

BIKE/WALK/DISABILITY AUDIT

Date: 03 December 2018

Time: 3:40 pm – 4:20 pm

Lighting: Sunny

Weather: Sunny, cool

Auditor	Mode
Garrett Brumfield	Mobility scooter
Vickie Browning	Walk
Robert Robillard	Walk
Andrea Garland	Walk
Renee Powers	Bike
Greg Walters	Bike
Rachel Ruhlen	Bike

Route: Ferncliff from Routt Rd to Hershberger. 0.6 miles each way.

Walkers/wheelchair traveled south on the sidewalk on the west side of Ferncliff, crossed at the bus stop near Sportsman’s Warehouse, and traveled north on the sidewalk on the east side of Ferncliff.

This section of Ferncliff closes the gap between the north Lick Run Greenway and the north end of the proposed south Lick Run Greenway. Until the proposed extension of the Lick Run Greenway is built, which will happen in the unknown future if a developer purchases the property, an on-road route of 2.4 miles will close the gap, including the 0.6 mile segment of Ferncliff Ave. When the Lick Run Greenway is extended, the 0.6 mile segment of Ferncliff Ave plus one block of Hershberger (which has bike lanes) will connect the north and south legs of the Lick Run Greenway.

Trip generators: Lick Run Greenway, William Fleming High School, bus stops on Ferncliff, stores, apartments, trails in Countryside Park off the Lick Run Greenway, residential neighborhoods

Pavement condition: Sidewalk pavement is in good condition. Uneven pavement >1 inch at storm drains, curb ramps. Rough pavement on drives where sidewalks cross could result in wheelchair bottoming out. Thick layer of debris on sidewalk on the west side of Ferncliff near Routt Rd.

Obstacles: There are no obstacles obstructing sidewalks. Difficult to find a place that a wheelchair could cross the street. We crossed at the bus stop near Sportsman’s Warehouse and walked/wheeled IN the street up to the parking lot entrance at Burlington’s. Vehicles changed lanes or otherwise yielded to us.

Traffic: Ferncliff was fairly busy at that time, shortly after school let out.

Crosswalks: High visibility crosswalk on Hershberger, west leg of intersection. Marked crosswalks on north and south legs. No marked crosswalk on east leg. Marked crosswalk on northwest side of Ferncliff across drive entrance to William Ruffner building.

Curb ramps: Some curb ramps have raised bump tactile surfaces. Some curb ramps had >1 inch lip. Curb ramp missing on northwest corner of Ferncliff & Ferndale and the next 3 sidewalk on/off locations north of that.

Vision impairment: Crosswalks may not be visible to someone with low vision.

Signs: Street signs clear and easy to read. There are no signs directing people to the Greenway.

Parking: While parking is permitted on Ferncliff south of William Fleming High School, it does not appear to be used.

Recommendations

General: Wayfinding signage to Lick Run Greenway (north) and Lick Run Greenway (south).

Biking: Ferncliff Ave seems wide enough to accommodate bike lanes which could make bicycling more comfortable and help with wayfinding.

Walk: The route is comfortable for able-bodied people to walk.

Disability: Some routine maintenance will improve conditions for people with disabilities, such as: Smooth lips at curb ramps & storm drains that are > 1 inch. Consider provisions for unofficial midblock crossing, such as curb ramp opposite drive in the long stretch between crosswalks. Clean up debris and repair uneven pavement on drives.



Overcome Yours!
Garrett Brumfield navigates his mobility scooter over the storm drain which is elevated >1 inch above the pavement



Vicke Browning and Robert Robillard compare notes



High visibility crosswalk on one leg of Hersherberger and a regular crosswalk on the other



Curb ramp is offset > 1 inch, difficult for wheels



Greg Walter and Renee Powers bike the route



Vickie Browning, Garrett Brumfield, Robert Robillard, and Andrea Garland walk the route