



# Deer Creek Elementary

6400 55th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104

## DISTRICT

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West Fargo Public School District #6

## GRADES

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K-5

## AVERAGE ENROLLMENT

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## ARRIVAL

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8:00 a.m.

## DISMISSAL

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2:40 p.m.

### Existing Conditions

Deer Creek Elementary is a kindergarten through 5th grade school in the West Fargo Public School District. The school is located approximately five miles south of downtown West Fargo.

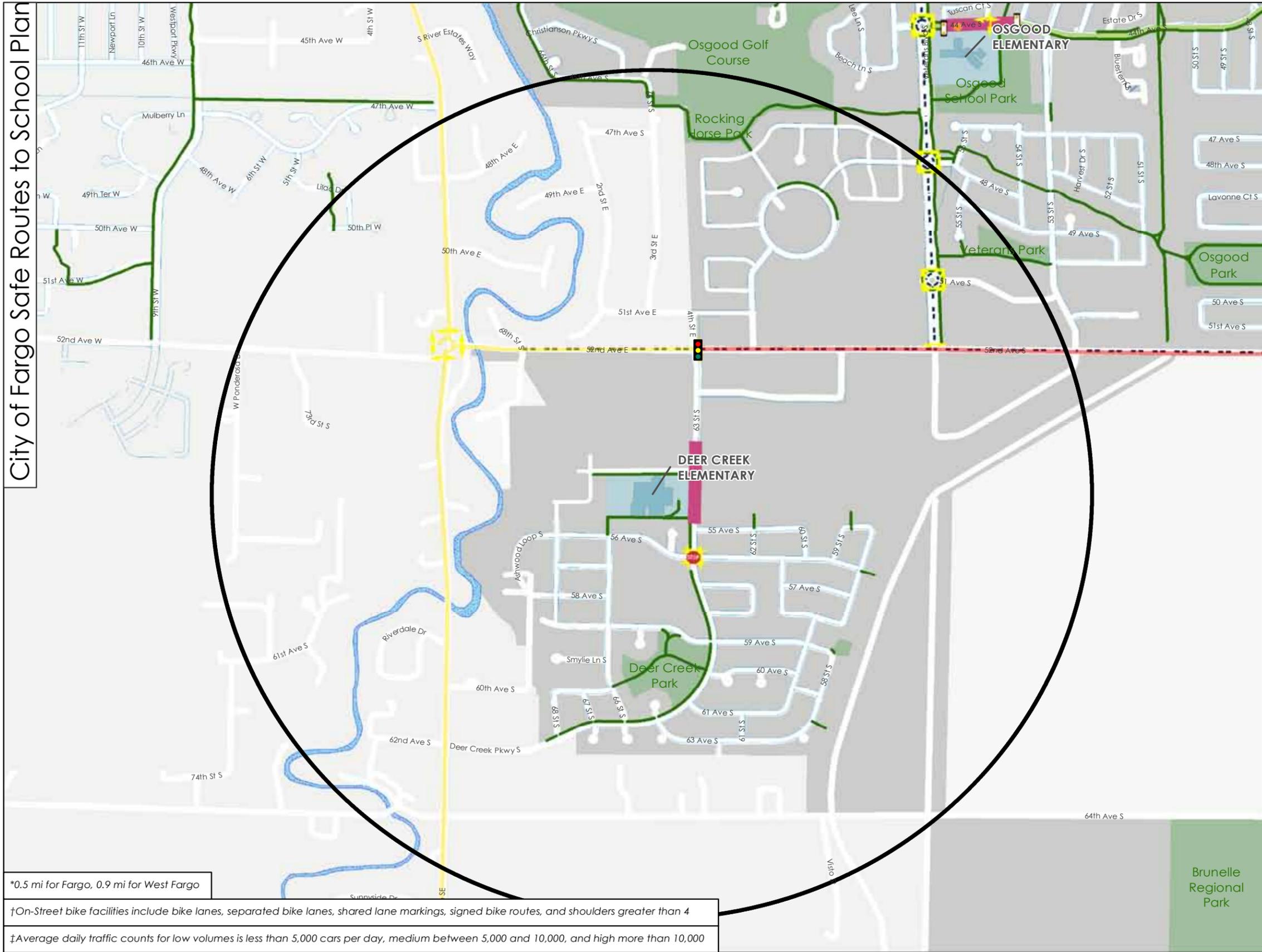
The new school finished construction in summer 2019 and was opened for the 2019-2020 school year. The school is bound by 54th Avenue S to the north, 63rd Street S to the east, residential housing to the south, and 67th Street S to the west. The roads surrounding the building are local roads with primarily localized traffic patterns. Sidewalks are located in some areas surrounding the campus, but not all, due to many of the housing developments still being constructed. A shared use path runs along the south side of campus and connects to the existing path off of 56th Avenue S and 66th Street S.



▲ 54th Avenue S and 63rd Street S intersection lacks pedestrian crossing facilities.



▲ Wide driveway aprons may encourage higher speed turning movements.



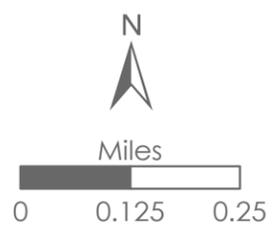
\*0.5 mi for Fargo, 0.9 mi for West Fargo

†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

### Existing Conditions Deer Creek 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



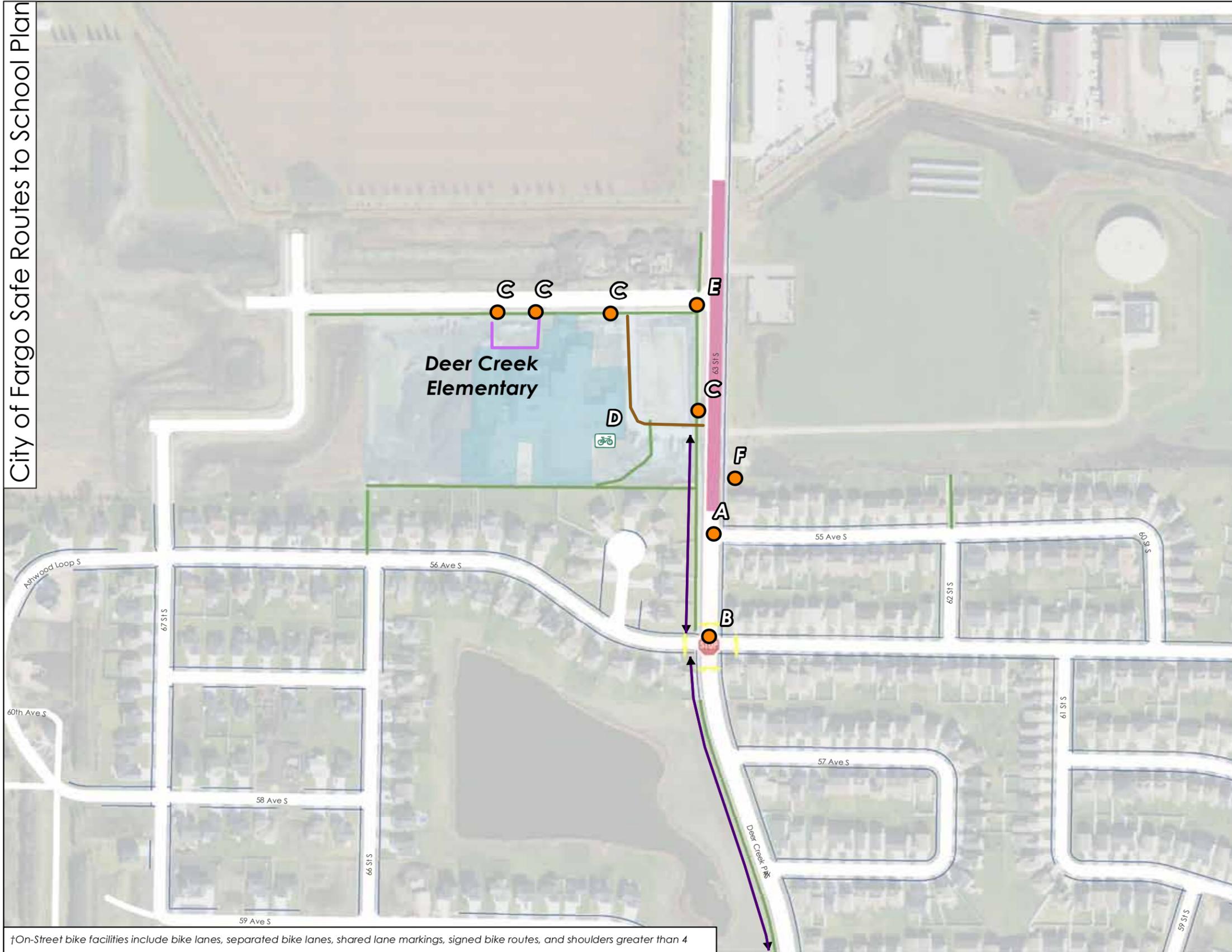
### Circulation Challenges

Deer Creek Elementary is newly constructed in a new suburban style development. On the east side of the campus is 63rd Street S, a very wide two-lane roadway creating long pedestrian crossings. The intersections with 55th Avenue S and 56th Avenue S do not have curb ramps, which limits accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists. Throughout the school site, wide driveway aprons may encourage fast turning speeds for drivers entering and exiting the parking lots.

There is more to be learned about the circulation at Deer Creek Elementary as students develop circulation patterns and the school and surrounding neighborhood becomes more established.

#### DEER CREEK ELEMENTARY CHALLENGES

LOCATION	CHALLENGE
<b>A</b> 55th Ave S / 63rd St S	Long crossing distances ..... Curb ramps missing
<b>B</b> 56th Ave S / 63rd St S	Long crossing distances ..... Curb ramps missing
<b>C</b> Driveway (multiple)	Driveway aprons and crossings are wide
<b>D</b> Outside Door 9	No existing bicycle parking available
<b>E</b> 63rd St S / 54th Ave S	Long crossing distances
<b>F</b> 63rd St S north of 55th Ave S	Current location of speed limit sign is confusing to drivers



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## Observed Circulation & Challenges Deer Creek 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

With increased planned growth in this area of Fargo, it will be important to provide high quality and comfortable crossings for people walking and biking in the area. 63rd Street S is currently the main north-south roadway for vehicles traveling towards 52nd Avenue S and other major connections in the area. Because of this, the crossings of 63rd Street S nearest campus are high impact opportunities for improvement.

On campus, it will be important to limit the number and width of vehicle accesses, as well as highlight those that exist using paint and signage. These driveways have the potential of being conflict points between drivers and students walking and biking to Deer Creek.

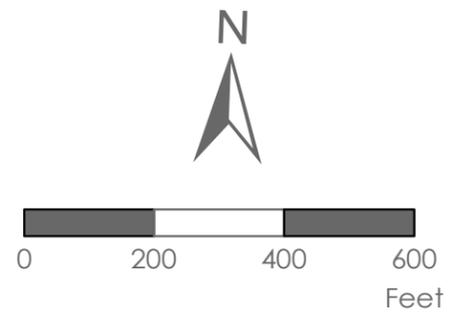
DEER CREEK ELEMENTARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT				
LOCATION	POTENTIAL SOLUTION	LEAD AGENCY	IMPACT	
<b>A</b> 55th Ave S / 63rd St S	Install curb extensions (prioritize north crossings) or a median safety island to shorten crossing of 63rd St S; install ADA compliant curb ramps; consider a raised crosswalk; coordinate with Location B	City of Fargo	High	
<b>B</b> 56th Ave S / 63rd St S	Install curb extensions (prioritize west and north crossings) or a median safety island to shorten crossing of 63rd St S; install ADA compliant curb ramps; coordinate with Location A	City of Fargo	Medium	
<b>C</b> Driveway (multiple)	Install high visibility crosswalk across driveways	City of Fargo; West Fargo Public Schools	Medium	
<b>D</b> Outside Door 9	Install bike parking to provide two points of contact with bicycle frame (e.g., Inverted U or Post and Ring style rack); consider installing additional capacity	West Fargo Public Schools	Low	
<b>E</b> 63rd St S / 54th Ave S	Consider curb extensions to shorten west crossing; install high visibility crosswalks; install forward stop bars	City of Fargo	High	
<b>F</b> 63rd St S north of 55th Ave S	Relocate 25 mph speed sign	City of Fargo	Medium	



### Infrastructure Opportunities

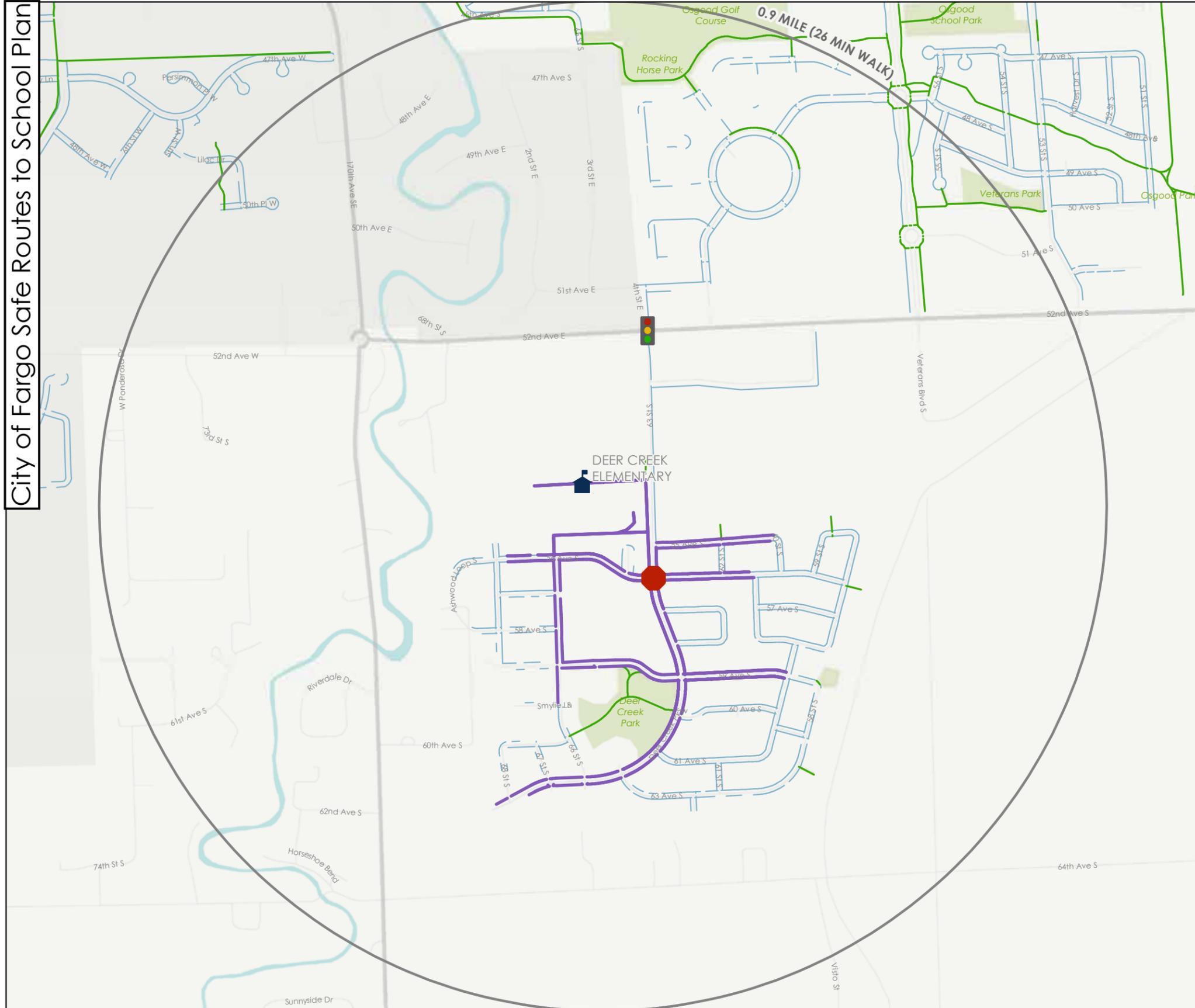
#### Deer Creek Elementary

-  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



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City of Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan



Suggested Routes to School  
Deer Creek Elementary

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

