ENHANCING WALKABILITY IN MEDORA Analyzing Mobile Phone Data to Improve Walkability and Identify Critical Infrastructure Needs in Medora, ND. LA772 Thesis | Sunita Budhathoki | Advisor: Dominic Fischer | Studio Instructor: Jason Kost

This thesis focuses on Medora, North Dakota, which is undergoing rapid growth in its city life. We realize the need to improve city walking and determine what critical items the city requires. As the city grows, it is critical to have places where people can stroll freely, making the city a good and sustainable place to live.

Medora, North Dakota, renowned for its natural beauty and cultural charm, adapts to its growing popularity and impending urbanization by enhancing infrastructure through mobile data-driven pedestrian routing for safer, efficient pathways amidst the construction of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, aiming to foster a vibrant, sustainable community. With the library project set to create numerous jobs and attract thousands of monthly visitors, the town recognizes the need to improve workability, amenities, and infrastructure. By identifying high-traffic zones and implementing upgrades such as safe crossings, parks, plazas, bicycle lanes, and storm water management facilities, Medora aims to sustainability accommodate its increasing tourist numbers while preserving its unique character.



Context Map

Category

Traveler Accom Shopping/Gro Amusement Pa Gasoline Statio **Restaurant:** Hall:

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No of Visitors per Year (2022)		Legends		
nmodation:	128071	Accommodation	Gasoline Stations	-
cery:	1295867			
ark:	111642	Shopping/Grocery	Restaurant	
on:	159943			
	2/3203	Amusement Park	Hall	
	JUZJ 4	Park		
		Road Connecting all high		
		pote	ential points	(1)



1. High Potential Destination Research Findings



















- 3. Green Sitting Space
- 4. Passive Park
- 5. Children's Playing Area
- 6. Seating Area
- 7. Bicycle Lane
- 8. Public Plaza

Elevated Pedestrain Walkway



D2 Construction Detail for Paving



Axonometric View of 3rd Ave Street Section

Medora Juniper











Looking NW from 3rd Street to show Safe Crossing Design





Looking NW from Sidewalk of Pacific Ave Showing Buffer between Street and Walkway

The bustling traffic on this street underscores its importance, yet it also highlights a concerning issue: the lack of safe crossings at intersections. Furthermore, there's a noticeable absence of community involvement spaces near these intersections. To address these challenges, increasing the pedestrian walkway and incorporating trees as a buffer between the street and sidewalk could greatly enhance safety and aesthetics. Additionally, implementing tree pits for water collection would serve both practical and environmental purposes. Furthermore, the addition of bicycle lanes would contribute to making the city more pedestrian-friendly and promote sustainable transportation options.



