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### Concept Plan

The Visioning process proposes solutions for areas where safety, connectivity, and visual enhancements are desirable. This study concentrated on five main areas for the proposed improvements. The concept plan, to the left, shows the broad areas for improvement, which are described in detail below.

### Pedestrian Connections:

Growth in southern Madrid, including the Meadow Estates development, the Dollar General and slated development along Southern Prairie Drive makes establishing pedestrian connections in this area a priority. Safe connections will improve access from this part of town to destinations such as downtown, community parks, and schools.

### Safe Intersection:

Highway 17 is a highly trafficked road that runs north and south through Madrid. South of Highway 210, it intersects the High Trestle Trail. The recent opening of the High Trestle Trail Bridge has increased the number of trail users passing through this intersection. Improving visibility for motorists and trail users will enhance this intersection, making it safer for everyone.

### Entry Signage:

Madrid currently has no community entry signage other than the Department of Transportation, green "town-style" street sign. Welcoming visitors with a more memorable signage installation is an opportunity to forge community identity, express common heritage, and make Madrid more memorable to travelers on Highways 17 and 210.

### Multipurpose Trail Connections and Enhancements:

Industrial sites along the High Trestle Trail are reminders the trail used to be a railroad corridor and even provided service to those sites. Now, however, the industrial nature of some areas is perceived as a distraction from a trail experience. Madrid would like to improve the visual quality of the corridor and improve connectivity between the trail and the community.

### Downtown Alley:

In many communities across the nation, alleys were once important "back-door" connections to vibrant downtowns. Often times, alleys become forgotten landscapes and may be considered eyesores as they no longer serve the purpose or businesses they used to. The gravel alley between State Street and Water Street connects to the library and immediately to the downtown core. The City has expressed interest in paving this alley to improve its function and aesthetically clean up the area because it is in the heart of downtown.



Existing Southern Prairie Drive. Source: Nate Schlorholtz



Existing Alley. Source: Grant Thompson



Existing Trail Corridor. Source: Nate Schlorholtz



Existing Entry into Madrid from North. Source: Grant Thompson



Existing Trail Intersection. Source: Nate Schlorholtz

# Madrid Concept Plan

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