



Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary

2720 32nd Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

DISTRICT

Oak Grove Lutheran

GRADES

Pre-K–5

AVERAGE ENROLLMENT

235

ARRIVAL

8:25 a.m.

DISMISSAL

Pre-K–1: 2:55 p.m.
2-5: 3:05 p.m.

Existing Conditions

Oak Grove Lutheran Schools is a private Lutheran school district with two locations. The Elementary (southern) location serves Pre-K through 5th grade. It is located approximately 3.5 miles southeast of downtown Fargo in the city's Stonebridge Neighborhood.

The Oak Grove Lutheran school system was established in 1906. The Elementary is bound by 32nd Avenue S to the north, 27th Street S to the east, residential to the south, and 28th Street S to the west. The school is located in a commercial corridor adjacent to Essentia Hospital.

32nd Avenue S is a high traffic volume roadway with observed high speed traffic. The other roads surrounding Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary are local roadways.

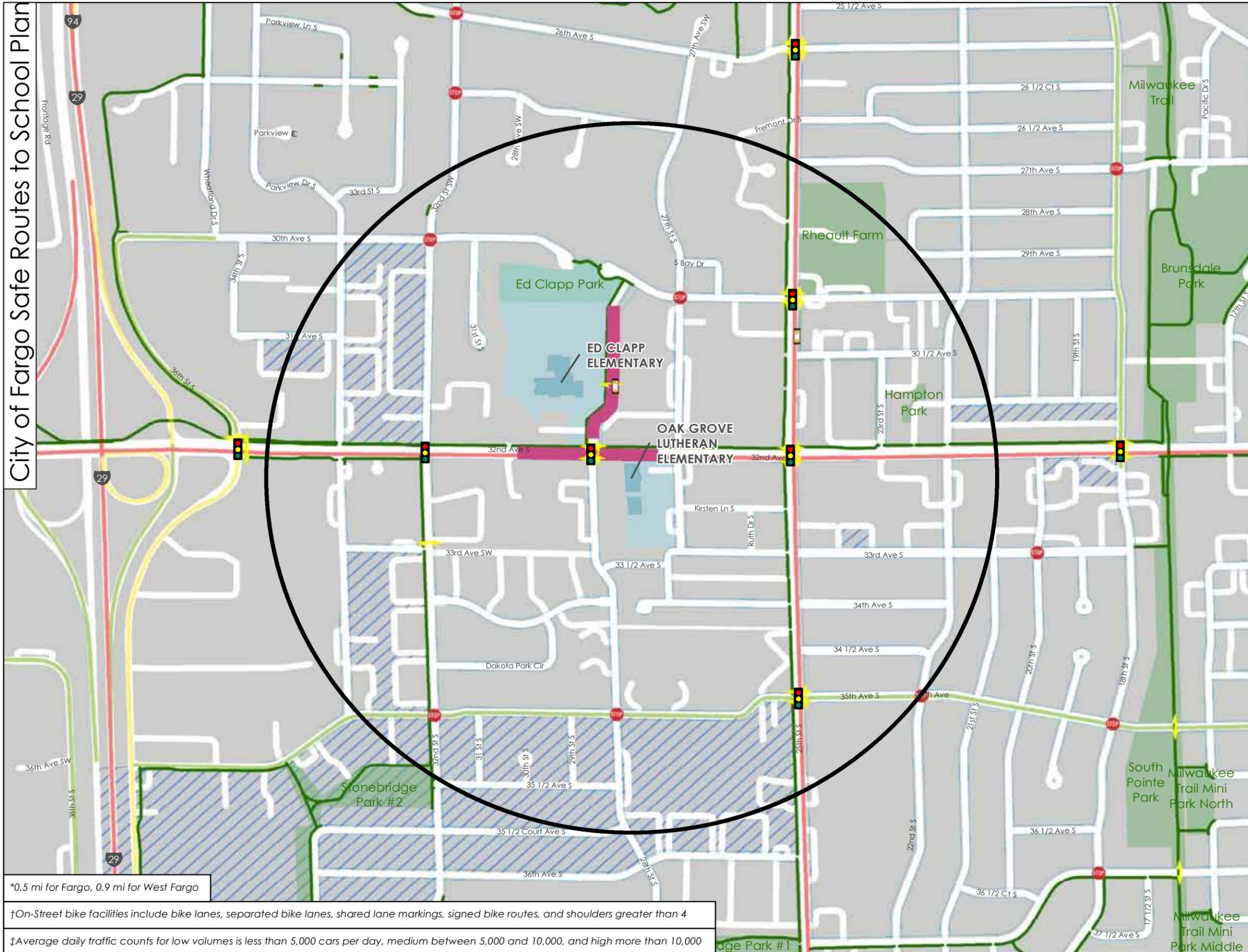
32nd Avenue S has a school speed zone for Ed Clapp Elementary, but the speed zone ends just east of the Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary campus building.



▲ The 32nd Avenue S and 27th Street S intersection is wide and lacks safe crossing facilities.



▲ There are no pedestrian spaces in the parking lot. Cones are used to delineate crosswalks.



Existing Conditions Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary

- School Study Areas*
- Walk Zones
- Building Footprints
- School Grounds
- Park
- Environmental Justice Areas
- School Speed Zone
- Shared Use Path
- On-Street Bike Facility†
- Sidewalk
- Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Crossing Sign
- 4-Way Stop Sign
- HAWK Signal
- Other Flashing Sign
- Signalized Intersection

Traffic Volumes‡

- Low
- Medium
- High

*Oak Grove provides shuttle service between its elementary and high schools, as such there is no walk zone.



*0.5 mi for Fargo, 0.9 mi for West Fargo

†On-Street bike facilities include bike lanes, separated bike lanes, shared lane markings, signed bike routes, and shoulders greater than 4

‡Average daily traffic counts for low volumes is less than 5,000 cars per day, medium between 5,000 and 10,000, and high more than 10,000

Circulation Challenges

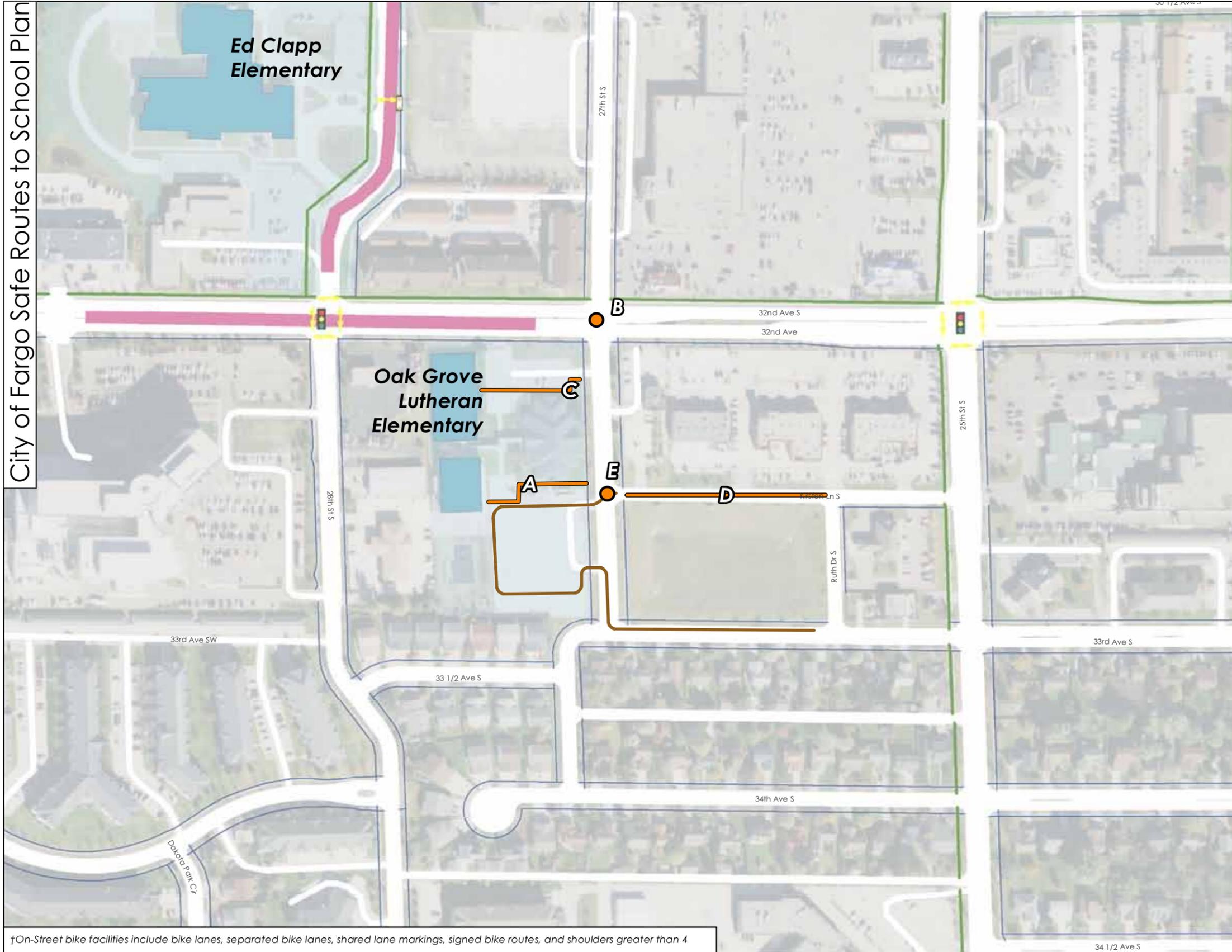
The Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary campus is very small and lacks bike parking and multiple sidewalk connections. In particular, separated and raised spaces for pedestrians are missing in both the north and south parking lots. Staff provides traffic control in the south parking lot during drop-off and pick-up to allow students and families to cross the driving loop.

The intersection of 32nd Avenue S and 27th Street S is wide with high traffic volumes and drivers were observed speeding along the corridor. The median is not wide enough to act as a pedestrian safety island. Additionally, the crossing is not marked by signage, nor crosswalk markings.

Kirsten Lane, which leads to the school from the east lacks sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY CHALLENGES

LOCATION	CHALLENGE
A South side of campus	No formal crosswalk marking or pedestrian space in parking lot during pick up and drop off - cones are currently used
B 32nd Ave S / 27th St S	Long crossing distances Median refuge island is not wide enough to comfortably accommodate some one crossing
C North side of campus	No pedestrian space across parking lot
D Kristen Ln S between 27th St S and Ruth Dr S	No sidewalk on either side of Kristen Ln
E 27th St S / Kristen Ln S	Long crossing distances



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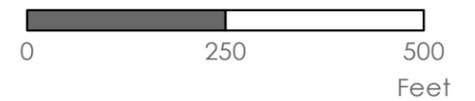
Observed Circulation & Challenges

Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary

- Key***
- Bus Circulation
 - Challenge
 - Shared Bus and Vehicle Lane
 - Vehicle Drop-off and Pick-up
 - ↔ Observed Walking and Biking Routes
 - Bike Rack
 - Challenge

Existing Infrastructure*

- Building Footprints
- School Grounds
- School Speed Zones
- - - On-Street Bike Facility†
- Sidewalk
- Shared Use Path
- ⚡ Crosswalk Marking
- Signalized Intersection
- HAWK Signal
- Other Flashing Sign
- Pedestrian Crossing Sign
- 4-Way Stop Sign



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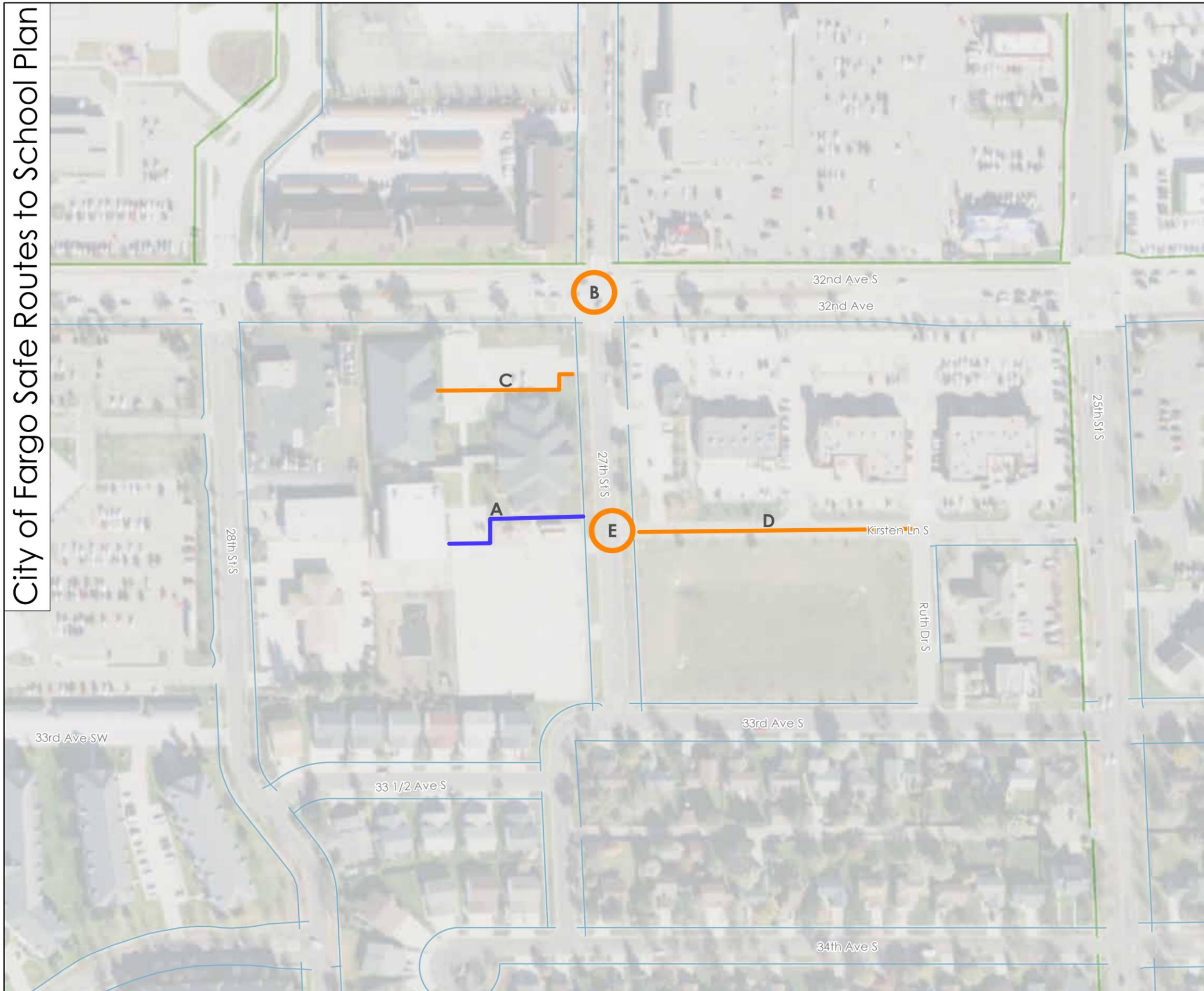
*Legend Common to All Maps - Not all Features Present on All Maps

Opportunities for Improvement

Though few students were observed walking and biking to Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary, it is important to provide comfortable spaces for people to do so if they wish. Making connections across the two parking lots is a high impact opportunity, as well as creating shorter crossings and more visibility across 27th Street S.

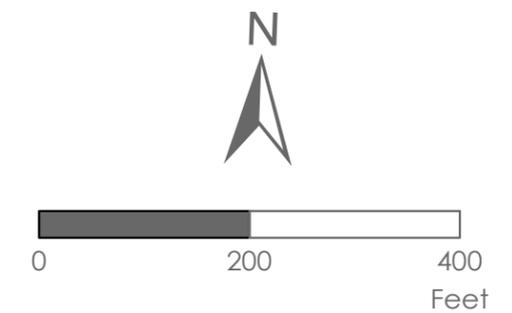
Improving the crossing of 32nd Avenue S at 27th Street S should be explored as more students and families consider the possibility of walking and biking to Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT			
LOCATION	POTENTIAL SOLUTION	LEAD AGENCY	IMPACT
A South side of campus	Install raised and separated curb space; install ADA compliant curb ramps; install high visibility crosswalk	Oak Grove Lutheran School	High
B 32nd Ave S / 27th St S	Explore opportunities to enhance the existing crosswalk; coordinate with the existing school zone designated in this area along 32nd Ave S	City of Fargo	Medium
C North side of campus	Install sidewalk to connect front door to existing sidewalk network through parking lot; install high visibility crosswalk	Oak Grove Lutheran School	Medium
D Kristen Ln S between 27th St S and Ruth Dr S	Install sidewalk along Kristen Ln	City of Fargo	Medium
E 27th St S / Kirsten Ln S	Consider curb extensions to shorten crossing of 27th St S; install high visibility crosswalks	City of Fargo	Medium

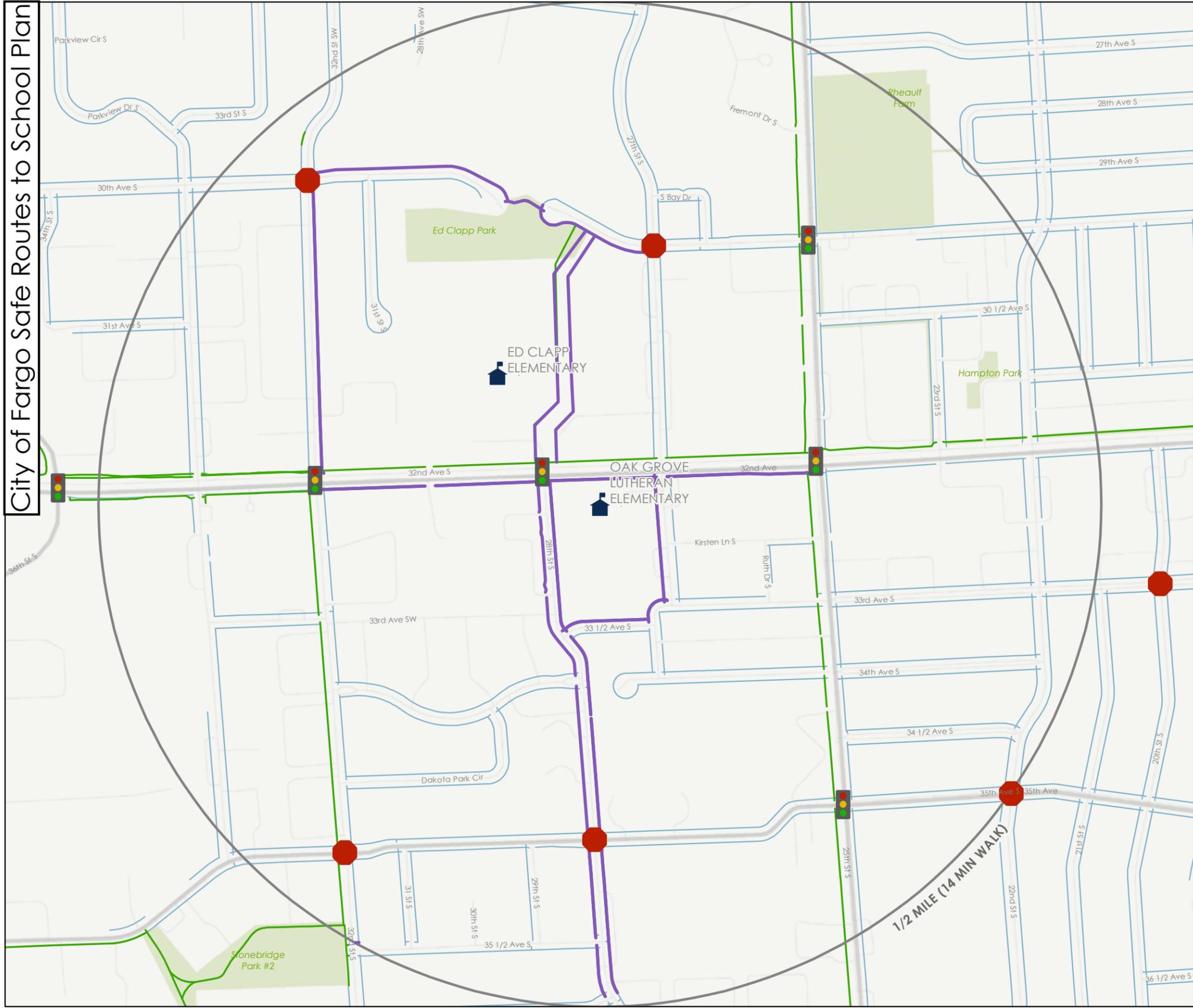


Infrastructure Opportunities Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary

-  Opportunities for Improvement Locations
-  High Impact
-  Medium Impact
-  Low Impact
-  Opportunities for Improvement Segments
-  High Impact
-  Medium Impact
-  Low Impact
-  Shared Use Path
-  Sidewalk
-  Building footprint
-  School grounds



City of Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan



Suggested Routes to School
Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary

- Suggested routes
- Sidewalks
- Shared Use Path
- All-way stops
- Traffic signal
- Pedestrian crossing signal



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