

Number	City	Comment
1	Dayton	What a fabulous thing this would be for our communities! A safe path for all of us outdoor enthusiasts to bike, walk, or run would be wonderful! There are many times my middle school aged kids have wanted to ride over to the library or a friends and I've never felt safe about it. A pathway would be perfect! Our family fully supports this!
2	Dayton	This is a great idea and a safe way to excersise without traffic. Thank you
3	Ranchester	Thank you for taking comments/questions. Though the thought is nice, I am concerned it will take away from the beauty of the drive from Ranchester to Dayton, upkeep costs, and cause more hitchhikers or transients to go to Dayton (Ranchester surprisingly sees a lot of transients from Sheridan). The path at the Dayton park was amazing when it was first put in, I remember how great it was, but it's not so great anymore, it hasn't been maintained well. I was shocked when I took my family on it this fall, I told them it was much better 15+ years ago. You all do great work and I respect you! Again, thank you for taking comments.
4	Ranchester	<p>We recently moved to Dayton from a small city in southern New Mexico. Approximately 20 years ago, that city decided to put a bike/walking trail that spanned the entire length of the city east to west - a massive project - crossing many major streets throughout the city, dipping down into the river with an alternat path accessible when there was actual water in the river. That path is utilized by every age group and multiple activities - running, walking, 5K fun runds, biking, roller blading, skateboarding, etc. It offers a safe place adn open space for these activities. Maintenance is done by the city; however, benches, water stations (human and pet) have been donatd by various organizations such as the runners club, Audubon Society, and individuals.</p> <p>This path has encouraged many people to get outdoors, exercise and enjoy much needed recreation, especially with the current COVID crisis. It has promoted health and wellness both physical and mental. I was forever grateful the city had the foresight to invest in the wellbeing of the community. I am a compettive athlete and used that trail for training year-round. I can guarantee, if the path is built between Dayton and Ranchester, it will be very heavily used and encouage people who might otherwise choose not to get outside to actually enjoy a long walk in this beautiful setting. You can never go wrong when the investment betters and encourages a healthy lifestyle.</p>
5	Dayton	I am very excited about the pathway. It will be a great asset to the valley. I am in favor of the use of cement versus asphalt. I hope the pathway will not cross the highway at any point. I also hope that any erosion control seeding would be done with native seed that is locally sourced. It is important to clearly define type of use would be allowed such as foot traffic, bicycle traffic, etc. It should be determined if electric/gas bikes will be allowed and if electric scooters for disabled people be allowed. There has also been questions regarding ATV's. I would hope electric scooters and wheel chairs be acceptable uses. I have no opinion regarding electric or gas powered bicycles. I also hope that a volunteer group be formed for maintenance. That group could obtain support from all governmental agencies (Ranchester, Dayton, County), however they would be responsible for snow removal, etc. A maintenance plan would need to be developed for long term care of the pathway and who determines if repairs need to be made. I appreciate everyone that has worked on this project.
6	Ranchester	I think the pathway would benefit the two communities and be a much safer route for walkers, bikers, and runners. Surprisingly, we have a number of children that ride their bikes between the Dayton and Ranchester, as a means of transportation, to get to extra school activities. I am in favor of the pathway!
7	Parkman	I think it would be a great addition to our community. I would greatly appreciate it, and would use it often.
8	Dayton	This would be a great asset to both communities. Would provide ability to walk run or,ride between towns. I think it would promote community cooperation and sharing of resources. It would provide encouragement and safety for exercise an sight seeing by both the young and old. It would also benefit businesses in both communities. I would be willing to help pay for such a valuable project
9	Dayton	What a great idea and unifying project. I would definately use it as a running route. Would be great to have a safe path for walking and enjoying our beautiful Mountains.
10	Dayton	The proposed pathway project is very exciting. I believe it will get many more families outdoors to enjoy family time and exercise in the the sun and fresh air. I see it bringing the two communities closer by supporting commerse as well as all the social benefits. It will provide a much safer path for walkers, runners and bicyclists of all ages.

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11	Dayton	I whole heartedly support this proposed pathway. I see many benefits to the Tongue River Valley community, to include it being a safe corridor for both pedestrian and bicycling traffic between Ranchester and Dayton. As currently proposed, and without further updated surveying and research, I would endorse the North side over the South side pathway due to the requirement to include a crosswalk area for the Dayton termination point of the South side pathway. I also would advocate for the incorporation of the "old Dayton bridge" as a pathway bridge over the Tongue River in Dayton.
12	Dayton	I often see runners and bikers on the highway between Dayton and Ranchester. Residents also often use Eagle Ridge Trail to escape traffic for exercise. The pathway would provide safety and options for runners, walkers, bikers and outdoor recreation. I support the pathway project.
13	Dayton	This is a wonderful plan because: 1. It is not safe to walk on highway 2. Would be great for bike riders who have to watch all the time for trucks and cars 3. Great exercise for those who have to walk 4. Safety for children walking to school from out of town 5. Just do it
14	Ranchester	I am very much in favor of a pathway between Ranchester and Dayton for the reasons everybody has suggested in the past. I believe it needs to be 10 feet wide. I agree that the bridges in Dayton should be used. I would LOVE to see it along the Tongue River, but I know that's pricey and unrealistic at this time. I would be willing to help where needed.
15	Ranchester	Our support for the proposed pathway is twofold: 1) As bicyclists and runners, we have been talking for 15 years about the need for this pathway. When we do run or bike on the highway between Ranchester and Dayton, the experience of enjoying the beautiful scenery is always diminished by the overarching concern about safety. While we rarely ride on the highway now, we are certain to use the pathway several times a week. 2) As owners of an RV campground and restaurant, we see a large number of tourists from spring to fall, and we regularly and frequently get questions about places to walk or bike in the area. A majority of our travelers are active and would be highly likely to use the pathway to take in the scenery and travel between the two towns. The pathway would be a big selling point for us in promoting our businesses. We strongly support this project!
16	Dayton	I encounter bikers/walkers/joggers on the Highway 14 on a fairly consistent basis. I've seen families - mom/dad pulling jogging trailers and youngsters, "racing" style runners and bikers - even Roger has walked from Dayton to Ranchester. I believe a path would benefit so many people to lead or continue a healthy lifestyle. I think we owe them a safe path to utilize and is worth every penny spent. I strongly encourage the construction of this project.
17	Dayton	The pathway would be great and I would use it to cycle on. I don't feel safe on the road. When the road was re-paved, the rumble strip was not put in. Thus there is no warning to cyclists or runners that a car is over the line. I had an experience last week when I was driving on that road. The road was dusty and the dusty was suspended in the air, the sun was settin over the mountains and was in my eyes. The sun visor in my car was of no help. Visibility was terrible! Then I noticed a cyclist coming toward me. I would have felt much safer as a driver if the cyclist would have had a pathway further off the road to cycle on.
18	Dayton	I love the idea of having a bike/walking path from Dayton to Ranchester. I ride the US Highway 14 often on my bike and now with no rumble strips it is less comforting to know who is behind you and if they are close to you! Would love to have a path away from the main traffic path. My wife and I use the Sheridan paths often for a weekend or weekly riding activity. Please consider putting in a patway in our community. You have my support on this project.
19	Dayton	this is such a great idea. not only will a trail make this area safer and more accessible, but the events a trail like this could hold could bring extra revenue into the towns. Bike races, run races, etc.
20	Dayton	A path connecting Dayton and Ranchester would be great! I love biking as well as walking my dogs and this would give me much joy to be able to get back and forth between the communities without having to drive. Much safer than biking the highway and easier than taking Dayton East road for me. Please build the
21	Dayton	I highly support a path between Dayton and Ranchester. I think it would encourage walking, biking and social interaction between communities.

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22	Dayton	This is an important opportunity to provide the Tongue River Valley with a safe and accessible pathway connecting not only the municipalities of Ranchester and Dayton but providing opportunities for the rural residents along the way and within the TRV corridor. I definitely support this and would use the pathway on a regular basis. It also offers recreational opportunities other than transportation, such as birding, wildlife viewing, photography, and social opportunities. The pathway would also offer a safe opportunity for walkers, runners, bikers, families with a variety of recreational bikes, scooters, rollerblades, etc., providing not only recreational use but supporting a healthy physical activity. Future components of this pathway could include vegetation planting, benches and interpretive and educational exhibits. As a resident of Colorado (Denver metro area) for 20 years we often used the amazing pathways they have established around the city. One could ride from the western side of the metro area to downtown and even the far southeastern metro area without ever being on a street or road. The pathways there are heavily used and I believe that the citizens within the metro area come to expect a bike path within a few blocks of their home, which amazingly enough the entire metro area has accomplished this. I would be glad to assist in any way should you need some help - we are currently limiting our social activities based on cover-19 - but hopefully that will be over soon. I worked with NPS staff in the Denver Regional Office of the National Park Service, I am not sure any of the staff I worked with are still there, but would be happy to assist in working with them. Who was the NPS contact on this project? Thank You so much for pursuing this, it is a great addition to our community and as with most projects which are new, I am sure there are those who see no value but I am <u>more certain that the community as a whole would benefit from this and would welcome the opportunity to use this pathway on a regular basis.</u>
23	Dayton	Thank you all for your time and effort on this project!! I sure hope it is feasible and actually is seen through. It would be a wonderful asset for everyone involved.
24	Dayton	Benefit! Expands transportation (walk/bike) options via a SAFE method. Offers extra exercise possibilities for all local residents (fun runs etc.). Ties the two communities together. Adds value to both communities. Wholeheartedly support this effort—hopefully you are able to coordinate with property owners along the way, and they are willing to participate. I appreciate all those who do!
25	Ranchester	I fully support this project and would love to see it happen. Thank you
26	Dayton	I love the idea of a pathway to connect the towns. The pathway will allow for safe travel via walking or biking. It will enhance the idea of a healthy active community! A pathway makes our communities attractive to live in, run a business, and raise a family. I can't think of a single reason why you wouldn't want a pathway!! Thank you for the efforts of our communities to make them a better place to live!
27	Dayton	I do not feel the pathway is beneficial. I feel, with as long as our winter lasts we would not get the usage out of it that we should. I also feel this is not a great walking path because of the traffic.
28	Ranchester	Kudos to al who have brought this project this far. It will be a big asset to our communities. As a walker and a biker, I am most comfortable if trail is away from the roadway a bit. I know this is not always possible! but where there can be a little space it is nice.. Concrete surfaces are hard on feet and legs so I am thinking as a walker, I would prefer asphalt. Will it be plowed in winter. Hopefully so for year round use.
29	Sheridan	The TR Valley has some of the most magnificent views year round of the Big Horn Mountains. There is a reason more tourists and locals are coming to the Valley to recreate. It would be amazing for those wishing to take in these views do so safely on a route connecting Ranchester and Dayton. As a runner and cyclist, there are times we would like to make a loop from Wolf Creek Road, Halfway Lane, and then to Dayton or back to Ranchester but safety always has going in an out and back. Too many people are distracted while driving to make going between the towns on the highway safe. This pathway would be a great addition to the TR Valley!
30	Dayton	This pathway is a fine idea. I hope people support it. But I don't think it reaches to the level of public necessity that it should be supported with tax money. I believe it should be privately funded.
31	Ranchester	Greetings. I live in Dayton and work in Ranchester. In the past, I have felt comfortable riding my bicycle to and from work. Sadly, it does not feel safe any longer due to increased traffic during these peak hours, and during the weekend. I am also concerned for the safety of students who ride to school and for athletes who train along the roadway.. I support this project. I am sad that I missed the 2020 town meetings. I've seen another pathway (Livingston, MT) that accommodates pedestrians as well as cyclists. Thank you for continuing the quest to secure this 5 mile route. I think that once in place, on the north side, there will be daily
32	DAYTON	I do not feel this is necessary at this time. The cost of maintenance for this in the future would be too high for the amount of use it would receive.

33	Ranchester	I am in favor of a pathway, I think it is a great way to connect the 2 communities and allows a safe way to walk or bike. I like the idea of a north side pathway but my husband brought up a point that I feel needs to be taken into consideration. Many people pull off on the state land just before the historic site and use that area to site in and shoot firearms. I am concerned that this could be a potential safety hazard or a place for possible conflict for the north side of the highway. Because of this reason I think the south side of the highway would provide the safest route in this area.
34	Ranchester	I am in favor of the project and hope that the study shows that it is feasible.
35	Ranchester	I am very interested in the pathway between the two towns.
36	Dayton	A walkway and bike path between the two communities would be such an asset. It would make travel between the two towns safer and encourage residents to get out and enjoy our beautiful environment. Every where you travel communities are incorporating these types of recreation into their plan. We should definitely be doing the same here.
37	Dayton	We would LOVE this. My family and I walk/ride all the time in Dayton now. This would add so much more options for the community, such as races, wildlife viewing, family time, outdoor exercise, etc. Go for it!
38	Dayton	I support the pathway project. This will give our community a safe way to travel by a alternative means between Dayton and Ranchester. A bold and progressive step forward.
39	Dayton	Safety from texting drivers is a reality. In years past, before smart phones and texting, cycling/running/walking was generally safe on highway paved shoulders. With texting realities, using highway shoulders has become dangerous. The Tongue River Pathway will provide an encouraging and safe means to exercise on the Dayton/Ranchester portion of US Highway 14. It has nice value as a scenic, almost flat route otherwise unavailable to residents.
40	Ranchester	I think this would be an awesome addition to our communities!
41	Sheridan	This is fantastic opportunity that would enhance the quality of life and add value to these rural towns. As a former valley resident and outdoor enthusiast, this pathway has been needed for a long time!! It would offer a safe alternative for travel between the two towns, provide a safe place for running, walking, and biking, open up opportunities for events, and would only add the quality of life of residents. I truly hope this comes to fruition!
42	Dayton	This looks like a great opportunity for TR valley. Thank you for pursuing it.
43	Dayton	It will be a great add for both communities
44	Ranchester	In favor of the pathway. The pathways in Sheridan have benefitted many in the community. Seems to be a positive for healthy lifestyles and the aesthetics of the area. Certainly useful in this time of COVID.
45	Ranchester	I am in support of the trail project
46	Dayton	I've heard about the discussion of a pathway between Dayton and Ranchester for a while, now. This is not a project I support. I've lived in this area almost all of my life and have seen hardly anyone go back and forth between Ranchester and Dayton on a bike. And only (very) occasionally do you see anybody running. At least on the highway. You could argue that it's because there's no pathway; it's dangerous, etc. However, for local people--and I do stress local--I just don't see how this is of much--if any--benefit. I think in a survey, you might get a lot of people who would say this is a great idea but, if push came to shove, there would not be any real support beyond words. And most of the people who would say they support it will not be using the pathway at all. This is not a NEED. I think it is the want of a very small group of people and, in times of economic crisis, especially, this is a frivolous expense that will be utilized by only a handful (literally only a handful) of people between the two communities. People who want to run or bike between the towns already do. The safety of a pathway on the side of a highly used highway is only an illusion and only opens us up for accidents on the side of the road. Thank you.
47	Ranchester	A separated bike-walk trail along Highway 14 between Ranchester and Dayton would be a great addition to our community. Suggest 10 foot width, concrete. If there are restrictions, neck down to 8 foot with warning signs, etc. Utilizing the bridge(s) over the river at Dayton would be a savings.
48	Dayton	This would be a great asset to our community, adding exercise opportunities, mobility for our kids to access amenities in both towns, and possible increase in tourism dollars.

49	Sheridan	While I do not live in Ranchester or Dayton, I work at the Central Administration Offices in Ranchester. I'm an avid user of all the trails and pathways in Sheridan and would love to see a trail between Ranchester and Dayton. I've often thought of walking or biking between Ranchester and Dayton on my lunch hour or after work, but it doesn't feel safe to be that close to traffic on the highway where the speed limit is 65 mph. A pathway between these two communities would encourage more folks to get out and walk or bike, and enjoy the beautiful view of the valley. Thank you to all who have put so much work into making this a reality for these little communities.
50	Dayton	I think the pathway would be very beneficial to the TR community. I think it would be a much safer way for people to walk/bicycle between Ranchester & Dayton.
51	Ranchester	I have lived in the community since 1986 and have always thought a pathway between the two towns would be great. Now that I have kids I think it would be even greater for the connection and to use it for more outside opportunities. We live right next to where the path would go and my only plan is to plant some privacy bushes but other than that I think it would be a great addition to the community!
52	Dayton	I am against this pathway. 1. It is unneeded 2. It will impact and interfere with normal activity and business use along the highway 3. It will not be used very much by very few people 4. It will not be open for use all year with maybe 6 months of possible use 5. It is an urban life feature that does not fit with the valley 6. It is not worth the cost
53	Dayton	Yes!!! The trail would be great!
54	Dayton	I just think it would be a great addition to add a path from dayton to ranchester. In the warmer months it would be a great place for biking, running and walking. In the winter, if it isn't plowed, it could be a great cross country ski trail! The path would be good for kids and adults!
55	Dayton	The pathway is a fantastic idea! I have walked from Dayton to ranchester a lot and it is scary as a walker. The cars are flying by! And when I drive by a jogger it is sometimes hard to see them if they are wearing grey. Bikers also are also hard to see. If there is oncoming traffic slowing down isn't enough and you can't get out of the way. This would be a good thing to have!
56	Sheridan	A trail connecting Dayton and Ranchester is long over-due. Giving people the opportunity to walk, run, cycle or ride on a location close to their home is one of the best ways to improve mental and physical health. In the best of worlds, the trail would not run adjacent to a heavily used highway but use another already-set easement such as along an old County right of way, an irrigation ditch/canal or along a creek/river. I understand how difficult it is to find those sorts of situations but they are well worth the effort. Making a trail happen is hard work, so please do not be deterred by the difficulty because the result will be worth the effort, even if it is located along the highway. Thank you for moving this effort forward.
57	Dayton	Absolutely support this effort! Would be a great, safe way to allow folks from both communities to travel between them while getting outdoor exercise. I look forward to future updates and assisting in the effort however I can.
58	Ranchester	I remember some of the early discussions about a pathway such as this. There was a great deal of excitement and a number of unanswered questions. Positive benefits include: increased safety traveling by foot or bike between Dayton and Ranchester, recreation and exercise potentials for all generations, opportunities for community service in maintaining the pathway; a wonderful way to promote our TR Valley and the quality of life. Questions still to be answered are: Will there be sufficient funds to develop AND maintain a pathway for at least 20 years? Who will be responsible for maintenance? Will there be enough landowners to support the project so easements allow the most feasible route? Are there any liability issues? Will the pathway be lit and if so how will that be sustained/maintained (solar lights perhaps)? I am a wholehearted supporter of the project. I see it as a win-win for the whole community if we can find a way to get it built and to have funds for the maintenance. Look forward to continued discussions.

59	Ranchester	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The proposed Toungue River Pathway project sounds like a win/win for the Valley and the County. A successful pathway system would improve quality of life, economic development, and the health of our community.</p> <p>Some of the challenges would include having enough funding partners so as to not be a burden on already strapped local units of government, accommodating existing land uses, and ongoing maintenance.</p>
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