail and feel fortunate to have it. I do worry about the portion where you have to cross S. Linn Ave due to it being a busy street with vehicles moving at a face pace. I mostly worry that a child who is biking unsupervised would cross without paying close enough attention to traffic, so I think that the more signs/flashing lights/etc. we can have in that spot to warn vehicles, the better
- All of the roads that the Bikers pay road use tax on
- Bike lanes needed throughout town
- Bike lanes on all roads that don't have them, including rural. We ride around southern Grundy County and roads in/out of Conrad and Beaman have little to no shoulder or bike lanes. D67 east and west of Conrad, Hawk Ave north of Conrad, T29/J Ave north of Beaman, 310th St between Highway 14 and T29.
- Adding paved shoulder outside a rumble strip like 14 has to any road would be great.
- 6th Street & South Street
- I would eliminate the existing bike lanes downtown. They are unused and confusing. I would create a connecting series of bike paths between neighborhoods connected to the walking path downtown.
- Limited availability and not adequately maintained.
- Maintain Waverly Rail Trail to Denver & expand to be able to link to other nearby trails
- Lovers Lane
- Grundy uses a stone over lay of tar. That is not safe for any bike.
- The highway between New Hartford and Dike off of Highway 57, I would add a paved shoulder so bikes can get over. Lots of people use it for biking but the road is narrow with no paved shoulder and it's very hilly so it's hard to pass.

20. What is the number one transportation problem in your life?

Respondents identified several transportation challenges impacting their daily lives, with the most common issues summarized as follows.

- A. **Road Conditions:** Many respondents expressed frustration over deteriorating roads, potholes, and gravel roads, which lead to vehicle damage and unsafe driving conditions. Specific roads in need of repair, such as Barclay Road and New Hampton streets, were frequently mentioned.
- B. **Public Transportation:** A common issue was the lack of public transportation, especially in smaller towns. Respondents highlighted the need for transportation options for children, elderly citizens, and those who need to travel for medical appointments or daily errands.
- C. **Cost of Fuel and Vehicle Maintenance:** Several respondents cited the rising cost of gas and vehicle maintenance as significant barriers to reliable transportation, particularly in rural areas where personal vehicles are the only option.
- D. **School Transportation:** Many parents expressed concerns about the lack of school bus services, especially in town, making it difficult for children to get to and from school or daycare safely.
- E. **Cycling and Pedestrian Safety:** Some respondents emphasized the need for improved biking and walking infrastructure, including more trails and safer sidewalks.
- F. **Bridges and Snow Removal:** Poorly maintained bridges and insufficient snow removal in some counties were mentioned as additional challenges, making transportation during the winter more hazardous.

Individual Responses:

- Cost of gas/fuel (x7)
- Bike tails
- Bridges rated low/closed.
- Barclay Road being a gravel road.
- Horrible roadways and then ruining expensive tires on all my vehicles
- No transportation. I would like a transportation company to take me to recreational things. Like Fair, Movies, GO visit family and friends in another town
- Transportation for my kid for school in town. We no longer have a chassis bus for transportation and school only has one bus stop in town for kids. Need a bus for kids to get to school from in home daycares
- No bus service in town for children to be picked up before and after school.
- Lack of common sense in government. For example, that roads/economic growth development plans aren't better aligned for increased traffic patterns. Or that counties (Bremer) spend money for a road (V49) to accommodate two-three rich farmers when the money could have improved highways in need of repair that serve larger numbers of people.
- Rough roads.
- Poor road conditions/potholes
- Having to drive on gravel roads in this rural community that I live in
- Not having transportation for my kids from daycare to school anymore.
- Taking mother-in-law to appointments
- The bicycling network is too disconnected. I live in Cedar Falls but go to Waterloo a lot but there isn't usually an easy way to bike there, especially the area between US 63, 218, and 20.
- Trying to keep vehicles together from driving on our roads
- Need community transportation from smaller communities to hospitals groceries courthouse etc. for older people to revive small towns
- Deteriorating roads and bridges.

- Bridges. Feel they are not checked like they should be
- Chickasaw county does not do a very good job of snow removal. The city of New Hampton is in dire need of new streets and infrastructure and this cannot be ignored any longer. Patching holes, adding more gravel and tar on top of an already bad road cannot continue forever. North Water Street in New Hampton is so bad that if you park on the side of the street, you can barely open your door because the center of the street is so far above the sidewalk.
- Public transportation in smaller towns for the elderly.
- The city streets in New Hampton are a much bigger issue than the county and state roads.
- Rough roads in New Hampton
- Gravel roads
- Insurance and taxes
- People need ride to and from medical care and specifically after hours needs.
- These roads are horrible and are extremely hard on my car. Also, they make getting into my new driveway impossible. Also, the DOT is not consistent and are brutal to work with. We live on main and now have to sell because they made it so that we cannot get our cars in the driveway. They stated, they don't care.
- I have no problems with transportation in my life other than when government bureaucrats make unnecessary laws than infringe on my rights.
- gravel roads being covered with poor quality rock. It disintegrates within a week on a heavily traveled road
- Gas prices
- The bad roads in many cities and counties in NE IA
- 0 problem right now. My own car I can afford to run.
- There's only one option - use of personal vehicle. Passenger rail to connect our bigger cities (Waterloo/Cedar Rapids/Iowa city to start) would give an excellent option for commuters to access affordable travel for healthcare, expand their job opportunities, relieve traffic in high congested areas)
- Electric charge stations for my EV while we travel - very difficult to find any stations near the main Highways with rapid charging stations.
- Walking as recovering from an ankle fracture
- Uneducated arrogant drivers not yielding the right of way causing near misses or accidents.
- Democrats destroying oil production resulting in high fuel prices, even with ethanol.
- Limited airline access in Waterloo. Also train access is limited in Northern Iowa.
- Traffic light seem to be restricting traffic flow.
- Deteriorating conditions and quantity of traffic lights and or without smart controls.
- Poorly skilled drivers posing a risk to me as a motorist, cyclist, and pedestrian.
- I can't think of one. I'm privileged that I have a vehicle and the money to maintain it and pay for gas.
- Construction work.
- For me it's fine. But I know several that don't/can't drive. They need better, more reliable transportation.
- Busses don't run late enough and sometimes not early enough or they don't go to the places they need.
- Too few EV charging stations. I would like to get an EV but infrastructure isn't there yet.
- Traffic when I go to bigger cities. No problems in the cedar valley
- Slow traffic lights changing. Ridgway/Greyhound Drive. Waterloo
- Too many uncoordinated traffic lights. Bring traffic light controls up to the 21st century with computerized controls so we're not sitting at lights with no traffic.
- I have none, our community has many including affordability of public transit.
- Inadequate commercial air service.
- Bumps and unlevel seams in pavements.
- City streets in New Hampton
- Worry about vehicles rolling through stop sign after getting off interstate between Winthrop and Quasqueton
- No public transportation, bus, train, ways to get to Dr appointments, etc.
- little access to good public transit
- Road closures
- Rough roads
- Poorly paved roads, potholes
- Installing roundabouts - these shut roads down for 2 construction seasons. Putting art in the middle that is surrounded by weeds is a waste of tax dollars. Signage in advance of roundabouts is lacking.
- Merge lanes at heavily used ramps are way too short.
- Potholes cause major vehicle damage and are more than challenging to a bike rider.
- I wish Hwy 63 were four lanes all the way to Rochester, MN
- Costs. But I doubt you can do anything about that.
- Condition of the roads because that is really the only transportation source that I utilize except walking.

- Fix roads with structural damage
- Age
- Besides the city streets not being cleared if snow in the early morning hours so I can get out to get to work, I would say public transportation is needed.
- I would like to see more trails.
- Construction. A long distance for pilot cars.
- Walking.
- The numerous roundabouts in my area are such a great improvement that I get annoyed at stop lights.
- Quality of roads. Lots of potholes.
- Trying to assist HCC students with accessible, affordable, timely transportation to and from HCC whether they live in Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Evansdale, Elk Run or other close by communities.
- Gas Prices/Rough Roads/snow removal - specifically icy roads because Randy Bennett - Public Works Director in Waterloo thinks salt or brine is best but that only works above 20 degrees and we live in Iowa where it's colder than 20 degree often. I understand not using sand due to the sewer system but there has to be a better option and why do our plows tear up the roads so bad even when they don't plow to concrete? Marion, Iowa doesn't look like Waterloo. They seem to have figured something out.
- Bikes who don't follow the rules of the road.
- The cost of cars and gas
- Getting college students moved back and forth between Hawkeye CC and UNI.
- Rough trails in Black Hawk County
- Vehicles not observed traffic rules, speeding, passing in no passing zones & not paying attention to surroundings, especially on 218 between La Porte City & Waterloo.
- The availability of convenient and cost effective transportation to low income, immigrant, international and college age adults.
- Getting school age students to and from school
- Getting preschoolers to and from schools from care.
- A student transit, safe routes to school
- No transportation for in town kids to school
- Getting my kids to school safely, especially during the winter.
- Rough roads and sidewalks
- No ride from school for my kids
- There is no public transportation for town students to and from school in New Hampton and not a lot of sidewalks to walk on.
- Transporting kids that cannot drive.
- It's not safe for my children to walk to and from school or to the park because of sidewalks and no pedestrian crossings. There is also no public former transportation to get children to and from school or daycare that live in town.
- Child getting to and from school
- Kids safety walking home from school
- Gas money
- New Hampton needs more transportation options for students who live in city limits
- A way for my 5 and 7 year old to get to and from school and daycare.
- Public transportation for our town for those who cannot drive, and for school aged children getting to and from school
- Getting my kids to and from school in the winter time as both parents work and are not able to take them to school
- Unsafe and congested parking/traffic by the elementary school. Worrying about getting kids to school that don't have transportation.
- Limited options for children/families.
- Getting all the children I care for including my own safely to/from school. This town has been growing in numbers and we are struggling to get children to school to get a good education as a lot of parents work during those hours and expect daycare to get them there but most of us are unable to transport that many children safely.
- Public transport for children
- Personal vehicle
- Transportation for daycare and school aged children
- Places without sidewalks and not having any public transit
- Students having difficulty finding transportation to school.
- There is none for children that is affordable.

- School bus transportation or lack of. Kids are having to walk long distances for bus stops in town, which is a safety concern and issue.
- Potholes
- Getting my kids to and from school/daycare
- I don't need public transportation at this time but some of my neighbors do and it is very costly for senior citizens to use
- Getting kids to daycare after school in New Hampton
- We need a chassis or something safe for our school children
- No activity bus
- Bad roads in New Hampton
- Need for better roads
- Long bus routes
- It is too expensive and unsafe.
- Need more public transportation
- No public transportation.
- Hearing town kids don't have a safe way to get to school. Elderly, handicap folks have a hard time getting a ride to get groceries, appointments or anywhere
- Poor roads
- No public transit
- Getting my special needs brother to and from his job
- Roads could use improvement.
- No transit
- Bus for my grandchild
- No access to public transportation
- Uncontrolled intersections on gravel roads
- My biggest problem is a personal problem: not checking the gas gauge when leaving. Too many times I've left town and then realize I'm almost on E. This has happened to me multiple times while driving to Waverly. I think there should maybe be a gas station off of 63 somewhere between Waverly and Fredericksburg. Kind of surprising there aren't more gas stations off of 63.
- Need transport for our kids to school in New Hampton IA
- Crosswalk safety
- Patchy roads in town
- Ride to /from schools for your kids
- Getting kids to and from activities during the day or field trips
- Cost/lack of availability
- Transportation for my student from daycare to school
- Driving on poor quality roads, mostly highways. Potholes
- Getting kids to and from
- Roads in poor condition.
- There not being a lot of direction or safety during rush hours for parents or people after work.
- We need public bus service in New Hampton
- Issues with no transportation for children of daycare age in New Hampton
- Congested roads around school in am and afternoon.
- Operations
- No public transportation
- My employees
- Gas Prices
- Unsatisfactory roads and gas prices.
- Handicap parking
- Not having enough transportation in town for children to get to school.
- Winter road maintenance and potholes.
- Price of gas.
- No transportation here
- Lack of public transportation from my home in the event my car is not usable.
- Roads
- Deteriorating streets
- Roads in New Hampton Iowa that shake your whole car!
- The roads are so bumpy I can't keep coffee in my cup and it actually hits my back and I slow down and are perfectly aware of every bump so it's not like I am flying down the road.

- Money for gas
- Transportation for elderly to appointments and young children who live in town to and from school.
- Kids safety om bikes and walking
- I work with people in Bremer County. People in the rural counties that don't have a car are stranded and have very limited access to work. This increases poverty with those people. I live in the country and have a lot of issues with bikers on Union Rd and Cedar Wapsi from Cedar Falls to Finchford. It's dangerous for bikers to be on that road with cars. There are a lot of curves.
- Bremer Ave Bridge that is closed in Waverly
- Time on bus and route getting me where I need to go without walking for more than a mile
- The people I serve (people with disabilities) need more bus transportation for work at night and occasionally on weekends.
- Not having any transportation available in New Hampton
- Lack of safe and reliable backup transportation during the workday for my kids during the summer.
- The bus system for the school.
- Pedestrian travel around New Hampton is not consistent. Sidewalk access should be expanded and upgraded across town to give students and citizens safe places to walk to get to school. Major traffic areas like W Hamilton and N Pleasant Hill Ave should have accessible sidewalks for pedestrians to avoid car traffic.
- Safe sidewalks!!!
- Gas prices
- NO TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM in Chickasaw County
- Without the Chickasaw Chassis there are few options.
- Safe walking/sidewalks in my town. Lack of public transit in my town. Community willing to pay for service but slim to no options.
- School transportation and safety of dropping off and picking up children, available parking.
- Condition of roads
- Transporting kids to school and home in town
- Poor road quality
- Air service is a long way away
- Roads
- Honestly, the reliance on driving. Having moved here after living in Des Moines and Chicago, I became really car dependent for everyday life (work, errands, store, etc.). Also, a lot of the roads don't make sense in Waterloo (did the planners have an aversion to using a grid?). I've been here 20 years and am still occasionally unsure of how to get somewhere.
- Chickasaw County needs to add bike trails!!
- The lack of school bus transportation for children in Chickasaw County.
- For me none but I understand the younger families of our community are desperately in need.
- Summer transportation for children activities
- Availability
- Need sidewalks
- Getting my children to & from school
- Safety and availability
- When I am sick
- Lacking sidewalks, signage for getting to local trails.
- Trains left stopped over intersections for hours and sometimes even days
- Safer biking
- Walking on South Hamilton Street
- Fuel Price
- Safe transportation for children to and from schools including living new/improved sidewalks
- Limited bike trails
- I don't really have one. I chose to live in rural Iowa for the quality of life so the lack of public transportation wasn't a consideration.
- Inadequate walking and biking trails within the City of Jesup Limits
- Having transportation to Rochester Minnesota for medical appointments
- At present I am able to drive. If I lose my ability to drive I will not be able to get to needed stores or resources.
- Traffic @ Waverly elementary schools
- No way to avoid through traffic in Independence
- Lousy roads.
- The gravel road to my house.
- Personal car

21. What do you think will be the biggest transportation challenge in the next 25 years?

The biggest transportation challenges will involve maintaining aging infrastructure and addressing public transportation gaps, especially in rural areas. Rising costs, environmental concerns, and the need for accessible transit will further strain the system, requiring innovative solutions and equitable funding. Common challenges are summarized as follows.

- A. **Maintenance of aging infrastructure:** Concerns about deteriorating roads, bridges, and insufficient funding to keep them up to date.
- B. **Public transportation gaps:** A significant lack of public transportation options, particularly in rural areas, affecting children, the elderly, and non-drivers.
- C. **Rising costs:** Increased expenses for fuel, infrastructure repairs, and electric vehicle transition, coupled with stagnant transportation funding.
- D. **Rural vs. urban disparity:** Emphasis on rural areas being left behind while funding and improvements focus on urban centers.
- E. **Environmental concerns:** Growing pollution from vehicles and the need for more sustainable transportation options, such as electric vehicles, though infrastructure for them is insufficient.
- F. **Accessibility and equity:** Issues with transportation for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and young children, particularly in small towns without public transit options.
- G. **Workforce challenges:** Difficulty finding qualified workers to maintain and repair transportation infrastructure.
- H. **Electric vehicle transition:** Concerns over the power grid's ability to support electric vehicles and the need for more charging stations.
- I. **Safety:** Increasing traffic, distracted driving, and unsafe road conditions present ongoing safety challenges.
- J. **Transportation for specific populations:** Difficulty in providing transportation for children, elderly, and people with disabilities to essential services like school, medical appointments, and shopping.
- K. **Congestion and urban sprawl:** Challenges related to growing traffic congestion and urban sprawl, making it harder to implement efficient transportation systems.
- L. **Climate change regulations:** Concerns about potential stringent regulations due to climate change and the impact on transportation habits.

Individual Responses:

- Gas/fuel prices (x7)
- Roads (x4)
- Electric vehicles (x4)
- Public transit/transportation (x3)
- Cost (x3)
- Gas/fuel (x2)
- Afford upkeep on existing bridges and roads
- Getting ahead and then keeping up with the bridge maintenance rotation.
- More road space/wider roads in the country
- There isn't going to be transportation for those that don't drive.
- Buses
- Growing rural transportation barriers due to continued rising costs.
- Pollution from vehicles

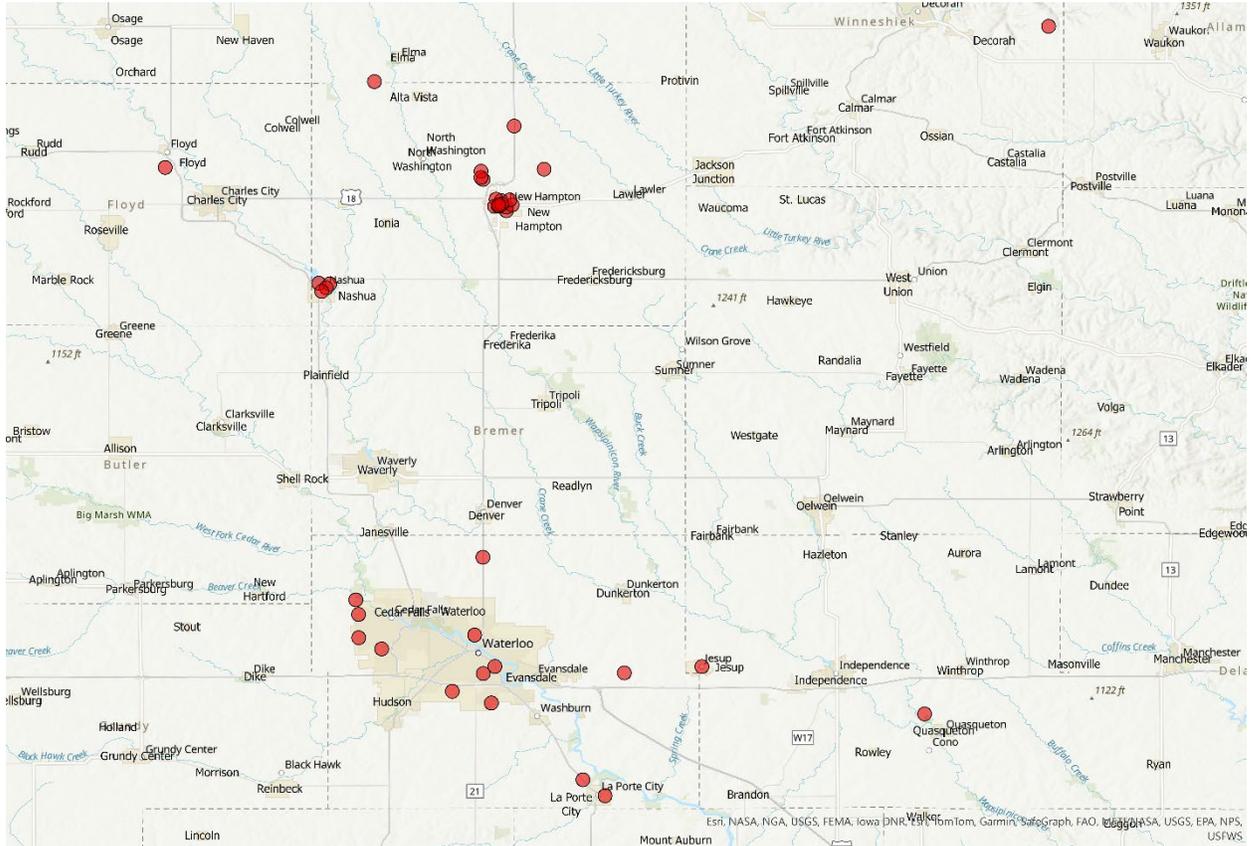
- Crumbing roads and bridges
- Road/bridge quality. lack of paved roads.
- Handling the increased traffic on roads and bridges that don't have a lot of funding to keep them up-to-date and safe to travel on.
- Transportation from in home daycares to school and other activities for children
- Elderly not able to drive
- Cities being too spread out to easily access areas by biking or walking
- Road use tax has roughly stayed the same for the last 20 years while construction cost have more than tripled. Kind of hard to fix anything without funding. Money always goes to big cities.
- We need amtrac closer less road trips
- The money and projects continue to focus on the larger urban areas and rural communities are being left behind.
- Cost of fuel, switching to electric vehicles and a lack of power grid to support them, poor infrastructure.
- Money and good workers.
- We're in Iowa, it snows, there's ice, we have to treat our roads with an ice melt which destroys our roads and our cars. We need a bigger budget to repair roads the right way instead of kicking the can down the road until it becomes someone else's problem.
- Transportation for the elderly and preschool age children.
- Replacement of bridges.
- Getting kids to and from school
- Maintaining aging roads and bridges
- Insurance and taxes
- More and more people will need rides for healthcare.
- Keeping infrastructure up to date with increased use of the transportation roads
- Making the DOT give a damn about the people. They cared so much about our driveway because it connected to Main Street, but don't care that the road they maintain is full of potholes. Not impressed.
- None. Paying excessively high taxes will be my personal challenge as I near retirement.
- County roads and gravel roads specifically in Chickasaw County. safety of bridges. Hwy 24 going thru New Hampton to Lawler. Semi traffic going to the ethanol plant. Any gravel roads in northern Chickasaw County due to heavy, heavy traffic from Reicksview Farms. We shouldn't have to put up with ruts that are a foot deep - no exaggeration - due to one business and all it's heavy traffic. spring is awful because of them.
- Lack of public transport for in-town students to get to school
- Money to fix the roads/bridges
- We have no place but the road
- Having more handicap accessible rides available
- Cost of travel for the average American. Ways to connect our public systems nationally so that long traveling isn't reliant only on personal vehicle and airlines only. I think having a well established local system will give us a better shot at Amtrak (for example) to hook us into their National system.
- Building the EV infrastructure.
- Improvement of roads outside of the big cities and urban areas
- TOO MANY cars per family.
- Leaving behind the folly of electric vehicles.
- Roads need to be maintained better. Speed limits hinder faster travel on Iowa state roads.
- Distracted driving.
- Deteriorating conditions and lack of proper maintenance.
- Bridges
- Better public transportation.
- Transition to electric vehicles and the infrastructure for that.
- Fuel and infrastructure.
- I don't see it changing much
- Need to encourage people to use public transit more and personal vehicles less, to reduce CO2 emissions
- Roads deteriorating and not keeping up on replacing/ resurfacing. Add paved shoulders to more roads and up the speed limit
- Public transportation and reliable on time passenger train service, intercity and long distance.
- Too much urban sprawl that makes it difficult to provide public transport.
- Road infrastructure
- Retaining airline service.
- Road maintenance without disrupting traffic flow.
- Repairs for roads and bridges

- Elderly getting rides for health, food, recreation.
- Passenger rail
- The amount of roads that need improvement.
- Continual road decay & heavier traffic
- Price of fuel. Lack of public transportation.
- Electrical vehicles being forced on us
- Maintenance Getting caught up in new fads that waste tax dollars
- Regressive government in Iowa
- Self-driving smart cars that interact with each other and with smart traffic lights to maximize flow efficiency and minimize congestion and idling. Level 1. GPS already offers possible routes and travel time. Cars have sensors & accident avoidance tech. Level 2. Enter destination and desired arrival time, and receive routes AND possible departure times. Example: A trip is normally 20 mins, but at rush hour leaving 5 mins early = arriving 30 mins early. But leaving 5 mins late = arriving 30 mins late. And cars COORDINATE with each other for accident avoidance. Level 3. Stoplights communicate with each other and with cars for optimal dynamic rerouting of cars and dynamic re-timing of traffic lights. No waiting at a light with no cross traffic. Imaging network stoplights communicating with each other, and with the self-driving cars' programmed destinations. Lights change and car speeds adjust to never have to stop. Fast, smooth, safe, fair, efficient flow.
- Bridge Repairs
- Getting busses, trains and other mass transportation to be available.
- The fact there is no public transportation in Nashua. I may need it some day
- Providing more options for people in terms of public transportation and keeping the current roads in good drivable condition.
- Oversized farm equipment and elderly medical transportation in rural areas.
- Having some type of public transportation for the elderly
- Maintaining roads.
- If there are stringent rules that come into effect because of "climate change", that may be the biggest issue.
- As I get older I assume I will need help getting to doctor appointments. I think surfaced bike trails connecting the small towns would be a draw to younger families.
- Walking if we do not fix these sidewalks.
- It would be nice to come up with an improved way to repair or replace bridges without making it such a major high cost project.
- Bridges, roads, pollution
- Having enough funds to keep up with repairs and having labor to get the job done.
- Gas prices/rough roads/snow removal
- Not enough ways to get around for those that don't drive.
- Funding improvements on two-lane roads that need to be four-lane such as Highway 63 north of New Hampton
- Clean energy!
- Focus on Nature Trail improvements
- Road construction.
- Mayor, council, supervisors are doing away with everything. But they keep the stuff they themselves want. There will be nothing left for our children and grandchildren.
- Same. Getting preschoolers to and from school
- Safe routes. Transit problems
- Transporting in town kids to school
- Hiring bus drivers.
- No improvement to roads/sidewalks
- No transit bus
- There isn't an easy way to get town students to and from school and they cannot walk or bike safely.
- Safe travels for non-drivers and elderly that cannot drive.
- Children not being an extracurricular activities because they don't have transportation if their parents work. Which most parents work. A lot of parents can't get off work early are no school days to come pick up their kids in the afternoons as well. It's a real problem in our town
- No affordable public transportation in small towns.
- Right now in this town there is none available.
- Money for gas
- Keeping up with road conditions
- Limited access
- Worrying about transportation for vulnerable families.

- As the population continues to grow if we do not have a transportation system in place it is a good possibility people will start to leave again and we do not want that for our town
- Public transportation in rural communities
- Making transportation more accessible for kids going to school
- Congestion of traffic and not enough ways to keep our children safe.
- Buses for kids and transportation for elderly or disabled on a fix income and can't afford private transportation
- Chassis service for elderly
- Kids in town who live far away from school but not far enough for the school bus to take them
- Parents working and daycare providers not being able to get children to school and less expensive for senior citizens on fixed incomes
- Not having adequate services for the elderly/disabled in rural settings.
- Finding drivers for our buses in the rural communities!
- Keeping our school children safe
- No bus to help with students in town for parents
- Funding to maintain roads.
- Safety
- Transportation for kids to school and sporting events
- Making it readily available.
- Need for public transportation.
- No public transportation, or only public transportation.
- No public transit for our town
- Maintaining roads, bridges, and sidewalks
- Available public transportation to get kids to and from school while the parents are at work.
- No transit
- Bus for children
- Having safe way for youth to get to school and elderly to get to grocery/run errands
- Handicap transportation to medical appointments
- Price of public transit
- I think due to climate change, there is going to be a bigger push for citizens to forgo personal vehicles and rely solely on biking, walking, and public transportation. In big cities, this isn't a huge issue, but rurally, there isn't the public transportation options. And if there is a push for people to get rid of personal vehicles through higher vehicle taxes, etc., I don't support it.
- Not having enough for people that cannot afford a car and having a safe way for the elderly and small children to walk across the road.
- Taxation increases for roads instead of the city using funds periodically to improve roads properly instead of just patching them to get by each year
- Bad roads
- Elderly getting around and getting the things they need when they are no longer able to drive
- Students to school
- Bridge repairs.
- Parking
- Public transportation for those who can't drive.
- People causing fender benders, or even worse.
- Issues with no transportation for children of daycare age in New Hampton
- Upkeep
- Doctor app
- Children to school and people to work elderly/ mentally challenged to the store
- infrastructure
- Too many electric vehicles on the road.
- Transportation for kids to school, Elderly not getting to appointments
- road congestion and further degradation caused by that congestion because maintaining the roads is already an issue
- Conditions of roads and distance to essential services.
- No transportation in New Hampton for the elderly and if there was, the cost
- Not enough affordable public transportation options
- Deteriorating streets and sidewalks
- Terrible road conditions and transportation for young kids/elderly

- Maintenance of our roads and sidewalks because they have gotten so bad that the amount of money to get them back will be huge. Having a chassis for kids and elderly or disabled allows them a freedom we can't imagine and access to independence.
- roads continue to deteriorate and no money to fix them
- Transportation for elderly to appointments and young children who live in town to and from school.
- Having none available
- Having reliable, eco-friendly transportation.
- Improving older bridges & roads in rural communities that don't have the tax dollars to repair things that larger cities possess.
- fixing/redoing/construction of our current roads & bridges - having the funds to do this
- Increasing the use of electrical vehicles in a way to make it more sustainable.
- Nothing will be done and not transportation available!
- Local transit for kids and those who are unable or unwilling to drive.
- The bus system.
- Local level transportation solutions. Our current options aren't sufficient and replacements are either too costly or people aren't willing to invest in the infrastructure to make our towns accessible and safe to others.
- No public transportation in our area that people on low income can afford.
- Road funding
- Transportation for children!!
- I imagine the same as current. Charging station availability could be a future issue.
- Public transportation for the rural. Parents have to both be employed; cost of living is very high. Elderly have limited incomes. There needs to be public transportation access so everyone can safely get to where they need to be daily.
- Should I not be able to drive, my only option for a ride is calling a cab from Mason City, Decorah, Waterloo, Rochester.
- Quality of cement & black top
- Upkeep of roads and bridges along with water treatment/sewage pipes
- Lack of affordable air service at a decent price and decent flight times.
- I worry about safety issues around bridges in the state, as well as shifting the culture toward more alternatives to driving. People here only take public transportation if they have no other option (which I get, because it's not efficient), but how do you change that?
- More public transportation in rural communities.
- Lack of transport, and lack of safe pedestrian crossings.
- Parents getting kids to school while at work and no bus available.
- Cost of upkeep on everything.
- Availability
- Getting sidewalks
- Quality of roads
- Safety and availability
- Too much speed for cars and trucks
- Maintaining roads as tax base decreases along with rural population.
- Upkeep of trails
- Unless South Hamilton has a sidewalk in the future, my children will never be allowed to walk or bike home without a grown up. It is currently just way too dangerous.
- Keeping Diesel & Gas vehicles
- Funding for more transportation options
- Safety of all roads to bicycles and crowding of current roads. Maintaining bridges for safety.
- Maintaining roads and bridges.
- Keep existing roads/bridges up to date.
- Connected trail systems. Aging roadway systems.
- Road upkeep
- With the shift toward electric vehicles, a sufficient quantity of charging stations will be an issue.
- Lack of comprehensive transportation plan in the nation or state.
- Increased traffic on Ave of the Saints & at the Waverly elementary schools
- Improving highways and bridges. The idea of public transportation is stupid in rural areas.
- Commuting issues and urban sprawl.
- Road & bridge conditions. If getting more electric vehicles where will the money come from for repairs?
- Maintenance of what is already built. New projects should not eat the \$ that will be needed for maintenance of the old bridges and roads. Would support tax increase if it went for maintenance.

22. Are there any other transportation problem areas in the area related to roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, or safety?



Additional transportation problem areas that were identified by respondents include:

- A. **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:** There is a lack of sidewalks in Jesup and along Union Rd leading to a new high school. A bridge is needed over Linn Ave in New Hampton for safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings on a new trail. Bikers face safety risks on Union Rd and Cedar Wapsi Rd due to narrow, shoulder-less roads. Bike trails, such as from Austinville to Parkersburg and along Hudson Rd at Hwy 20, also lack proper crossing lights and are in poor condition.
- B. **Road Conditions:** Several roads are in disrepair, including city streets in Nashua and New Hampton, and stretches of Hwy 20. Chickasaw County faces flooding and culvert issues, while an old, narrow bridge with heavy truck traffic needs repairs. Streets like W Hamilton St in New Hampton also require significant improvements.
- C. **Traffic Congestion and Speed Concerns:** Small towns are concerned about speeding in areas with children on bikes. Congestion is an issue during school drop-off and pick-up times in New Hampton, prompting suggestions for one-way streets.
- D. **Public Transportation Gaps:** Communities like Nashua and New Hampton lack public transportation, particularly for students and the elderly. Low-income residents face challenges accessing bus services due to high costs and limited stop locations.

E. Intersection and Crossing Safety: There are calls for better crosswalks, stop signs, and other safety measures around schools to protect pedestrians.

Individual Responses:

- The lack of sidewalks or walking trail in Jesup is a safety concern for pedestrians.
- The road floods out when heavy rains, it washes out around the road, Chickasaw County needs to be aware of this issue and fix the culvert on this road
- Small towns need safer roads speed kills kids on bikes in traffic amtrac etc.
- There needs to be a bridge over Linn Ave in New Hampton to allow walkers and bike traffic to cross on their new trail.
- Frankville Road Decorah, IA. Heavily traveled road that is in bad shape
- Old, narrow bridge with heavy truck traffic and it is in terrible shape on the bridge deck. Patched a million times.
- Bike trail from Austinville to Parkersburg.
- Lack of sidewalk to new high school from Union Rd
- The community of Nashua doesn't have many options for biking. We have a beautiful impoundment that could potentially be used as an area for a trail.
- Streets in Nashua need repairs
- Nashua needs improved city streets along with public transportation for the elderly
- Nature Trail from La Porte City north to Waterloo and to Cedar Falls needs to be improved, it is very rough, heaving and cracked in numerous locations.
- Too congested. Very difficult to cross.
- New Hampton does not have any transportation service for children getting to and from school. This is biggest concern during winter months.
- New Hampton, Iowa.
- Cars drive very fast around this curve where it changes from gravel to cement and the trail crosses here and uses the road for a small distance.
- New Hampton is a growing town with a lack of public transportation for student use.
- South Broadway needs to be 1 way going South to North from W Hamilton St to W Main St. It is too congested during school drop off and pick up. W Spring St needs to be 1 way going from East to West from S Broadway Ave to S Maple Ave.
- No public transportation for elderly or children
- We have no public transportation but a large population of people that need it.
- City streets in New Hampton are all cracked and broken and dangerous to bike on and are very rough on vehicles to drive on. The city does not repair, but instead they just tar and put pebble rock on to coat it. It is NOT fixing the issue!
- The road here is so rough it is a year or two from being impassable. There is also no safe way to cross the main road to get to the park.
- Just uses for children
- Our roads in New Hampton are in horrific shape. Some are dangerous to ride a bike on. Big holes and rocks everywhere!
- New Hampton is in need of transportation for children of daycare and school age. Walking bus.
- Bike safety is an issues on Union Rd. There are no shoulders and lots of curves. Bikes like to ride on this road, but it causes issues with traffic due to no places to pass them safely, backing up traffic. This goes on along Cedar Wapsi Rd towards Finchford, also.
- The number one complaint that I hear at our business is that low income people don't have the money to take the bus & if they did there isn't a bus stop in their area.
- On West Hamilton in New Hampton between S Linn Ave and Western Ave, there is only sidewalk in the area around the Elementary School on the corner of S Linn and W Main Street. Because we combined high school and middle school into one campus at 710 W Main Street, foot traffic has significantly increased along W Hamilton from students. It is also one of the two ways to enter the parking lot of the Chickasaw Wellness Center/MS-HS School, so it is frequently driven by students. Sidewalk is needed along the entire W Hamilton Street to allow pedestrians to safely get to and from school into the surrounding neighborhoods.
- We need updated crosswalks painted and added. We need stop signs and/or reduced speeds.
- Make this four lane
- Multiple accidents
- We need more safety measures around the schools. Make the streets one way during drop off and pickup. Place flashing stop signs. Ensure pedestrian safety!
- County road between Grundy and Hardin County

- Lack of safe sidewalks
- Dangerous intersection
- Union Road and Highway 57 should be a roundabout.

23. Any additional Comments?

Summary of comments:

- A. **Transportation Access and Public Transit:** Some residents rely on family and friends for transportation, but struggle when those options aren't available. There's a strong desire for community-specific transit services, especially in New Hampton, to ensure safe transportation for children where sidewalks are lacking. Expanding and funding the public bus system is a major concern. Metro roads and roundabouts are praised, though some residents call for improvements like a four-lane highway to Rochester.
- B. **Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, and Safety:** Many residents are concerned about unfinished sidewalks, the absence of bike lanes, and the need for safer walking and biking routes, especially around schools. Specific requests include sidewalks in Aplington and improved safety measures in New Hampton, such as making streets one-way during school hours. Railroad crossing safety is also a concern in rural areas with limited visibility and lack of crossbars.
- C. **Road Conditions and Maintenance:** Poor road conditions, such as on East Logan, need more attention beyond patchwork fixes. Residents also expressed concerns about excessive salt use in winter, which damages roads, cars, and the environment. New Hampton roads, in particular, need repair to ensure community safety and growth.
- D. **Government and Tax Concerns:** Several respondents emphasized the importance of keeping taxes low and reducing government involvement to maintain the quality of life in Northeast Iowa. Some suggested more interactive town halls where the public can express concerns rather than just hear about government plans.
- E. **General Comments and Suggestions:** Some residents offered positive feedback for the survey and efforts to address concerns. There were specific suggestions for adding a pedestrian crosswalk or light at the Zips employee parking lot and for school districts to provide transportation for daycare students.

Individual Responses:

- I don't drive. Have family and friends to take me. But if they aren't available that is tough for me.
- Keeping the tax burden to a minimum is extremely important for the citizens in these counties.
- Lower taxes and less government involvement is key to making NE Iowa a great place to live.
- We have unfinished sidewalks no bike lanes or routes etc.
- I forgot to include Dubuque in the passenger rail connections in addition to Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, etc.
- Thank you for asking and listening!
- Doing good, keep up the good work!
- Thanks for the voice platform.
- Offering a community specific transit to our community would be much appreciated.
- Roads in metro area are excellent. Big applause for traffic circles, too.
- Use less salt during winter. It destroys cars, roads, and is bad for the environment. I grew up and survived without having roads "treated" every time it "might" snow and cars did NOT have traction control, stability control, anti-lock brakes, etc... If people can't drive on snow/ice maybe they should move to Florida!
- 4 lane highway to Rochester would be nice, work is always being done near Des Moines
- Need sidewalks in Aplington
- You doing this survey is a good idea ... good job 👍
- Railroad safety should be a big concern. There are so many railroad crossings in rural areas that do not have cross bars and also do not have a good line of sight due to trees, fields, etc.
- Safety walking and biking to schools.
- The number one concern is the public bus system. It needs funding and expansion terribly.
- Think outside the box and have a town hall where you really LISTEN and not just come tell people what YOUR plans are.
- Maybe school districts need to step up and see how many daycare students are out there and possibly provide some kind of transportation for them
- We need in town public transit in New Hampton to get our kids to and from school safely as there are not sidewalks on every road for them to safely walk or bike on out of the way of traffic.
- I'd love to see Broadway near the elementary school be made one way, at least during school hours. Very dangerous when someone tries to go against school drop off traffic.
- No comments.
- There is not a good way for pedestrians to cross the busy 4 lane from the Zips employee parking lot to the main building. There needs to be a crosswalk, yield sign or light to push
- The road on east Logan needs to be fixed instead of just patched in spots that road is horrible
- This would greatly help our town and lots of people and daycare are behind it. Please help us improve our roads and transportation to be able to keep our community growing and everyone safe
- Please help the New Hampton community repair its streets!
- Please help our community
- Safe walking and biking around New Hampton schools is a huge problem.
- Please look into creating a 1-way road of Hamilton next to the school all the way to the high-school parking area to cut down on safety issues. 9/4/2024 a man was hit and airlifted due to injuries. This is a very unsafe situation we deal with during school drop off and pickup. One way traffic could allow for a steady drop off lane and help traffic flow safely. It is way too congested and people are narrowly missed from being hit weekly.
- All of the surrounding counties have many, many miles of bike trail and I am not aware of any trails in Chickasaw County. There are trails in a few of the small towns in the county only.
- Iowa's roads are highly suspect. Some is the fault of our severe winters, others from controllers who need less in their pockets.