The City of Carlisle continues to work on walkability issues raised during the audit in September 2013.

The City was able to work with the Carlisle School District to improve the visibility of the School Street and 5th Street intersection near the elementary school. The school district paid for the painting of the intersection and the City plans to make crosswalk improvements on the west side of the intersection to install sidewalk ramps for students to safely cross on that side of the intersection. Below are two pictures of the intersection.

We also began the process of changing our crosswalks from horizontal lines to vertical to make them more noticeable for drivers. This was a suggestion in the audit report that we knew had great potential. While weather has faded some of the crosswalks, we are looking forward to repainting them in the spring. They really look great.
The City Council passed a Complete Streets Policy resolution. This will encourage us to think about pedestrian and bicycle use, not just vehicle use, when we construct new streets or reconstruct existing streets.

The City has also worked with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to address issues on Highway 5, which is a major thoroughfare bisecting the city, and the intersections with city streets. The City asked the IDOT to undertake a Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) study to research the amount of traffic along this corridor and how improvements would address pedestrian safety at the intersections. The IDOT is paying the full cost of this study, and has hired an engineering firm from Ankeny, Snyder and Associates, to do the study. The results of the study has not become available as of the due date of this report.

Mayor Randleman was also successful in working with the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMMPO) to have funding for improvements to the intersection of Highway 5 and Scotch Ridge Road place in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. While in the plan, the city will still need to apply for the funds. This is a very serious funding need as congestion becomes more prevalent at the intersection with the opening of a new grocery store and the construction of new housing nearby. These developments, along with the existing middle school, Subway restaurant and Dollar General store will all add to the bottleneck. The City will undertake engineering planning to show how a roundabout at this intersection will improve traffic and pedestrian safety.