

**Breakout 1 -Scenario B for Transportation, Connectivity, and Open Spaces  
Cedar Rapids – March 21, 2009**

**STRENGTHS**

**People Streets [93]**

- Additional “people streets” is a big strength (36)
- River Front Drive being a people street with a view to the river (35)
- People streets for green space (8)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave as people streets (5)
- Connection of 380 to people street (3)
- Connect green space to Ellis (2)
- Proposed street improvement that cross river (2)
- Extension of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Ellis as a people street is good idea (2)

**New Trails [40]**

- #5 converts rail to trail (18)
- Linking east to west via trail system (15)
- Trails are connected to each other and to green space with offshoots (7)

**Gateway Streets [39]**

- Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Street connection (11)
- 1<sup>st</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave should be gateway streets (7)
- Mt Trashmore-Sinclair better access to downtown (5)
- Designated gateways are welcomed (5)
- Connects St Wenceslaus Church to Czech Village (5)
- 12 St a gateway (3)
- Gateways reinforce existing traffic flow (2)
- East/west connectivity (1)
- 10<sup>th</sup> street blvd (0)
- E Ave and F Ave one way only (0)
- Increased connections maintains places to drives (0)

**Bridges [35]**

- Pedestrian bridge close to downtown and extends to the west side (26)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge reduces traffic to Czech village (5)
- New bridge carries truck traffic (2)
- Gateway and bridge near Mt Trashmore (2)
- #6 bridge saves pedestrian streets in greater downtown (0)
- Makes 16<sup>th</sup> Ave a people street (0)

**Green open space [22]**

- Saves Time Check and recreation center area (9)
- New park in New Bohemia (8)
- New green space of west side of the river (2)

- Sinclair to be a park (2)
- park sizes (1)

## **WEAKNESSES**

### **Gateway streets [77]**

- Don't want Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Street to be a gateway (20)
- Rompot is disconnected (8)
- 1<sup>st</sup> St and C St zigzags too much (6)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street west is cut off at the park (7)
- No easy access to the Interstate 380 to connect to gateway streets (5)
- Lack of connectivity between New Bohemia and Czech Village (5)
- No consideration of access to Czech Village (4)
- Would like to see Ellis be "people street" instead of gateway (4)
- Possible pedestrian conflict with gateway streets (4)
- Need to acquire significant right of way (4)
- Lack of F Ave gateway (4)
- Gateway function unclear in the south area, what does it link to? (2)
- Lack of connectivity across the river (2)
- Focusing traffic too much in downtown creates an hourglass shape of streets (2)
- Why put trees in the middle of the street? blocks the view of drivers, less safe for people crossing (0)
- Connection of C street and Bowling (0)

### **Trails [46]**

- No trails between Coe, McKinley, and Medical (11)
- Lack of bike trail "loop" (11)
- Lack of trails that interact with the neighborhoods (10)
- Limited trail extension (7)
- No trail on south -- east side of the river(4)
- Trails need to be further from the traffic (3)

### **Bridges [24]**

- South #7 pedestrian bridge doesn't go anywhere (9)
- New bridge doesn't tie in Mt Vernon Road (7)
- #7 bridge doesn't define where bridge connects on east side of the river (4)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge and landfill bridge; how does help connectivity (4)
- Proposed bridge #6 needs to connect to a gateway (0)
- Dislike #3 bridge on Ellis and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets (0)

### **Green spaces [14]**

- Lacks green space (6)
- Proposed new parks on west side should be developed areas (4)
- Lack of parks (4)

- Need green space downtown (0)

### **People streets [10]**

- Focus more on neighborhood streets not just Czech Village (6)
- Pedestrian friendly streets will need pedestrian friendly businesses, not just bars (5)
- Need to enhance streetscape on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave east (2)
- connections not elder-friendly (2)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street is difficult for people street (0)

### **Downtown connections [3]**

- Doesn't create a pedestrian friendly downtown (2)
- Downtown east-west people streets don't include the medical district (0)

### **Other [11]**

- No fishing piers (6)
- No use for Sinclair site (5)
- Can storm water system handle this? (0)
- No ski facilities for the ski team (0)