



NORTH LIBERTY

Approximately 8 miles of existing trail (local and regional) and 12.35 miles of sidepaths.

Opportunities

The majority of North Liberty's bicycle network consists of facilities within the street right-of-way— wide sidewalks (1.4 miles) and sidepaths (12 miles). North Liberty also has almost 8 miles of off-street trail, including local park trails and the North Ridge Trail, which extends south to Coralville and north to connect with the North Dubuque Street sidepath (Iowa River Trail). In some locations the municipal system is supplemented by private neighborhood trails (not included in these mileage totals or on the map).

As commercial and residential areas develop, the city plans to fill gaps between existing bike facilities and expand the "trail" network to connect to new areas currently lacking bike facilities. Prioritizing access control and limiting the number of crossings and interruptions from driveways will improve safety for bicyclists using sidepaths.

Education

- Consider supporting programs offered through local non-profits to expand bicycle ridership and education.
- Continue to support current bicycle programming that teaches bicycle skills and offers group rides.
- Consider working with the MPO to provide outreach on bicycle safety for drivers.
- Consider working with other metro communities and the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee to provide basic bicycle safety information printed in multiple languages.

Encouragement

- Continue to designate May as “Bike Month” and to fund/promote annual activities.
- Consider working with metro communities to brand the regional trail system and enhance way-finding signage.
- Continue distributing Metro Area Trail maps.

Enforcement

- Consider reviewing Coralville’s bicycle ordinance to ensure compatibility with adjacent communities and to designate where electric assist bikes may legally operate.
- Work with the North Liberty Police Department to enforce light and reflector laws for those riding at night.

Evaluation

- Communicate detour routes for pedestrians and bicyclists during road and trail closures; ensure routes are safe and clearly marked.
- Continue to prioritize the ADA transition plan to ensure curb cuts are in compliance.
- Consider applying for Bicycle Friendly Community Status.

Equity

- Prioritize bicycle facilities serving multi-family housing and schools.
- Continue to work with the Iowa Bicycle Coalition on safe routes to school.

Engineering

- Ensure routine maintenance and prompt repair to bicycle facilities and continue snow removal for commuter and school routes.
- Restrict driveway crossings along planned or constructed sidepaths (wide sidewalks).
- Continue to connect bicycle facilities between North Liberty and surrounding communities.
- Consider establishing minimum bicycle parking requirements and standards for installation and design of bike parking for new commercial and multi-family residential development.

Planned Facilities

The following facilities are part of an adopted plan (included in a community plan or the MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan).

Highway 965 sidepath 1.4 miles

Penn Street sidepath from CRANDIC Railroad to Front Street **0.25 mile**

North Liberty Road sidepath from Penn Meadows Park to Liberty High School **1.85 miles**

Cherry Street wide sidewalk from Penn Meadows Park to CRANDIC Railroad **0.4 mile**

West Zeller Street wide sidewalk from Highway 965 to Jones Boulevard **0.15 mile**

I-380 Penn Street Overpass with Sidepath 0.2 mile

Highway 965 wide sidewalk/sidepath from Zeller Street to Forevergreen Road **1.2 miles**

St. Andrews Drive sidepath from Centennial Park to Kansas Avenue **1.0 mile**

Forevergreen Road sidepath from Highway 965 to I-380 **1.0 mile**

Kansas Avenue sidepath from St. Andrews Drive to Forevergreen Road **1.1 mile**