



Agassiz School

1305 9th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58103

DISTRICT

Fargo Public School District #1

GRADES

This school provides a variety of services including Alternative High School programs and the Fargo Adult Learning Center, Early Childhood Special Education, Middle School Alternative Education Day Program (EDP), Project InVEST (post high school, life skill, transition SpEd program) and EvenStart pre-school, and the offices of several District programs and community partners.

AVERAGE ENROLLMENT

Varies by program.

ARRIVAL

Varies by program.

Students arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 am for morning classes, then again around 11:30 am.

DISMISSAL

Varies by program.

Students depart between 2:30 and 3:45 pm

Existing Conditions

The Agassiz School serves a range of students through its special services and programs, such as early childhood special education classes. Additionally, the Agassiz building is home to the Woodrow Wilson Alternative High School, which relocated to the site in 2012.

The Agassiz School is located approximately one mile southwest of Downtown Fargo in the city's Carl Ben Eielson neighborhood. The neighborhood consists primarily of residential single-family homes. The campus is bound by 14th Street S to the west, 8th Avenue S to the north, University Drive to the east, and 9th Avenue S to the south. University Drive is a high traffic volume arterial with observed traffic speeds exceeding the posted speed limit of 30 mph. This creates a barrier for students walking and biking. The University

Drive and 8th Avenue S intersection is controlled with a traffic signal providing a protected crossing for pedestrians who need to cross University Drive east-west. There are sidewalks throughout most of the study area.

On campus, the bike rack is placed on the west side of the school near a trash dumpster with low visibility from the street. It is a comb style rack that does not allow for locking of the frame and can result in wheel damage.

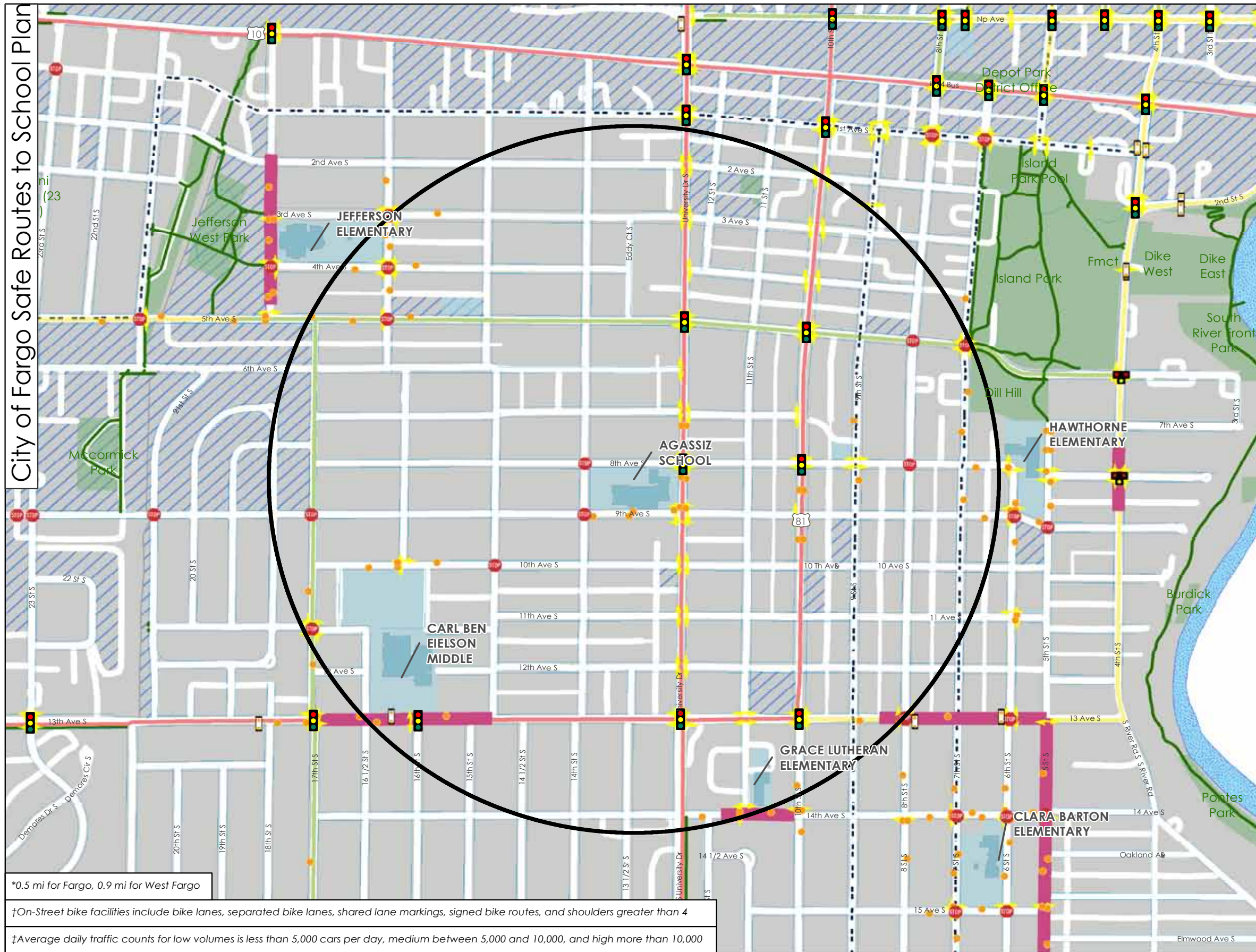
Because of the unique citywide and adult programming at Agassiz, many students travel to and from school using Fargo MATBUS. Routes 14, 15 and 18. Routes 15 and 18 stop immediately outside Agassiz on the northwest corner of University Dr and 8th Avenue S. Route 14 stops south of school at the northwest and southeast corners of University Dr and 14th Avenue S.



▲ Intersections with University Drive have wide curb radii and faded pavement markings.



▲ Parked vehicles encroach onto the sidewalk.



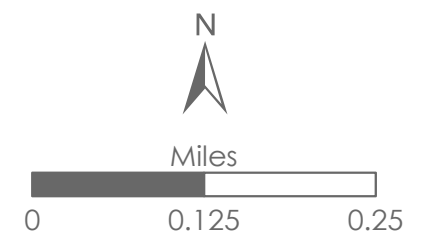
Existing Conditions Agassiz School

- 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

Note: there is no walk zone for Agassiz School



*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

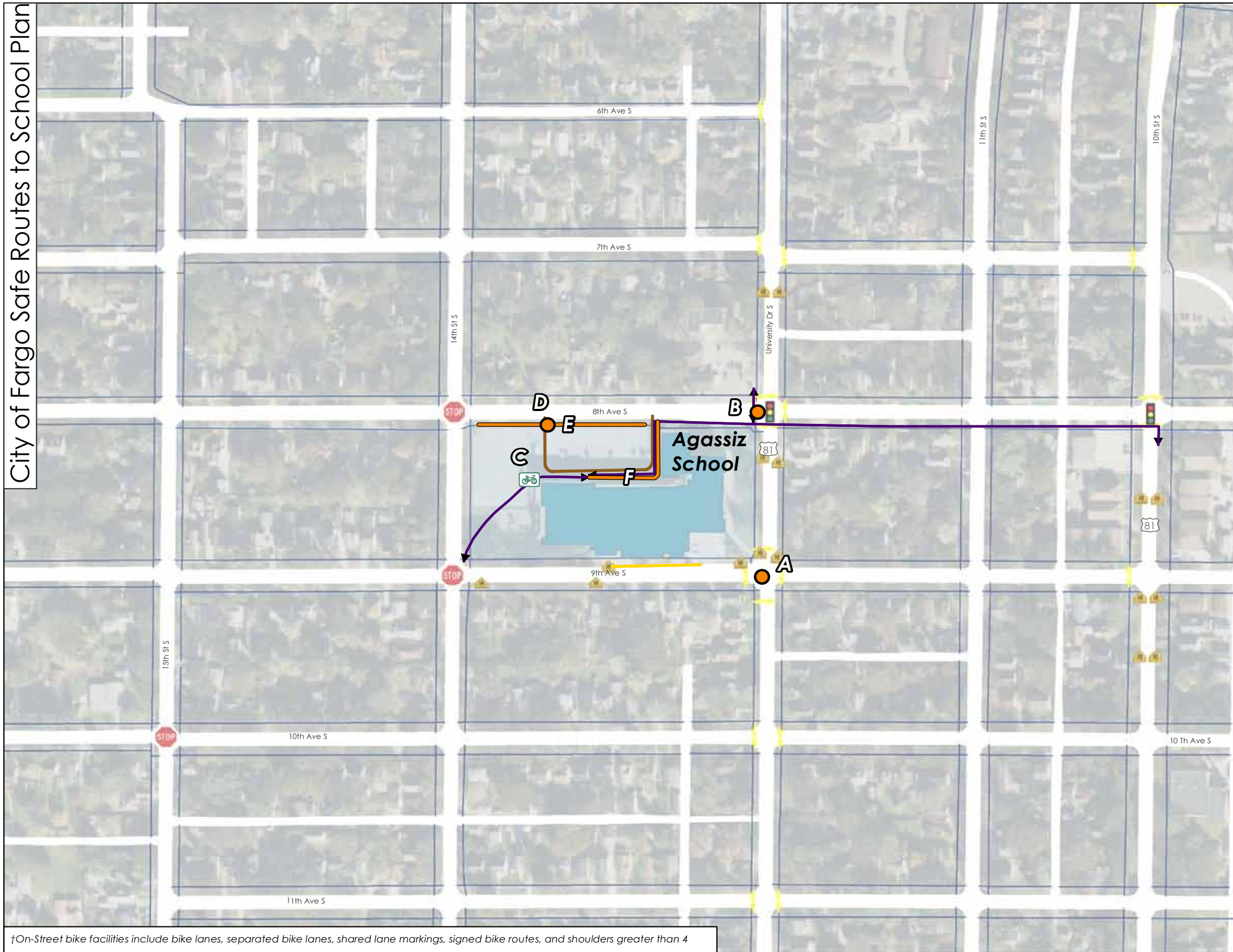
Circulation Challenges

University Drive is a major barrier for students walking and biking to Agassiz School. The 8th Avenue S and 9th Avenue S intersections along University Drive have wide curb radii, which encourages high vehicle turning speeds and decreases pedestrian crossing safety and comfort. These crossings are long and the pavement markings are deteriorating. The 8th Avenue S intersection is controlled with a traffic signal, but it does not include a leading pedestrian interval.

The parking lot on the north side of the campus often includes vehicles encroaching on the sidewalk space. Vehicles parking in stalls immediately adjacent to the driveway access obscure visibility of pedestrians crossing the driveway. Students traveling from the east from their home or from the MATBUS stop enter through the north side of the building and must walk through the parking lot to reach the door. The parking lot lacks dedicated pedestrian circulation space. Instead, people walking must hug the side of the building through the parking lot. Because of shadows and other facility and building obstructions, people walking through the parking lot are difficult to see by drivers.

AGASSIZ SCHOOL CHALLENGES

LOCATION	CHALLENGE
A 9th Ave S / University Drive	Wide curb radii encourage high vehicle turning speeds Long crossing distances Marked crosswalks faded
B 8th Ave S / University Drive	Wide curb radii encourage high vehicle turning speeds No leading pedestrian interval Long pedestrian crossing Marked crosswalks faded
C West Side of School	Bike rack is placed out of sight near trash dumpster Comb style rack does not allow locking of frame and can lead to wheel damage
D 8th Ave S / Parking Lot driveways	Parking stalls immediately adjacent to crossing of driveway makes it difficult to see people walking when the stalls are occupied
E 8th Ave S along parking lot	Parked cars encroach on sidewalk space
F Space along building from 8th Ave S to main entrance	No comfortable space for people walking People must share space with vehicles Low visibility of people walking



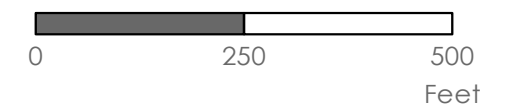
Observed Circulation & Challenges Agassiz School

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

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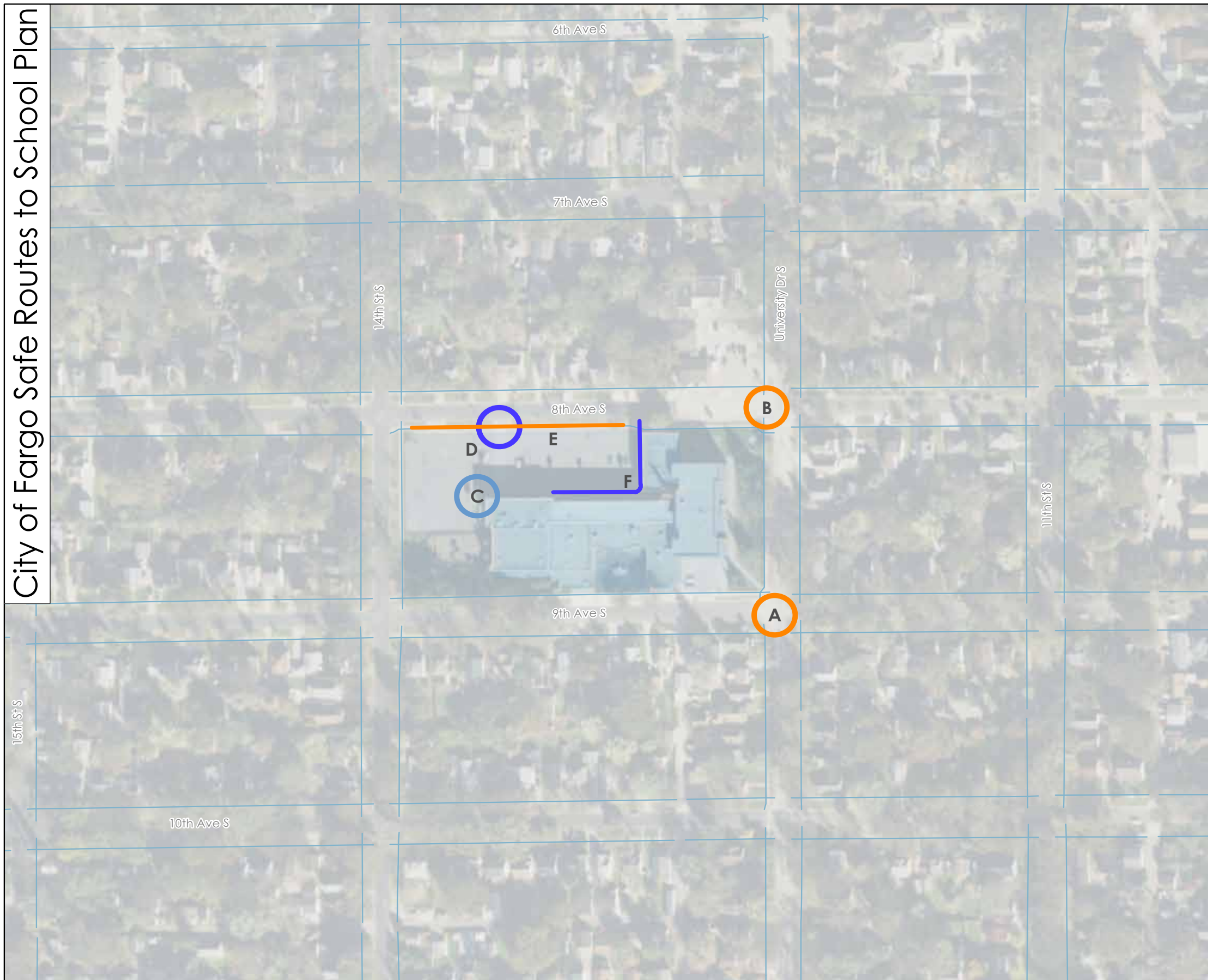
Opportunities for improvement

Opportunities for improvement to improve conditions for people walking and biking to campus are primarily focused on improving the crossings across University Drive S. Wide curb radii encourage higher speeds for drivers turning on or off of University Drive S. These higher turning speeds make crossing at 8th Avenue S and 9th Avenue S a challenge for people walking and biking, especially those traveling to nearby bus routes. At the signalized intersection of 8th Avenue S and University Drive S, a leading pedestrian interval could improve visibility of people walking east and west.








Once on campus, students walking must reach Door 1 through the north parking lot. A separated and raised curb and sidewalk space through the parking lot would provide a more comfortable route. In addition, removing parking stalls adjacent to the parking lot driveways would improve visibility of students walking on the south side of 8th Avenue S. Finally, installing parking stops in stalls along the same sidewalk would limit vehicles encroaching on the pedestrian space.

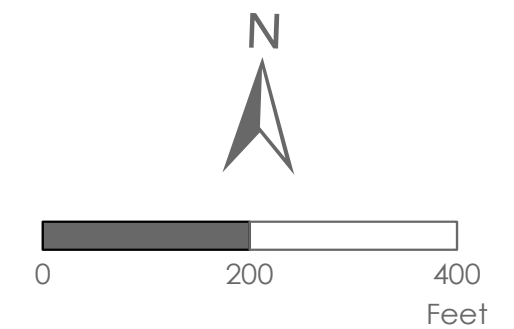
AGASSIZ SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

LOCATION	POTENTIAL SOLUTION	LEAD AGENCY	IMPACT
A 9th Ave S / University Dr S	Install curb extensions on all four corners to decrease curb radii; install high visibility crosswalks; install forward stop bar	NDDOT; City of Fargo	Medium
B 8th Ave S / University Dr S	Install curb extensions on all four corners to decrease curb radii; consider leading pedestrian interval; install high visibility crosswalks; install forward stop bar; consider removing right turn lane from 8th Ave S	NDDOT; City of Fargo	Medium
C West Side of School	Install bike parking to provide two points of contact with bicycle frame (e.g., Inverted U or Post and Ring style rack); locate parking in a visible and convenient location on campus	Fargo Public Schools	Low
D 8th Ave S / parking lot driveways	Prohibit parking in stalls adjacent to driveway aprons	City of Fargo	High
E 8th Ave S along parking lot	Install parking stops in parking stalls adjacent to sidewalk to prohibit encroachment	City of Fargo	Medium
F Space along building from 8th Ave S to main entrance	Install separated and raised curb/sidewalk space along building to connect sidewalk network to main entrance	Fargo Public Schools	High

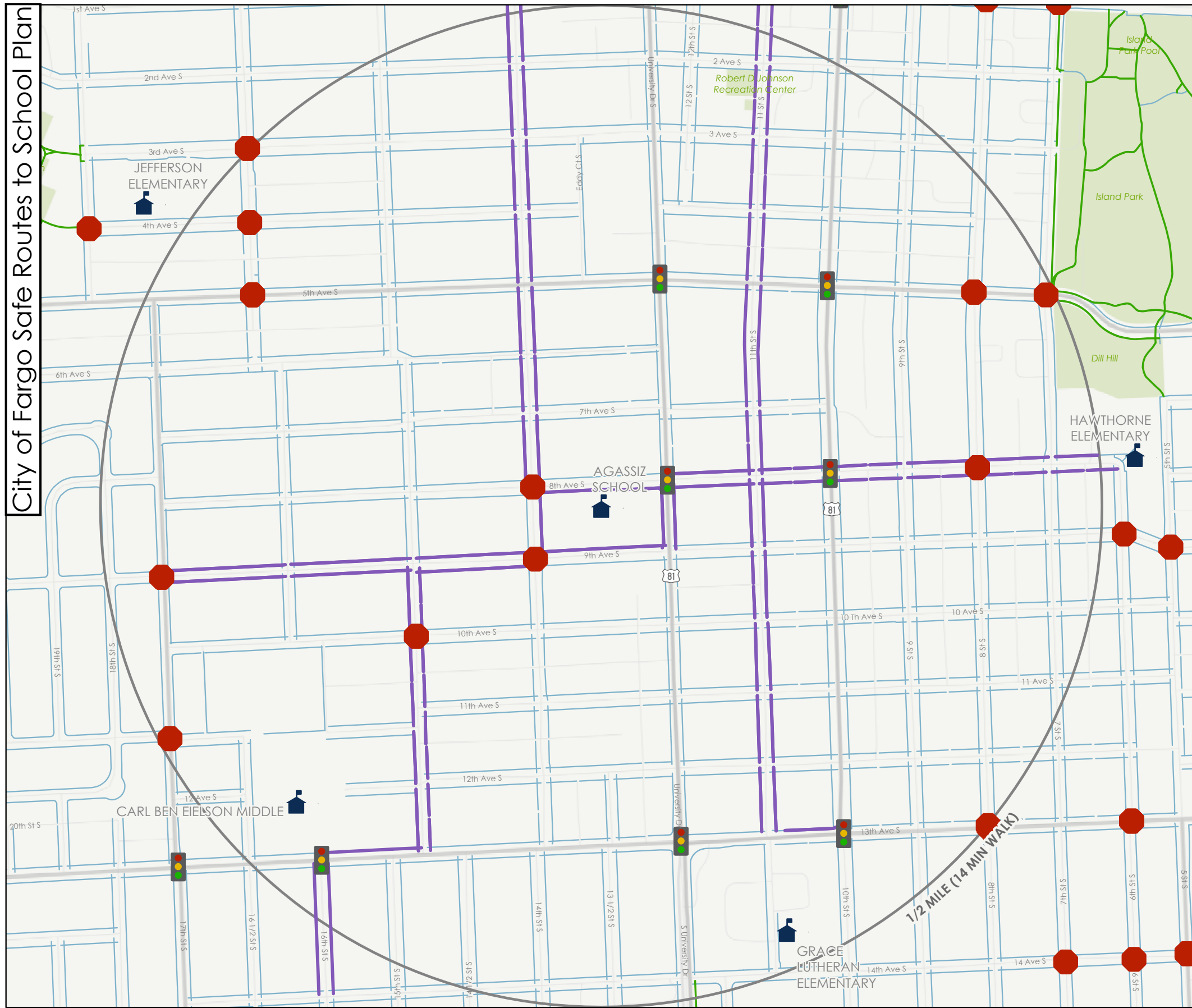


Infrastructure Opportunities Agassiz School

-  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
Agassiz School

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

