

3 VISION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

This chapter provides an overview of the trail plan framework, which includes the vision statement, goals, and objectives that serve as the foundation for the strategic recommendations found in the next chapter.

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Introduction

The Terre Haute Bike and Pedestrian Plan is a comprehensive guide for creating, enhancing, and maintaining a network of pedestrian systems that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities. The plan provides a framework that focuses on the improvement of existing infrastructure and facilitation of expanding new infrastructure through partnerships, programs, and policy. The following chapter outlines a vision rooted in the needs and desires of the community as well as four goals based on input from the advisory committee and community outreach.

The goals serve as an organizational element to categorize supporting objectives and strategies. These objectives and strategies provide policy, program, and partnership recommendations that are crucial to implementing the physical project recommendations outlined in Chapter 4.

The Vision

A key part of this planning process was to understand the underlying vision for the future of Terre Haute's trail network. The following vision statement is a community-derived, aspirational statement that outlines the big picture goals of the community regarding the future of Terre Haute's connectivity, safety, and recreation. The statement captures the aspirations of the next 10-15 years, as many of the recommendations within this plan require significant financial and time-intensive contributions. Through focused investments, Terre Haute strives to improve connectivity, safety, and community health while also bolstering public perception of walking and biking in the city.

VISION STATEMENT

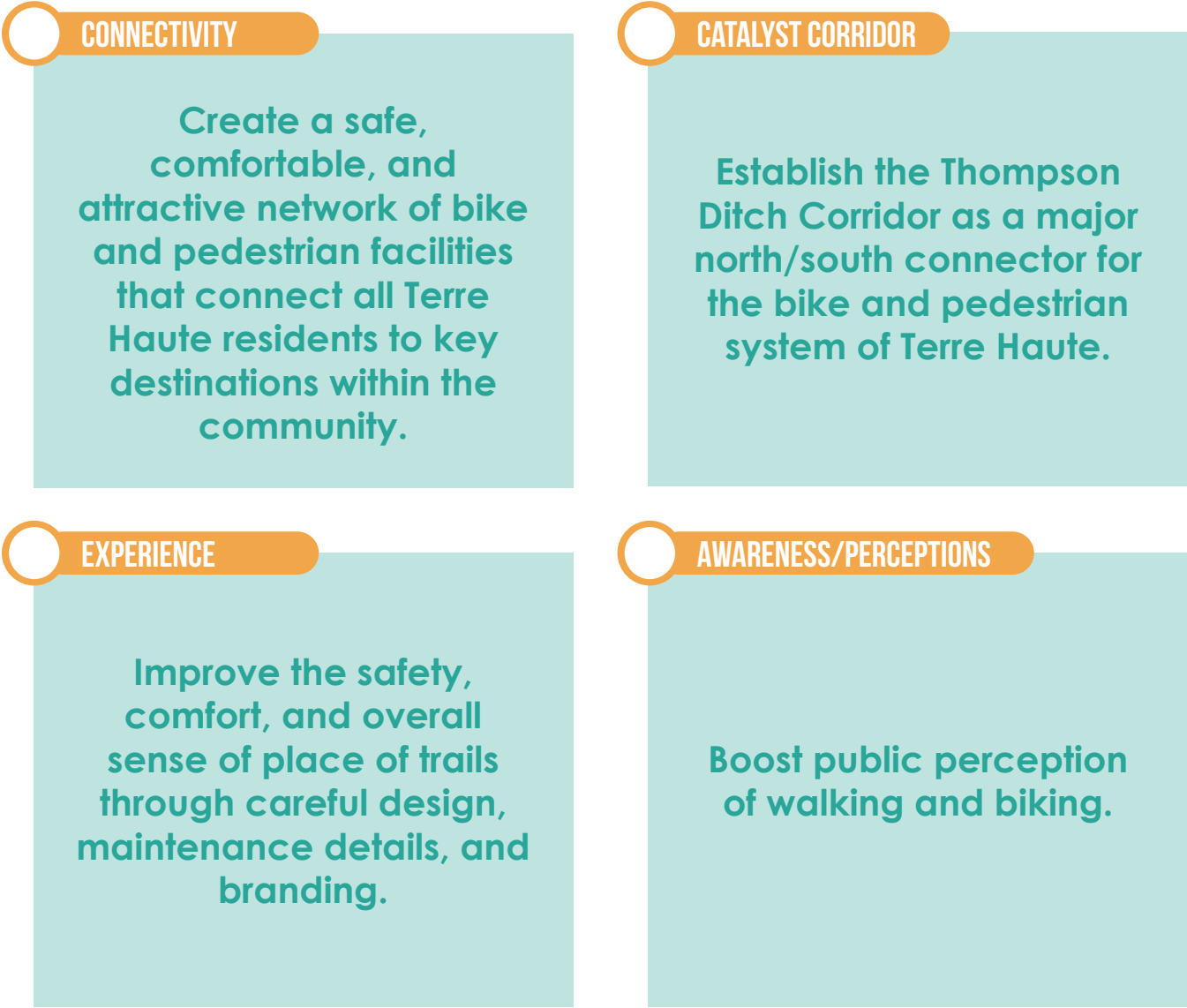
The City of Terre Haute aspires to create a safer and more connected environment for bicycling and walking through strategic investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Using community-driven approaches, Terre Haute will implement policies, programs, and partnerships to facilitate the development of a vibrant and equitable pedestrian system. Investment in these approaches will improve the safety, experience, connectivity, and perceptions of biking and walking in Terre Haute.

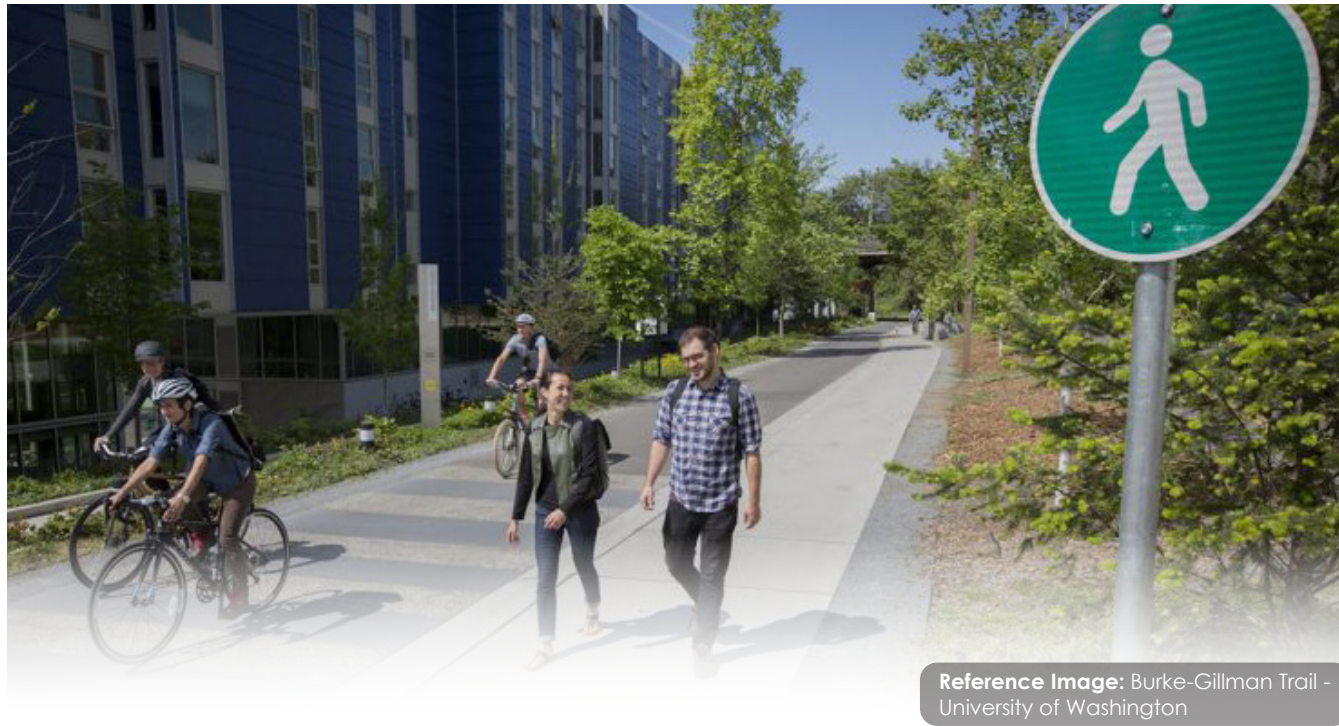
Goals and Objectives

The trails plan framework includes two distinct planning elements that provide varying levels of specificity to address the project vision. The goals and objectives were derived from various conversations with the Advisory Committee and community. This framework serves as a supplement to the physical improvement strategies outlined in Chapter 4. A brief description of the two planning elements is provided below.

Goals – A broad statement intended to outline a desired outcome or big idea.

Objectives – A more direct statement intended to describe a general activity or course of action that supports the goals





GOAL 1: CONNECTIVITY

Create a safe, comfortable, and attractive network of bike and pedestrian facilities that connect all Terre Haute residents to key destinations within the community.

OBJECTIVES:

- Plan and construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities that serve both transportation and recreational purposes.
- Fill in existing gaps in the trail network.
- Prioritize routes between residential areas and key destinations such as parks, schools, and businesses.



GOAL 2: EXPERIENCE

Improve the safety, comfort, and overall sense of place of trails through careful design, maintenance details, and branding.

OBJECTIVES:

- Adopt branding and design standards that makes trails easy to identify and navigate.
- Utilize pedestrian signaling at identified dangerous street intersections.
- Provide trail amenities that ensure all members of the community are comfortable using the trails. (Benches, water fountains, shade, etc.).
- Establish community guidelines for trail use.



GOAL 3: CATALYST CORRIDOR

Establish the Thompson Ditch Corridor as a major north/south connector for the trail system of Terre Haute.

OBJECTIVES:

- Work with railroad owner to coordinate safety and design.
- Establish key linkages of east/west trails, informed by community desire and analysis.
- Provide enhanced mobility options for residential areas along the Thompson ditch corridor.



GOAL 4: AWARENESS/PERCEPTIONS

Boost public perception of walking and biking.

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and initiate new awareness campaigns about the trail network to make residents aware of bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Develop formal education opportunities for teaching safe driving, bicycling, and walking in Terre Haute to residents of all ages.
- Partner with local businesses for bicycle and walking initiatives and awareness campaigns.
- Explore opportunities to broaden the multi-modal user facility needs or equipment.