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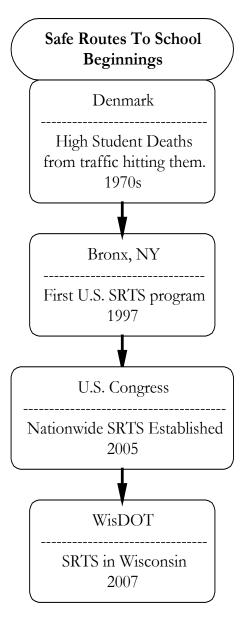
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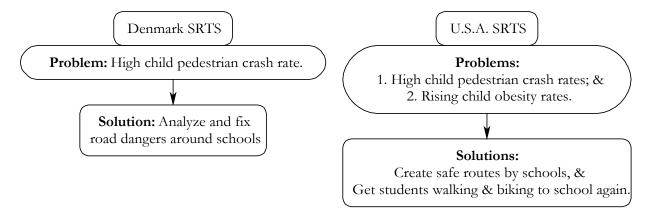
Chapter 1: Introduction

History

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) began as a European phenomenon thirty years ago and caught on in New York City in 1997. In the 1970s, Denmark had Europe's highest child pedestrian accident rate. Implementing the first Safe Routes to School program, planners in Denmark identified specific road dangers around the country's schools and took steps to remedy the hazards. Since 1970, the child pedestrian crash rate has dropped by 80% in Denmark.

Inspired by such success and faced with rising childhood obesity and crash rates, the Bronx neighborhood in New York tested their own SRTS program. In 1998, Congress funded two pilot SRTS programs through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Marin County, California, and Arlington, Massachusetts were the first SRTS pilot programs. Within a year after launching these pilot programs, grassroots SRTS efforts were launched in other parts of the country. After the initial success of Safe Routes to School pilot programs in the United States, subsequent federal funding facilitated SRTS's expansion nationwide. The 2005 passage of Safe. Accountable. Flexible. **Efficient** the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) institutionalized Safe Routes to School.





Why focus on Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School is a nationwide effort to increase the safety and regularity of children walking or bicycling to and from school for two primary reasons.

- Increase walking and bicycling as part of a daily routine: Currently, there is a nationwide health and quality of life concern about rising rates of children overweight and obese. Excess weight is associated with an increased incidence of many chronic conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, osteoarthritis and several cancers. Without daily physical activity, today's children may be the first generation to have a shorter lifespan than their parents.
- Reduce vehicle trips and traffic congestion around schools: This effort also deals with concerns about the amount of vehicle traffic, high speeds and traffic congestion around schools. The amount and speed of traffic pose increased injury risks to children who currently walk and bicycle to school. Traffic congestion reduces air quality and increases asthma risks as more car engines idle waiting to pick up and drop off children.

Nationally, walking and bicycling to school is viewed as a realistic way for children to achieve higher levels of daily physical activity and for communities to reduce the number and speed of vehicles in school zones.

Planning Process & Public Involvement

The City of Antigo and the Unified School District of Antigo created a Safe Routes To School Task Force to apply for a planning grant. All of the public elementary schools, the middle school, the police, city administration, and local citizens were all part of the Task Force. The approved planning grant paid 100% of NCWRPC's planning services to assist with creating a Safe Routes To School plan.

Participating Schools:

- North Elementary
- East Elementary
- West Elementary
- Antigo Middle School

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At one of the first Task Force meetings, they developed the following goals for this Safe Routes To School Plan.

NCWRPC and the Task Force met several times to gather and analyze data. In the fall of 2008, a Parental Survey, a Teacher Survey, and an inclass Student Tabulation were conducted to determine how students were getting to school, and what issues were holding back change at the start of this planning process. Surveys and Walk Audits were administered to establish base line data to compare

Antigo SRTS Goal 1

Where it is safe, get children walking and biking to increase their health.

Antigo SRTS Goal 2

Improve children's safety around schools during drop-off and pick-up, so children can walk and bike safely to school.

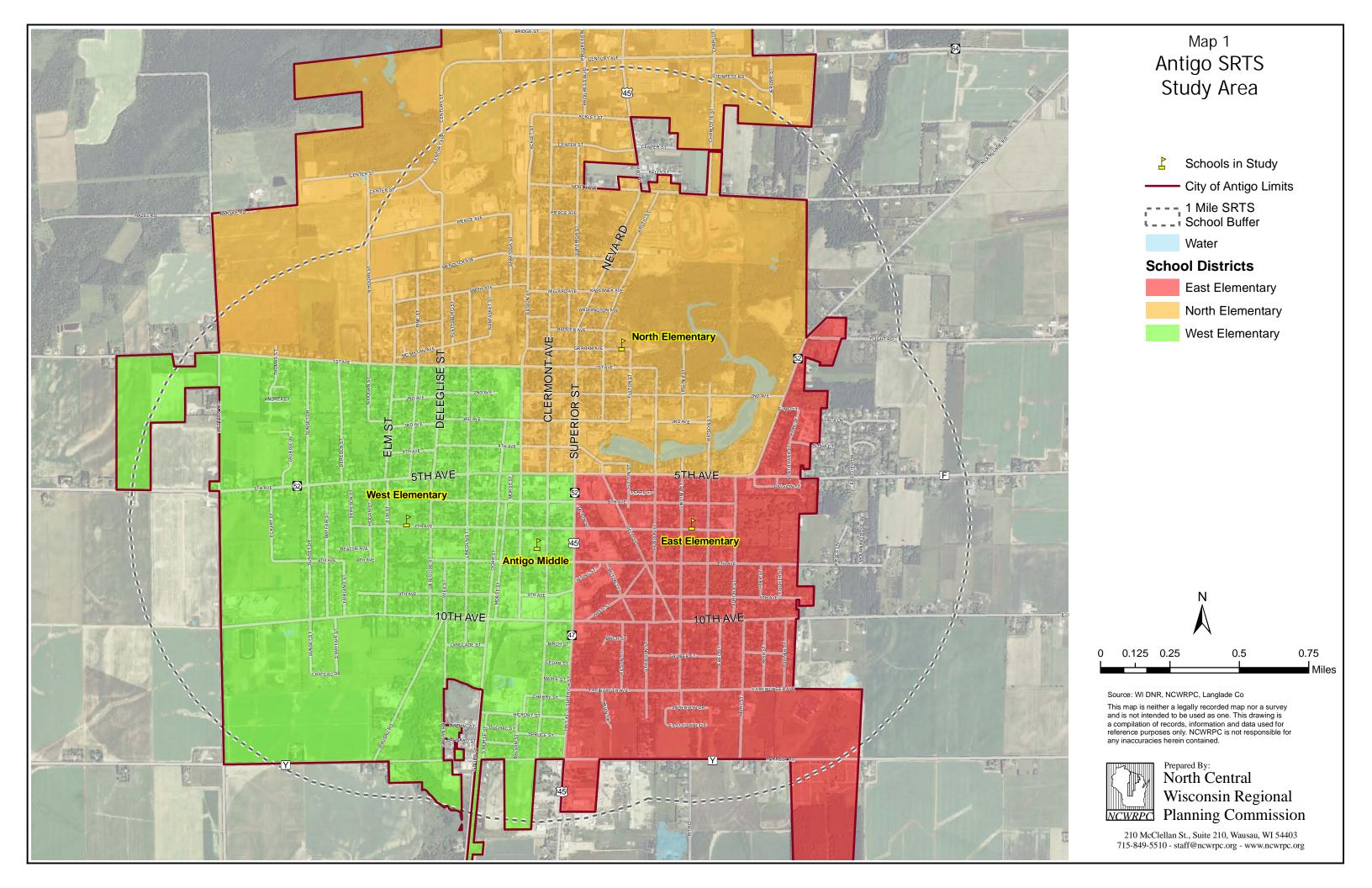
future progress, and to provide direction for the recommendations.

Many community members representing each of the schools conducted a fall 2008 Walk Audit with training from NCWRPC staff. Specific attention was paid to the location of traffic controls, the condition of sidewalks, presence of biking facilities, and the location of specific barriers and inconveniences to pedestrians surrounding schools. Maps were created from the Walk Audit results to see where some of the physical barriers to walking exist.

NCWRPC created digital slide shows for the whole city and each participating school. The Task Force gathered comments at each of the 2009 meeting where they presented the slide shows.

Slide Show Comments From the Public

- Multiple citizens and alderpersons are concerned that a sidewalk or path are needed along 10th Avenue, and that it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.
- Concern surfaced from several people about the very narrow and missing sidewalk areas along USH 45.



Chapter 2: Community-wide Analysis

This chapter provides a community-wide inventory of physical conditions and local government policies. Assessments include traffic data, local ordinances, and non-motorized travel conditions community-wide.

Overall Development Pattern

The City of Antigo has a population of 8,677 (2008 WDOA estimate), and is the county seat for Langlade County. There are over 3,900 housing units (apartments, condos, and houses) in Antigo, with about 67% of them as houses. Roads are generally in a grid pattern across the city. A railroad existed years ago in a north-south orientation between Door Street & Morse Street. See Map 1 for a general layout of Antigo.

The "walkability" of school sites in Antigo is based on school location within the city street grid, and the location of students relative to the school. The possibility of walking or bicycling is heavily influenced by whether or not the school is in the central part of the city. Schools within dense urban areas have a high proportion of students living in close proximity to the schools, and road connectivity makes it easy to use residential streets to get to school. On the other hand, schools on the city periphery are generally surrounded by less dense residential development with fewer students living within a reasonable walking distance, and cul-de-sacs that limit through walking and biking.

The connectivity of various bicycle and pedestrian facilities directly impacts the ability to walk or bicycle to school. Characteristics of a well-connected road or path network include short block lengths, numerous three and fourway intersections and minimal dead-ends (cul-de-sacs). As connectivity increases. travel decreases distance and route options increase. A network of streets, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and

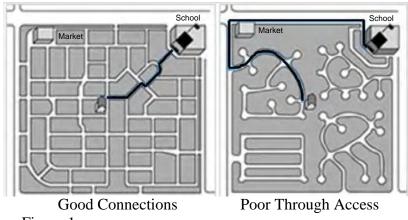


Figure 1

paths in which all parts are well-connected to each other reduces the distance children travel from home to school, allows for the use of more local streets rather than major roadways and provides a greater choice of routes to travel to and from school.

All elementary schools in Antigo have good walkability. See the Walk Audit maps and comments within each school assessment in Chapter 2 to view how local residents perceive the walkability of their school.

Bicycle Facilities

All roads except freeways are available for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Basic types of bicycle facilities include shared roadways, improved shoulders (bike lanes), and off-road shared use paths.

An on-road bicycle lane exists on the north side of 3 blocks of 10th Avenue next to the high school, on the southwest side of Antigo (Figure 2). This lane is used to walk with and against traffic. Walking in this lane becomes difficult in winter, because the snow is piled in this lane.



Only on north side of road

A multi-use trail is planned to run along the river that connects downtown with the northeast part of the city (Figure 3). Walking and biking are both allowed on the trail, which is partially complete from 4th Ave to North Elementary.

Antigo ordinances do not restrict biking on sidewalks except in the downtown area.

WisDOT has determined what the bicycling conditions are on all county and state highways. State Highway 45 entering Antigo from both the north and south, STH 52, and County Highway F are currently ranked as poor for bicycle travel because of the lack of on-street or offstreet bicycling accommodations, and high volume of traffic. All of these highways are within 2-miles of at lease one of the four chosen schools. No city roads were rated either good or bad for bicycle suitability by WisDOT.

Antigo

Figure 3 Proposed Walk / Bike Trail

Pedestrian Facilities

Sidewalks play an important role in the lives of children. Destinations such as neighborhood homes, schools, and parks are all accessible to children who use sidewalks. A safe sidewalk in good condition

encourages kids to stay on the sidewalk and provides a barrier from street traffic.

Antigo continues to add sidewalk curb ramps where sidewalks exist throughout the city. Many intersections have curb ramps already. This plan will show where high priority sidewalk curb ramps and sidewalks are necessary.

The intersection of 5th Avenue & Superior St/USH 45 (Figure 4) has pedestrian friendly "stop lines," but was still a difficult intersection for adults on the walk audit to cross at. The stop line is farther back from the crosswalk, which allows those who park their front wheel on the line to still keep the vehicle well outside of the crosswalk. See Recommendation "CW 1d" in Chapter 4

for suggested changes to better accommodate pedestrians.

Airphotos in maps 1 & 2 show where housing exists relative to each school. The Walk Audit maps for East (Map 6), Middle (Map 4), and West (Map 10) show that many sidewalks are missing near each school.

Antigo ordinances do not prohibit using rollerblades, roller skates, or skateboards on streets or sidewalks, except in the downtown area.



Sidewalk Installation and Replacement Policy

The City of Antigo has a sidewalk ordinance that requires installation, reconstruction, snow removal, and states what uses are allowed on them.

Installation/reconstruction – The Antigo Municipal Code stipulate that property owners are responsible for installing sidewalks if they are on routes to school or along a primary street. See Attachment B for a map of Safe Routes To School streets.

Snow removal – Many residents and businesses clear sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event. **Note:** Children who walk or bike to school usually encounter snow-covered sidewalks, because they are not cleared until people get home in the afternoon.

Allowed uses – Most non-motorized uses are allowed on sidewalks in Antigo (i.e.: walking, rollerblading, skateboarding, wheelchair use, and bicycling).

School Zone Speed Limits – Wisconsin Law

Wisconsin State Law requires drivers to reduce their speed to 15 mph in school zones (unless the local municipality has set a different limit, usually 20 mph, that is approved by WisDOT) when children are present and failure to comply can result in fines. State-wide statistics show that less than half of drivers slow down.

In Antigo, the police report that most drivers are not following school speed limits, but are traveling slower than the regular posted limit when children are present.

Transit Facilities

Langlade County's Coordinated Transportation program operates a fixed route, (with ADA accommodations) fixed schedule basis within the city of Antigo. This route (Red Robin Transit) is traveled four times daily, Monday through Friday, to ensure access to, medical institutions & clinics, pharmacies, nutrition sites, grocery stores, educational facilities, and employment. Anyone is allowed to use this service for a fee. Red Robin Transit operates 8:30 am-2:00 pm, with 4 total trips daily (Monday-Friday). Attachment E shows the fixed route Red Robin Transit map and how the system operates.

Truck Routes

Antigo has two major highways that split the community into four quadrants. See Map 1. The major highways of U.S. Highway 45 and State Highway 64 are <u>designated long truck routes</u> through Antigo.

Heavy truck traffic exists on:

- Superior Street/U.S. Highway 45
- 5th Avenue/State Highways 64 & 52

Trucks have a difficult time turning at 5th Ave and Superior St, often taking out hydrants and other obstructions that are on the curb. Beginning in 2011, WisDOT will construct the Highway 64 bypass around the west edge of Antigo. That bypass will remove turning truck traffic from downtown, and make the 5th Ave and Superior St intersection safer for pedestrians.

Traffic Counts

The most recent traffic counts recorded for Antigo came from WisDOT AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic) data from 2005. U.S. Highway 45 shows the greatest volume of traffic with 13,600 daily automobile trips in downtown Antigo. 5th Avenue has at least 5,000 daily motor vehicle trips where children cross. For reference: "W" represents West Elementary, with the "dot" showing the school location. See Map 2.

Crash Data

Highway and bicycle safety specialists now use the term "crash" instead of "accident" to emphasize that most automobile and bicycle interactions are predictable and preventable occurrences.

It is important to note that crash data, while useful for analysis, does not include the potentially many "near misses" or minor crashes that may be unreported. The knowledge and experience of people walking in and through neighborhoods around schools is also critical to the assessment of pedestrian safety. Documentation from school staff, and walk audit participants about where "near misses" may occur exists under each school in this plan.

Understanding bicycle crash data helps to identify methods for preventing future crashes. Detailing statistics, such as who is typically involved in a crash (children or adults), where crashes occur (specific intersections or streets) and what time of day crashes occur allows bicycle

planners and engineers to more accurately implement safety programs and roadway design enhancements.

Local Data

Information on bicycle and pedestrian crashes was obtained through the City of Antigo Police Department for 2004-2009.

- 380 crashes occured in and around the school areas
- 4 vehicle vs. bike crashes
- 8 vehicle vs. pedestrian crashes

Table 1: Pedestrian or Bicycle Crashes Near Schools 2004-2009

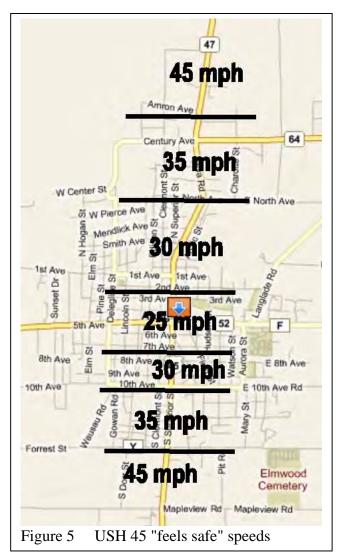
School	Within ¹⁄₄-mile	Within ½-mile	Within 1-mile
Middle	9	2	0
North	1	3	2
West	2	0	2
East	0	1	1

Source: City of Antigo Police Department

Speed Limits, Road Geometry, & Signs

Speed limits are an important tool for promoting safety on streets and highways. Limits tell drivers what is the reasonable speed for a road section. They also help traffic enforcement by setting standards for what is an unsafe speed.

Years of experience and research have led traffic engineers to conclude that the 85th percentile speed is a reasonable speed. This is the speed at, or below, which 85 of 100 drivers will travel the road. It is an acknowledgement that 15% of drivers drive unreasonable for the given conditions. The 85th percentile speed is the safest rate for all ranges; safer even than the 50th percentile (half travel faster, half travel slower) or the average speed (sum of all speeds divided by the number of vehicles) for the simple reason that the *speed differential* is least for this group. Measurements of the 85th percentile are made under free-flowing and ideal traffic conditions. Finally, the traffic engineers will consider other factors such as number of driveways, the volume of traffic, the proximity of schools and playgrounds, and road geometry; however, the basic speed limit through a zone remains premised on the 85th

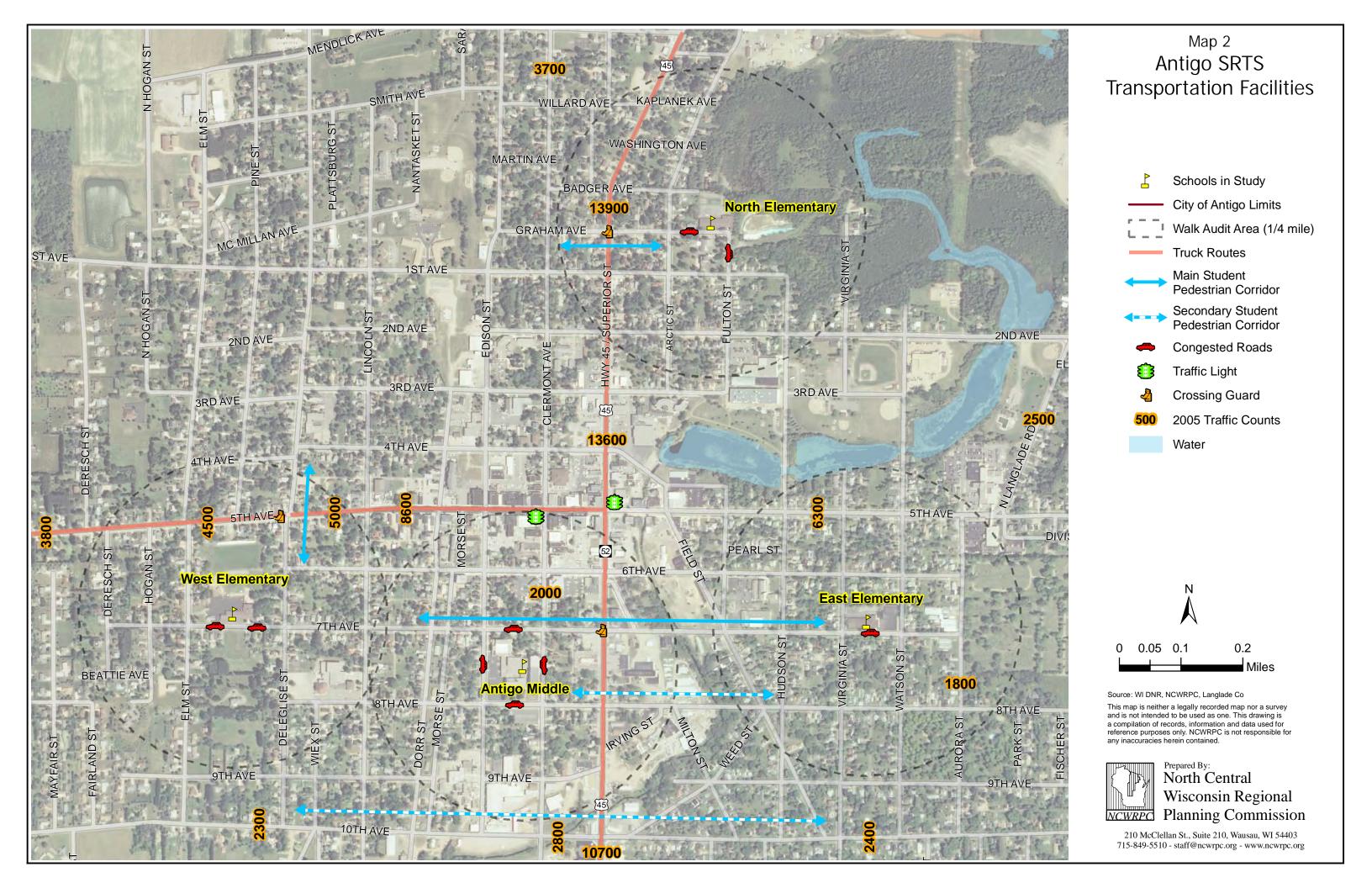


percentile. There are other appropriate signs (curve warnings, intersection-ahead signs, school signs, etc.) that are intended to complement the overall signing scheme.

Setting an arbitrarily low speed limit is not proven to cause nominal speeds to drop. *Before* and *after* studies consistently determine that speeds remain very nearly the same regardless of the number on the sign. <u>Unrealistically low speeds promote a general disregard for all speed limits.</u> Frustrated drivers may speed up (to make up lost time) or pass illegally to get around slower traffic. Enforcement personnel must not only deal with the 15% minority of unreasonable speeders, but now must bear the brunt of the dissatisfaction when ticketing reasonable drivers who "violate" the low number when conditions clearly support higher speeds.

Local Results

Superior Street/ U.S. Highway (USH) 45 travels in a north-south orientation through the entire city. Superior St/USH 45 between 10th Avenue and 4th Avenue was reconstructed and widened in 2008. Reviewing the existing speeds traveled is appropriate under this new road geometry. Figure 5 shows what "feels safe" for a speed limit at different segments of USH 45.



Crossing Guards

Adult crossing guards are assigned at heavily traveled intersections and mid-block crossings. The presence of crossing guards can significantly increase safety for youth by ensuring that they are learning and obeying pedestrian safety rules as they cross the street under their watch.

Crossing guard locations are examined by the Police Department, the City Traffic Engineer, and the School District annually in summer. See Map 2 for crossing guard locations.

Adult crossing guards exist at these intersections:

- 5th Ave & Deleglise St;
- 7th Ave & Superior St (with flashing crossing sign); and
- Graham Ave & Superior St (with flashing crossing sign).

Safety Patrols

Each elementary school offers fourth and fifth graders the opportunity to work as safety patrols. New recruits from the fourth and fifth grades are trained every spring. The patrols function in a variety of capacities with SAFETY as their number one priority. They are on duty at street corners to assist students and adults in safe crossing. Patrols also escort younger students to their destinations within school when necessary. During lunch, patrols are assigned to grade levels and locations in order to assist students and adults. These students are out in all kinds of weather. They will not report to their corners, however, if the student body as a whole is being kept indoors due to severe temperatures or thunder/lightening storms.

The police department and our patrol supervisor train these students. They are <u>not</u> allowed to walk out into the middle of an intersection and stop traffic. They <u>are</u> instructed to hold students at the corner, even though a car has stopped at the stop sign. The patrols are to wait until the car drives away. This can be somewhat time consuming and requires patience on the part of everyone (the patrols, the students waiting, and the parents waiting for their children). However, safety is the key issue and the patrols are simply doing as they have been told.

School staff asks that parents and guardians support these young leaders as they take on some responsibility of keeping students safe. See each school site map for safety patrol locations.

Student Safety Patrols exist at these locations:

North Elementary

- Graham Ave in front of school
- Graham Ave & Artic St (with a teacher)

East Elementary

- Watson St & 7th Ave
- 7th Ave & Virginia St
- Virginia St & 6th Ave

West Elementary

- Elm St & 7th Ave
- Deleglise St & 7th Ave
- Driveway to school parking lot behind school
- Driveway in front of school on 7th Ave

Chapter 3: School Area Inventory and Analysis

This chapter provides a physical conditions inventory of school sites & surrounding neighborhoods, school policies related to wellness & transportation, school staff & walk audit commentary, and parent's survey responses. Assessments include policies and observed behaviors in and around school sites.

School Enrollment Boundaries

The Unified School District of Antigo boundary encompasses all of the City of Antigo and additional town land in all four directions from the City. Each elementary school also has a district map that determines their population. See Map 1.

School District Wellness Policies

The School Nutrition and Physical Education/Activity Environment policy provides guidance to develop activities and programs that create a healthy learning environment.

Purpose:

This policy supports the mission of the Unifies School District of Antigo "...to promote the development of skills within the student that are necessary for the student to assume responsibility and to be successful and productive in life. Our commitment is to provide a safe and positive environment with the resources necessary to reach our district goals. Through open communication and cooperation, we will create an educational environment where school, community, and parents accept the responsibility of achieving the mission of the district."

Policy:

Wellness influences a child's development, health, well-being, and potential for learning. To afford students the opportunity to fully participate in the educational process, students must attend school with minds and bodies ready to take advantage of their learning environment. This district-wide nutrition and physical education/activity policy encourages all members of the school community to create an environment that supports lifelong healthy eating habits and regular physical activity. Decisions made in all school programming need to reflect and encourage positive nutrition and physical activity messages and choices.

Extensive school nutrition guidelines and standards exist.

Physical Education/Activity Guidelines and Standards

The physical education curriculum teaches children the importance of physical exercise and exposes students to a wide range of physical activities so that students develop the knowledge and skills to be physically active for life. The curriculum promotes lifelong physical activity and fitness, which includes healthy eating as its primary goal.

A quality physical education program is an essential component for all students to learn about, and participate in, physical activity. Physical activity should include regular instructional physical education, co-curricular activities and recess.

1. Provide elementary students with at least thirty (30) minutes for physical activity daily.

- 2. Ensure that all physical education teachers and coaches are highly qualified.
- 3. Implement sequential physical education curricula and instruction in grades K-12 which:
 - a. Emphasize enjoyable participation in physical activities that are easily done throughout life including walking and dancing.
 - b. Offer a diverse range of noncompetitive and competitive activities appropriate for different ages and abilities.
 - c. Help students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to adopt and maintain a physically active lifestyle.
 - d. Keep students active for most of class time.
- 4. Provide physical and social environments that encourage and enable safe and enjoyable physical activity.
- 5. Encourage parents/guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity and to include physical activity in family events.
- 6. Regularly evaluate physical activity instruction, programs, and facilities.

Evaluation:

The School Nutrition and Physical Education/Activity Environment Committee will regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the school wellness policy. The Food Service Director will convene the committee twice annually and provide reports to the Operations Committee. Examples of data to be reviewed include: school lunch program participation rates, observation, and anecdotal evidence.

Busing Policies

The Unified School District of Antigo has an obligation to provide transportation to students within the District under certain conditions. Bus transportation is provided for all students attending school within the district who reside 2 or more miles from school.

The district busing policy is located in Attachment F.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Only the middle school has policies for arrival and dismissal of students

Hazard Boundaries and Plans

State statutes require school districts with unusual hazards that prohibit walking and bicycling to school to develop a transportation plan to address the hazard. Such a plan shows a map of the hazard to student travel, with explination, and proposes a plan of transportation to provide safe travel to school for affected students. Copies of the plan are filed with the sheriff to make suggestions for revision, and investigate the site and plan to make a determination as to whether unusual hazards exist. The sheriff reports the findings in writing to the state superintendent and the school board concerned.

No Hazard busing policy exists in Antigo.

School Specific Data

Each "safe routes" school has specific data to show where the school is now, and what capacity exists among that school community to get more students walking or biking to school. Specific data is organized in the following way for each school:

- ❖ How many children live close to school, & how are they getting to school?
- ❖ Is there a school transportation policy, if yes, then what does it say?
- ❖ Is the physical environment within ¼ mile of school safe to travel? (Walk Audit performed)
- ❖ Why are parents driving their children to school, and what would change their minds?
- Maps of each school
- Pictures at each school.

It is important to note that not every barrier or infrastructure need can be addressed in the short-term, and that even with adequate infrastructure in place, continued public involvement is absolutely critical to long term behavior change. This analysis provides a starting point for discussing priorities with regard to projects, programs, and funding opportunities. Bi-annual review by the SRTS Task Force of data collected at each school will help to outline infrastructure improvements and supportive programs to implement annually to achieve the goal throughout the next few years.

On the next pages are the results from the Walk Audit, Student Tally, Parent Survey, and Teacher Survey.

Antigo Middle School

815 Seventh Avenue

Grades Served: 6th-8th

Student Geography

As seen in the map "Where do Middle School students live?" the majority live within walking or biking distance from school.

Students living within ¼ mile of Middle School: 44.

Students living within 1 mile (includes ¼ mile) of Middle School: 196.

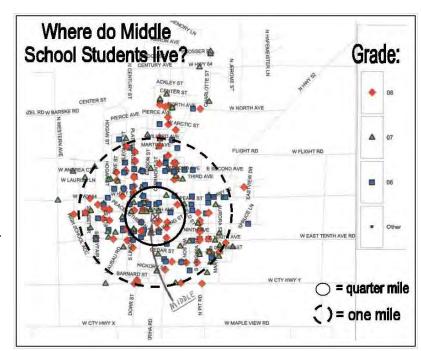


Table 2 Middle School Student Travel Summary							
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Average number of student trips (morning 72.3 16.5 191.7 156.5 13.8						5.3	
& afternoon)	15.9%	3.6%	42%	34.3%	3%	1.2%	
Total Middle School Student Body (Fall 2008) 532							
Average number of students per day responding 456.3							

Source: In-class Student Tally, Fall 2008

Middle School Transportation Policies

TRANSPORTATION

Safe transportation of all our students is one of our major concerns. By exercising forethought and caution, all our children can arrive and depart under the safest conditions possible. While common sense and logic govern most of our rules, it never hurts to go over these guidelines and refresh your child in basic safety.

In order to ensure each student's safety, Antigo Middle School has a closed campus policy. Students are to remain on the campus after arriving at school. Going off campus without proper authorization will result in disciplinary action. Students who ride the bus are considered to be on school property when they board the bus in the morning and therefore, are not allowed to leave school grounds after getting off the bus in the morning upon arrival at school. Students who do not ride the bus should plan to arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 a.m. if they are eating breakfast provided by the school. **All other students should not arrive before 7:40 a.m.** ALL students are expected to remain outside until 7:45 a.m. upon arrival or the completion of eating their breakfast. When the weather is extremely cold or raining, 7th and 8th grade students may enter the gym lobby or commons prior to 7:45 a.m. 6th Grade students will be expected to remain on the first floor hallway of the 6th grade wing on the south campus.

- Buses: The Antigo Middle School uses two bus companies, Mid-Wisconsin Coaches (627-7334) and Malliette Bus Company (627-4807). The bus companies and the school district have worked together to establish a set of rules that ensure safety on the bus. These regulations will be given to each bus rider at the beginning of the school year. Both companies use video cameras from time to time, to ensure compliance to safety regulations as per School Board Policy (#443.2 (a)). The buses use Seventh Avenue and Clermont Street to board students after school. Private vehicles are not permitted to pick up students on these streets! There are yellow lines painted around the perimeter of the middle school. These lines remind students that they should remain behind the line until the bus comes to a complete stop. Only after the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver indicates it is all right to load, the students should cross the painted line.
- Riding a Different Bus than the Assigned Bus: Any temporary changes in bus transportation must be cleared through the middle school office 24 hours in advance. Due to insurance coverage, non-bus students will not be allowed to ride a bus at any time except for authorized school activities.
- Cars: PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP STUDENTS ON EDISON STREET OR EIGHTH AVENUE. THE STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP ON EDISON STREET OR EIGHTH AVENUE. THE VISITOR'S PARKING LOT ON THE NORTH CAMPUS MAY NOT BE USED TO PICK UP STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL. Students should use the cross walk when they have to cross the street. When students run between buses to save a few seconds, they put themselves at risk. Parents are not to drop off or pick up students in the school bus zones adjacent to the school. This not only causes problems with the control of bus traffic, it also greatly increases the potential for a serious accident.
- *Bicycles:* Students must park their bikes in the racks on the south or north campus. A bike rack is provided for safety and bike security. All bikes parked in the bike rack must be locked to the rack to discourage theft. Students are required to bring a locking device from home for their bike. Students must use proper bike skills when coming to and from school. Particular attention should be paid to the high traffic areas surrounding the school during arrival and dismissal times. Students are not allowed to ride their bike while on school property.
- Walking: It is recommended that students walking to school come directly to the campus, using appropriate sidewalks and crosswalks when possible. Remember, students should not walk between parked buses!! Again, once a student has arrived on the school block, he/she must remain on campus

SCHOOL BLOCK RULES

Students choosing to ride a bike, skateboard, scooter, rollerblades, or shoe heelies must walk the mode of transportation on the school block at all times. This includes sidewalks that are on the perimeter of the school block.

Middle School Walk Audit Results

Each school walk audit consists of a visual review of the behaviors and physical walking conditions that exist within ¼-mile of each school. Most schools were divided into 4 quadrants for participants to walk. Two participants volunteered to walk each quadrant. The walk audit was conducted on a foggy rainy day in November 2008. No snow existed yet. As the group gathered in the Antigo Library, participants were trained by NCWRPC on what to look for. All participants started by standing on the sidewalk outside the school closest to their quadrant at dismissal time. Participants noted general behaviors that they saw whether good or bad, and then they walked their specific quadrant to locate any physical barriers of walking to school. Broken sidewalks, corner curb ramps, low hanging branches, and scary situations of all types were documented on **Map 4** – **Middle School Walk Audit Results**.

The Antigo Middle School walk audit was divided into 4 quadrants: -Northwest -Northeast -Southwest

Here are the participant comments for each Middle School quadrant:

Northeast - Middle School Walk Audit

Behavior Notes

- Parents are waiting on 7th and Clermont all 4 corners instead of 8th and Edison Street.
- Visibility is bad for pedestrian as they try to cross and look around bus on 7th dangerous.
- Bus drivers are honking, and are rude to cars.
- Students not using crosswalk.
- Cars do <u>not</u> slow down as students are <u>in</u> crosswalk.
- Parking for waiting parents trying to peel out while kids are walking out of building.
- **Good police presence very good.

Walk Audit Notes

• Auditor did not feel safe crossing 6th Ave & USH 45 in any direction, because building are right up to road and cars may not see pedestrians (whole intersection).

Northwest - Middle School Walk Audit

Behavior Notes

5th Street and Deleglise at dismissal:

- Traffic appeared to be going greater than 25 mph.
- Adult crossing guard Stopped traffic to cross 1 boy.
- One blinking light by crossing guard.
- Morning guard has cones.
- Speed limits are not posted.
- Guard reports that some kids cross at Pine with no guard.
- Only 2 kids crossed on this day.

Walk Audit Notes

5th Ave. Between Lincoln & Dorr:

• Keglers Auto Shop has potential for cars and trucks to exit onto 5th in an extended driveway.

6th Ave.

- Does not go through to Edison.
- Dead ends at Dorr St.
- To cross over to Edison & Morse, walkers have to cross through paved parking and grass area.

7th Ave.

• Faded cross walks near M.S. at Edison.

Edison St.

• Public parking lot between 5th & 6th. – Opportunity for a lot of high school traffic because of Con's establishment uses this lot. (Lots of high school kids).

Southwest – Middle School Walk Audit

Behavior Notes

Truck squacking tires 7th : Lincoln, An	/D
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Walk Audit Notes

• 10th need sidewalks or sides of roads marked.

Southeast – Middle School Walk Audit

Behavior Notes

8th & Clermont

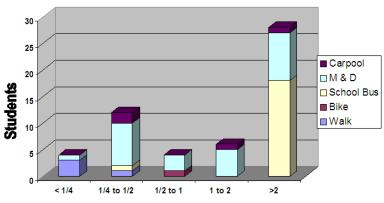
- Special Ed Bus over crosswalk so kids could not cross at crosswalk.
- Several students walk south on Clermont Street.

Parent Survey Results

Each family was mailed a survey in Fall 2008. Two basic sets of questions revolved around: "How did your child get to school?" and "What change is needed before you allow your child to walk to school?"

Here are the results from Middle School parents:

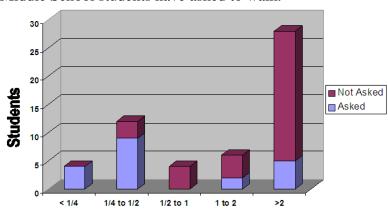
How do students arrive at Middle School?



Miles to Middle School

• 8% of students walk to school, and 2% of students bike.

Middle School students have asked to walk.



Miles to Middle School

Middle School parents would allow walking at grade:

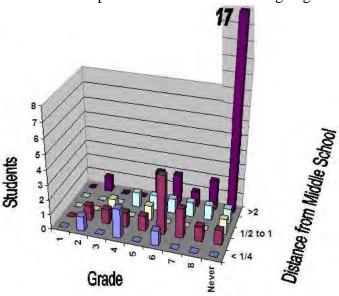


Table 3 Middle School parents would allow walking or biking if this issue changed: (More than one issue could have been chosen.)							
Issue	Change would affect decision	Change would NOT affect decision	Maybe a change would affect choice				
Distance	13	16	4				
Crime or Violence	5	14	6				
Climate or Weather	9	14	4				
Time	4	11	2				
Traffic speed along route to school	6	16	4				
Traffic volume along route	6	17	5				
Adults to walk/bike with	2	9	2				
Sidewalks or pathways	4	11	3				
Safety of intersections & crossings	5	13	5				
Crossing guards	2	10	3				

Middle School parent comments on the survey:

- I allow child to walk in groups.
- Need more crossing guards.
- Traffic is too heavy.
- We would need to cross U.S. Highway 45.

Middle School Pictures



Well used bike racks. A brick paver surface would provide easy snow removal for year round use.



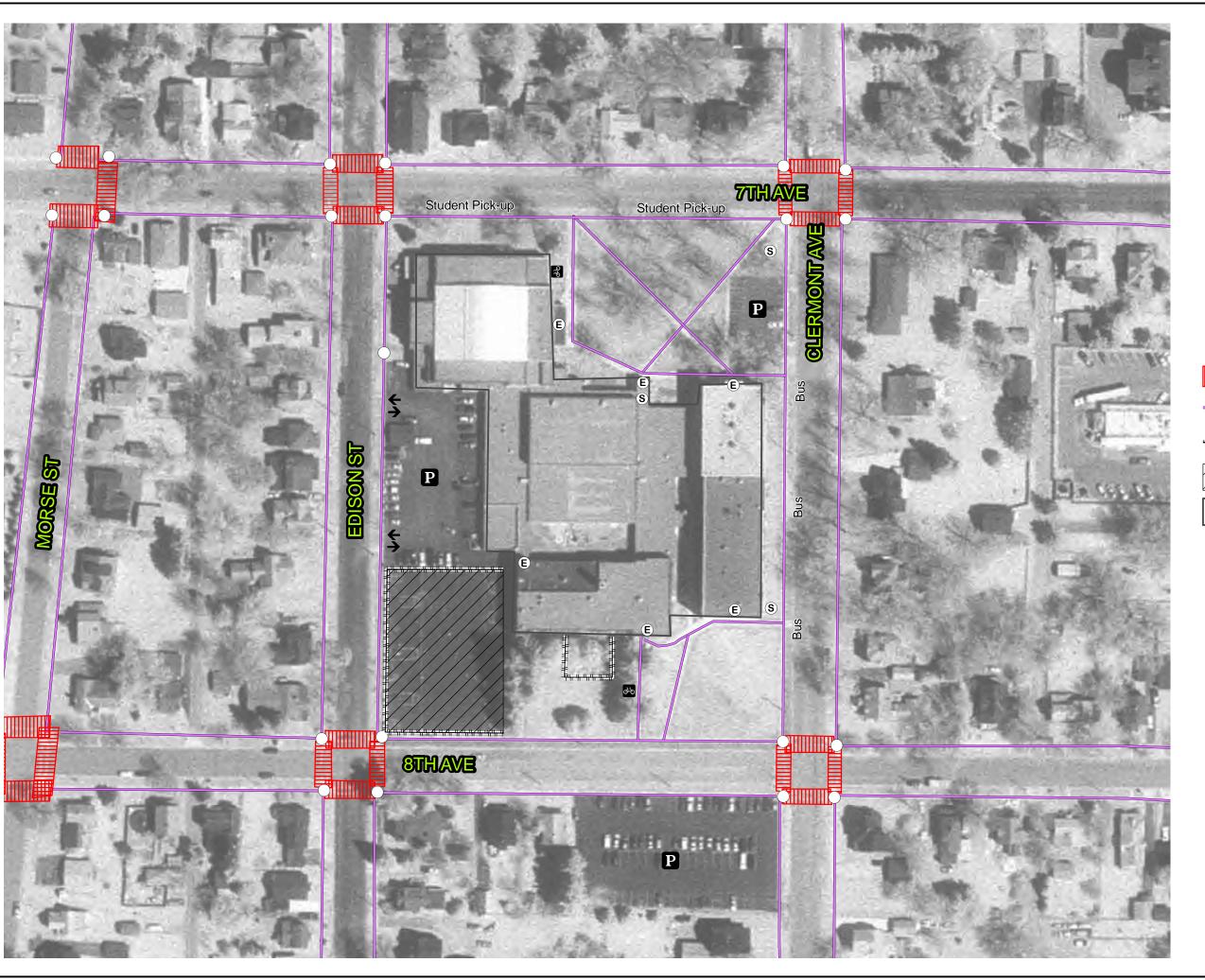
Curb ramps exist on all corners of school property. Also, a space exists for parked cars.



Well used bike racks on grassy area next to school building. Moving these bike racks onto a paved surface next to a sidewalk would provide an all-weather surface so mud is not a problem, and snow can be cleared away.



Maybe this paved area would be appropriate for more bike racks, because it is next to an entrance, and is on a paved surface.



Map 3 Antigo Middle Site Assessment Antigo, Wisconsin

- Major Entrance
- P Parking
 - School Sign
- Bike Racks
- Sidewalk Ramps
- Crosswalks
- Sidewalks
- Chain Link Fence
- Play Areas (Paved)

School Building Footprint



Source: WI DNR, NCWRPC, Langlade Co

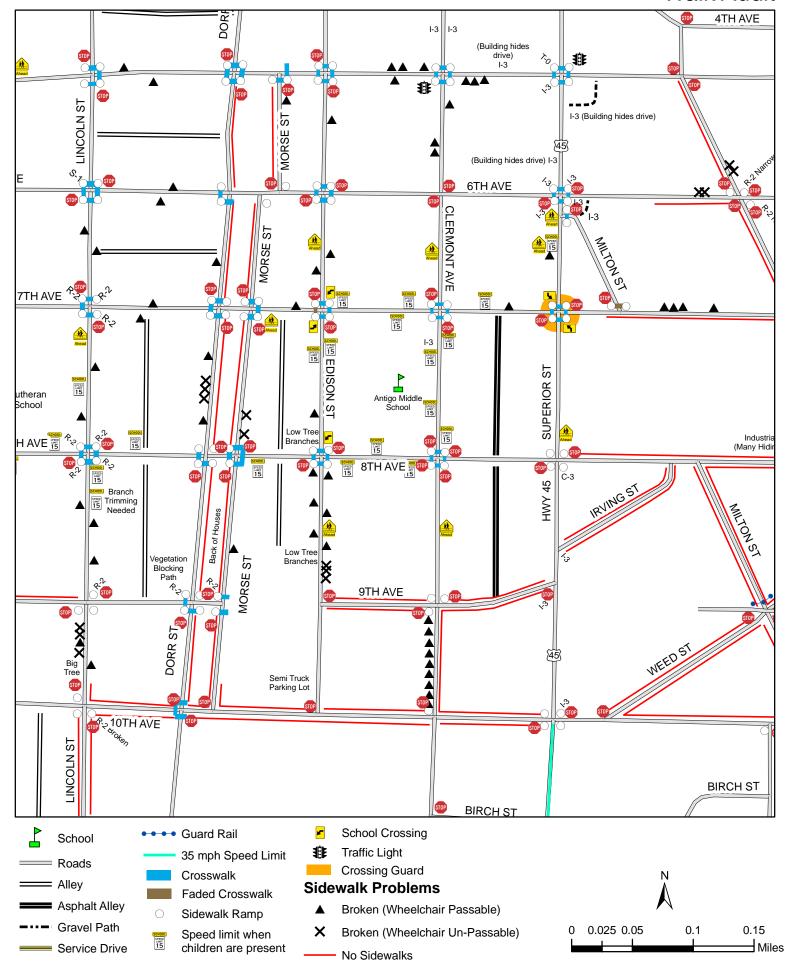
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Antigo Middle School Walk Audit



North Elementary

506 Graham Avenue

Grades Served: 5K-5th

Student Geography

As seen in the map "Where do North students live?" the majority live within walking or biking distance from school.

Students living within ½ mile of North: 33.
Students living within 1 mile (includes ¼ mile) of North: 168.

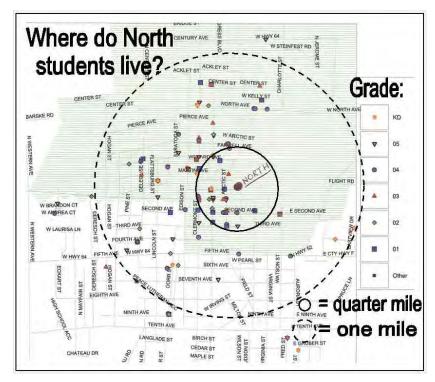


Table 4 North Student Travel Summary						
	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Other
Average number of student trips (morning	14.5	2.2	23.3	59.7	10.8	0.3
& afternoon)	13.1%	2%	21.1%	53.8%	9.8%	0.3%
Total North Student Body (Fall 2008) 178 Average number of students per day responding 110.8						

Source: In-class Student Tally, Fall 2008

Teacher Survey Results

Do you incorporate bicycle and pedestrian safety education in your classroom curriculum?

- ❖ Yes Seven teachers
- ❖ No One teacher

North Teacher Comments

Relating to unsafe behaviors or pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists:

We need parents to follow the procedures for dropping off and picking up their children

Parking too close to crosswalks. Children/Adults not crossing at crosswalks. Drivers pulling out into traffic from a parked position w/o looking adequately. Could we have a one-way road in front of North?

Not following rules of the road. Using crosswalks.

Pedestrians do not always use crosswalks. Both bike riders and pedestrians need to wear clothing that can be seen. There are no bike paths or pedestrian paths to get to the north side of town.

Students - running, crosswalks. Parents/motorists - speed, parking, crosswalks/crossing guards

We want to keep all children safe. Seat belt safety. Sitting in back seat.

Parent parking and pick up. Parent refusing to change their procedures and expecting their children to listen to them and not the rules of school.

Driving too quickly when dropping off students in the morning.

North Walk Audit Results

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The North Elementary walk audit was divided into 3 quadrants: -North -Southeast -Southwest

Here are the participant comments for each North quadrant:

North Elementary Walk Audit – North

Behavior Notes

- Lots of traffic
- Vehicles parked everywhere picking kids up.
- Crossing guards.
- Staff at Graham and Arctic.
- Cars parking on No Parking side of Graham.
- Crossing guard at 45 intersection at 2:50.

North Elementary Walk Audit – Southeast

Behavior Notes

- Parking issues fire hydrant parking right in front of building where cones are supposed to be set up.
- Most drivers using reasonable speeds and safety precautions.

• Kids paying attention to crossing guards – parents and teachers quick to pay attention.

Walk Audit Notes

- Sidewalks in section directly around school in fairly decent shape with a few broken spots.
- Sections past Hudson large sections no sidewalks.
- Crosswalks only partially faded around school.
- Driveways appear visible and no major potential hazards.
- Streets safe to cross most intersections.
- Most streets have full curb ramps few corner ramps go one way but not other.

North Elementary Walk Audit – Southwest

Behavior Notes

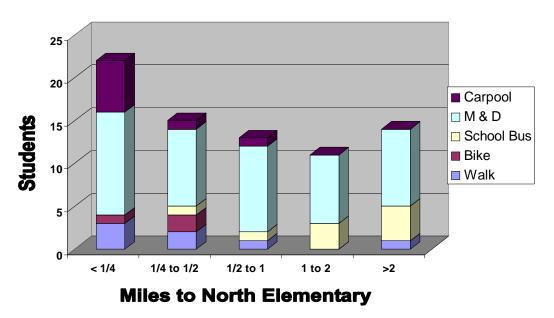
- Uncontrolled intersection at Badger and Arctic.
- 4 way stop at Arctic and Graham.
- Parents park on South side of road.
- Parents stopping in Mid lane and picking up students (calling out of car)
- 2nd and Clermont curb getting bad.

Parent Survey Results

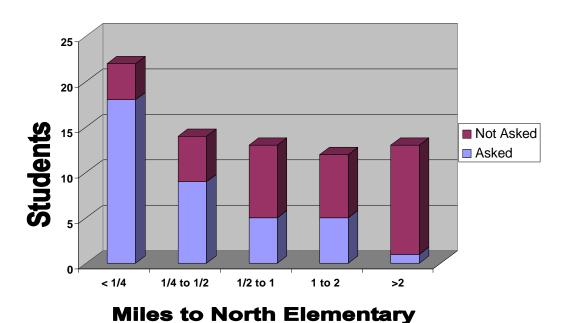
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Here are the results from North Elementary parents:

How do students arrive at North?



Middle School students have asked to walk.



Middle School parents would allow walking at grade:

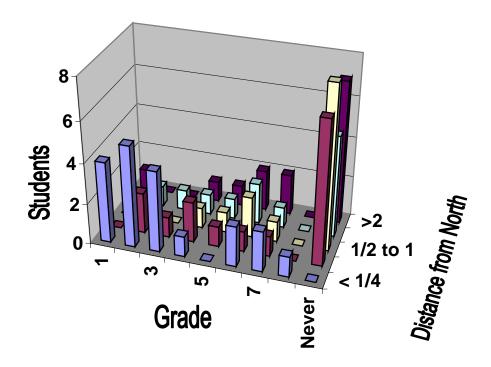


Table 5 North parents would allow walking or biking if this issue changed:						
(More than one issue could have been chosen.)						
Issue	Change would	Change would	Maybe a change			
	affect decision	NOT	would affect			
		affect decision	choice			
Distance	15	24	8			
Crime or Violence	13	21	8			
Climate or Weather	13	32	15			
Time	8	23	7			
Traffic speed along route to school	16	26	11			
Traffic volume along route	12	30	12			
Adults to walk/bike with	10	16	4			
Sidewalks or pathways	7	21	7			
Safety of intersections & crossings	18	27	11			
Crossing guards	11	16	3			

North parent comments on the survey:

- We need sidewalks on the northern parts of Hwy 45
- Get rid of the half way house for criminal sex offenders on Superior Street
- I would allow with adult supervision
- Pick-up situation at school is the worst for convenience and safety of children.

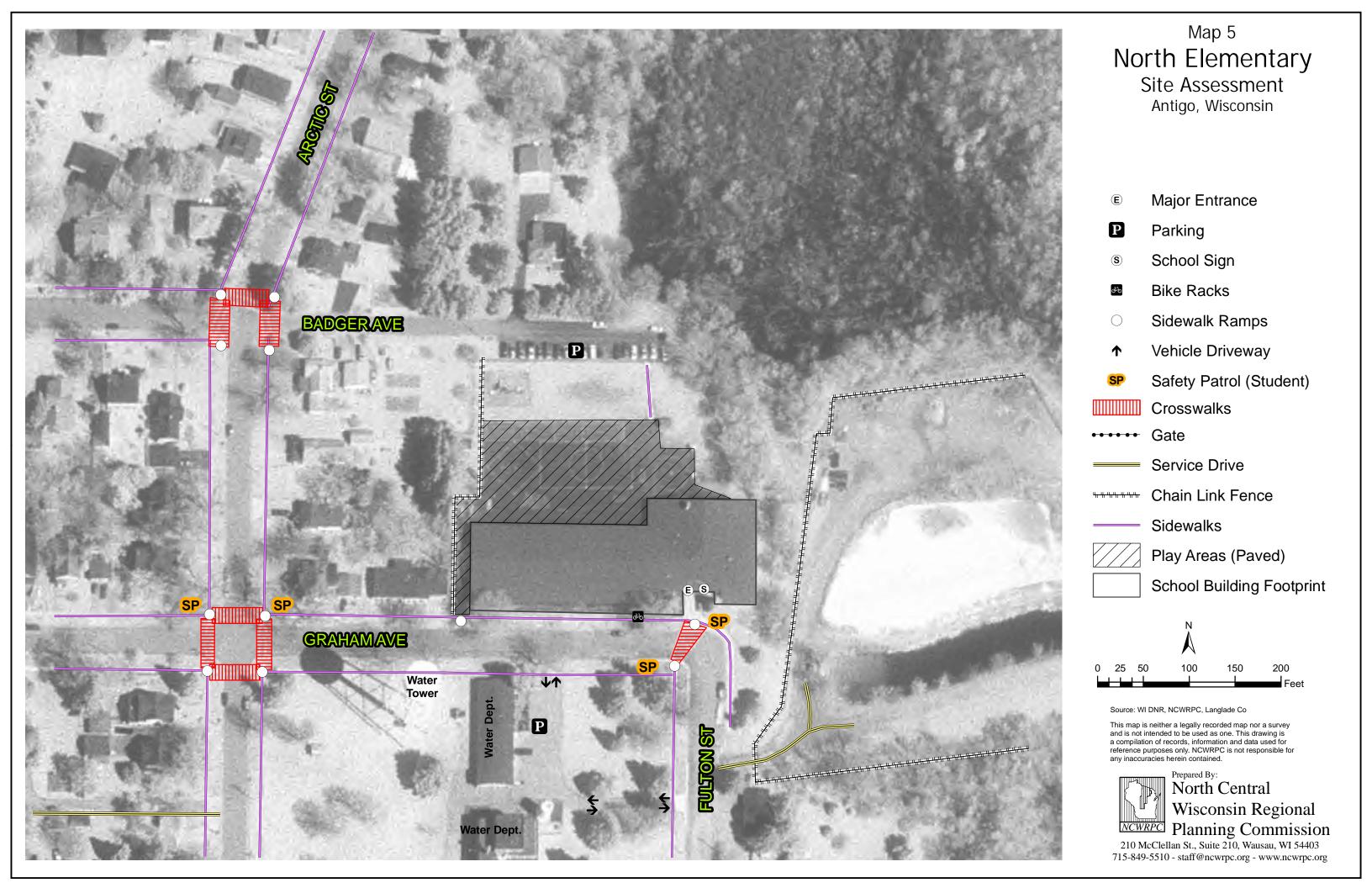
North Elementary Pictures

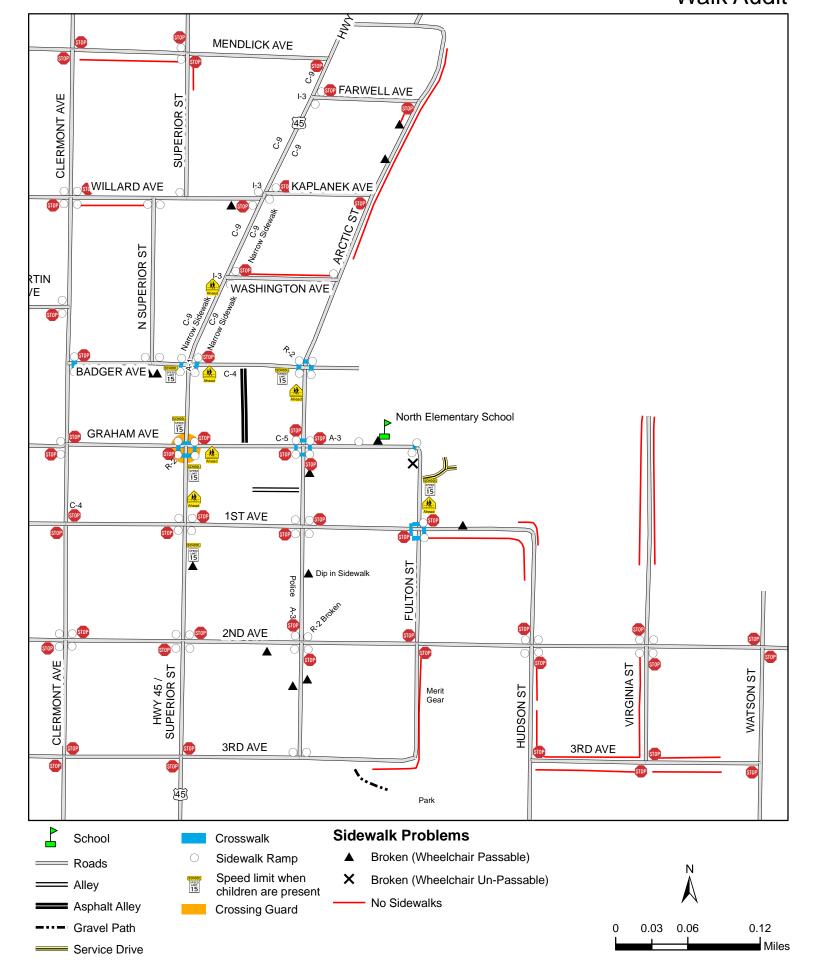


Bike racks are prominently located at the front entrance on a paved surface for easy snow removal.



Sidewalk ends. Pedestrian traffic from the south needs to cross Fulton St twice to enter front door.





East Elementary 220 7th Avenue

Grades Served: 5K-5th

Student Geography

As seen in the map "Where do East students live?" the majority live within walking or biking distance from school.

Students living within ¼ mile of East: 33.

Students living within 1 mile (includes ¼ mile) of East: 100.

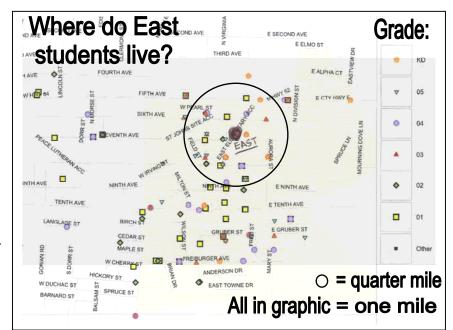


Table 6	East Student Travel Summary					
	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Other
Average number of student trips (morning	18.0	1.7	2.5	50.0	4.7	1.5
& afternoon)	23%	2.1%	3.2%	63.8%	6.0%	1.9%
Total East Student Body (Fall 2008) 156						
Average number of students per day responding 78.3						

Source: In-class Student Tally, Fall 2008

Teacher Survey Results

Do you incorporate bicycle and pedestrian safety education in your classroom curriculum?

- ❖ Yes Six teachers
- ❖ No Three teachers

East Teacher Comments

Relating to unsafe behaviors or pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists:

Crossing outside crosswalks. Parking vehicles before kids get in, no double parking.

Crossing in the middle of the street. Bikes crossing w/o looking both ways.

Not walking bike across the road. Not crossing at crosswalks. (Bikers & Pedestrians)

Drivers driving fast past school just before/as school is let out. Riding bikes on the sidewalks (improving). Basketball team running out the door to get to their game.

Illegal parking, kids looking both ways as they ride their bikes across the street.

Cars slow down by schools especially when children are coming/going from school. Parking to pick up/drop off students. No longer a concern.

Walking across street without looking.

Jaywalking is big with MS students. Also, the sidewalks are a "playground" and often the street as well. Speed limits in and around school seen not enforced.

East Elementary Walk Audit Results

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The East Elementary walk audit was divided into 4 quadrants: -Northwest -Northeast -Southwest

Here are the participant comments for each Middle School quadrant:

<u>East Elementary School – Northwest</u>

Behavior Notes

- Both sides of street has cars parked. DANGER 7th St.
- Safety cross girls/boys
- Virginia St. Parking on both sides

East Elementary School – Northeast

None.

East Elementary School – Southeast

None.

East Elementary School – Southwest

Behavior Notes

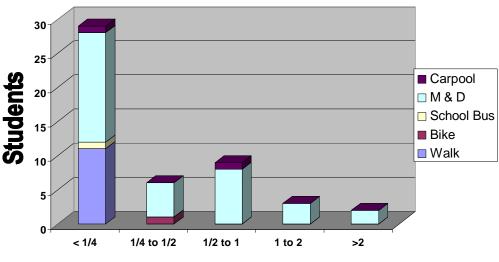
- Even with signs posted for no parking during school days lots of cars line up outside front of school. Two mini buses enter and leave in front of school around parent's cars that are waiting to pick up children.
- Main concern on corner of Hudson and Field Streets.
- House blocks view of street and there is no stop signs or yield signs at corners.

Parent Survey Results

Each family was mailed a survey in Fall 2008. Two basic sets of questions revolved around: "How did your child get to school?" and "What change is needed before you allow your child to walk to school?"

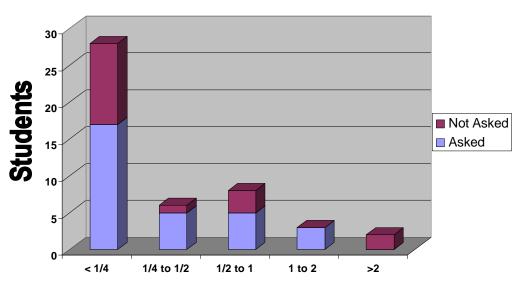
Here are the results from East parents:

How do students arrive at East?



Miles to East Elementary

East students have asked to walk.



Miles to East Elementary

East parents would allow walking at grade:

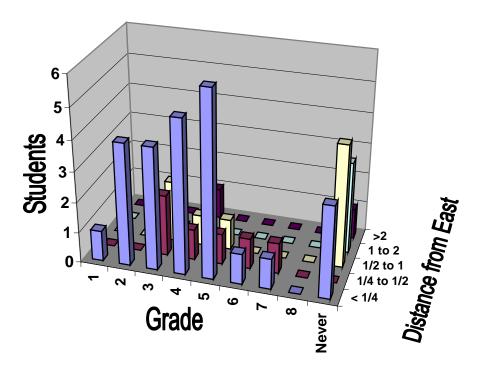


Table 7 East parents would allow walking or biking if this issue changed: (More than one issue could have been chosen.)			
Issue	Change would affect decision	Change would NOT	Maybe a change would affect choice
Distance	8	11	2
Crime or Violence	5	8	1
Climate or Weather	11	14	5
Time	3	6	0
Traffic speed along route to school	7	8	2
Traffic volume along route	7	12	4
Adults to walk/bike with	6	7	1
Sidewalks or pathways	5	5	1
Safety of intersections & crossings	12	9	2
Crossing guards	6	4	0

East parent comments on the survey:

- I would allow my child to walk with an older student
- We need morning crossing guards
- Sexual predators

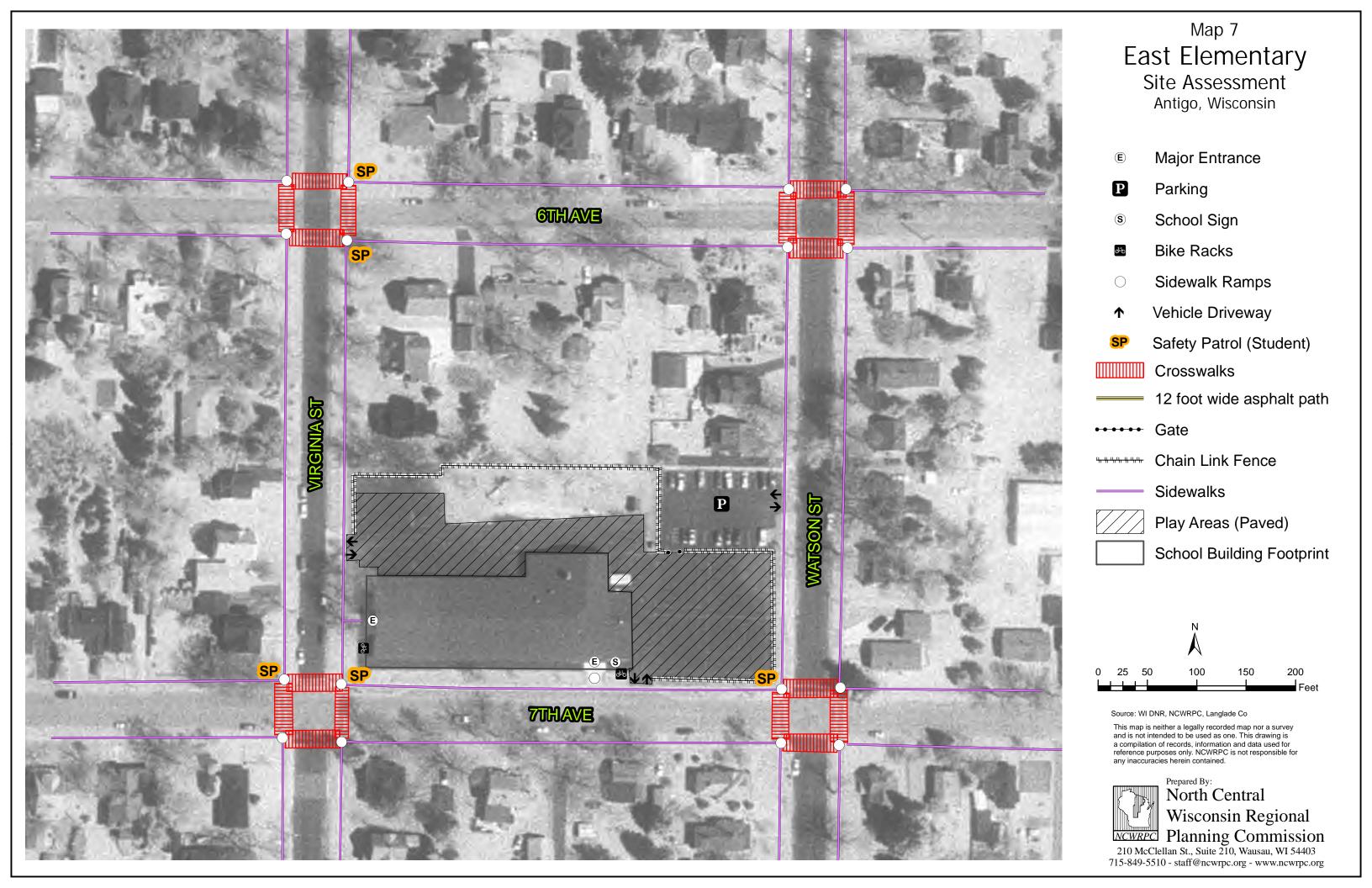
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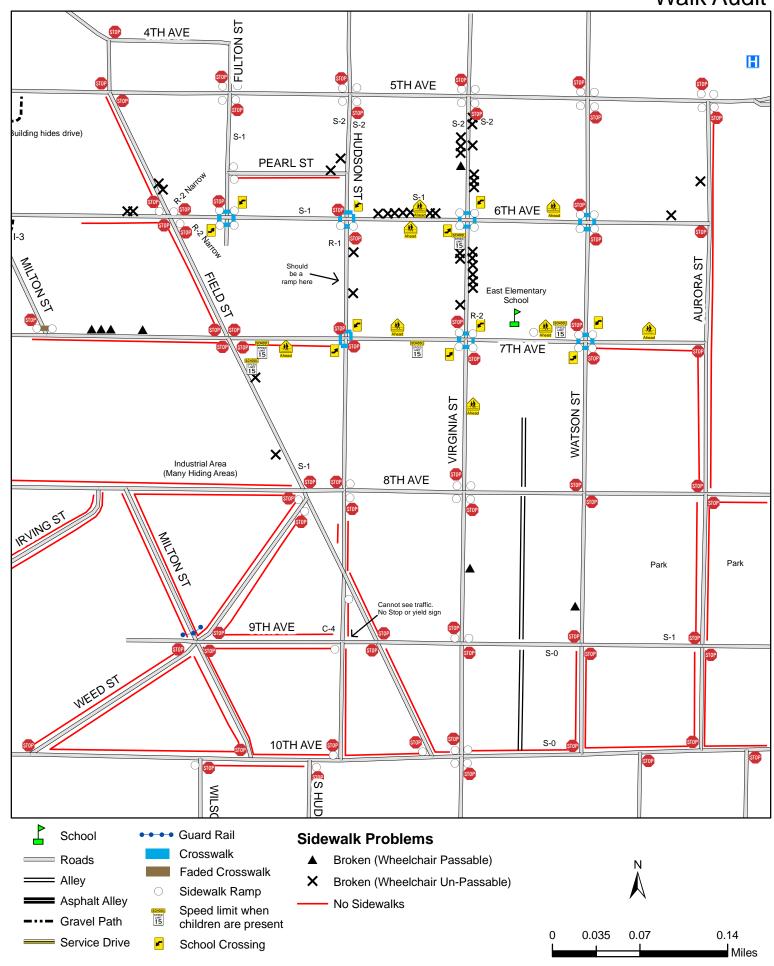
Well used bike rack. Prominent location on a paved surface for easy snow removal.



Good bike rack location, because it is near an entrance, and is accessible on a paved surface.



East Elementary School Walk Audit



West Elementary

1232 Seventh Avenue

Grades Served: 5K-5th

Student Geography

As seen in the map "Where do West students live?" the majority live within walking or biking distance from school.

Students living within ½ mile of West: 31.
Students living within 1 mile (includes ¼ mile) of West: 138.

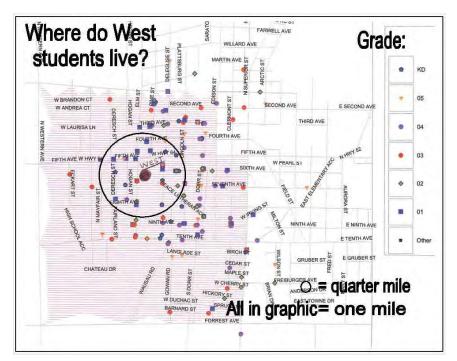


Table 8	West Student Travel Summary					
	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Other
Average number of student trips (morning	30.7	4.2	8.5	81.0	6.0	0.0
& afternoon)	23.5%	3.2%	6.5%	62.1%	4.6%	0%
Total West Student Body (Fall 2008)			205			
Average number of students per day responding				130.3		

Source: In-class Student Tally, Fall 2008

Teacher Survey Results

Do you incorporate bicycle and pedestrian safety education in your classroom curriculum?

- ❖ Yes Four teachers
- ❖ No One teacher

West Teacher Comments

Relating to unsafe behaviors or pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists:

J-walking and motorists not yielding to pedestrians is a huge problem within this community. Excessive speeding through school zones while students are present is another behavior that I have observed. Students have a very limited knowledge of safe behaviors when being a pedestrian or bicyclist. The problems I think that need to be addressed are the lack of knowledge in our students and the drivers aggressive driving. I have seen cars speed up a lot to beat a kid who is trying to cross the road. (Safety guard or not they do it)

Drivers need to watch for bikers/walkers. Eyes should be open at all intersections - watch for crossing guards/safety patrol. Children crossing street between parked cars. Cars pick up on both sides of street. Cars stopping in roadway to pick up/drop off kids. Drivers on cell phones - not paying attention.

Bicyclists crossing streets without looking. Cars going too fast by school.

Speed limit. Intersections. No sidewalks. Parking lot/playground

In school area/zone, driving way too fast. Some are high school students.

West Elementary Walk Audit Results

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The West Elementary walk audit was divided into 2 quadrants: -North -South

Here are the participant comments for each West Elementary quadrant:

West Elementary School – North

Behavior Notes

• Traffic patterns from high school.

West Elementary School—South

Behavior Notes

- No adequate parking on 7th Avenue.
- On 7th and Deleglise
- Too much traffic
- Drivers moving too fast
- Concern about scary people 7th Ave.
- Turning around in driveways in school zone.

Walk Audit Notes

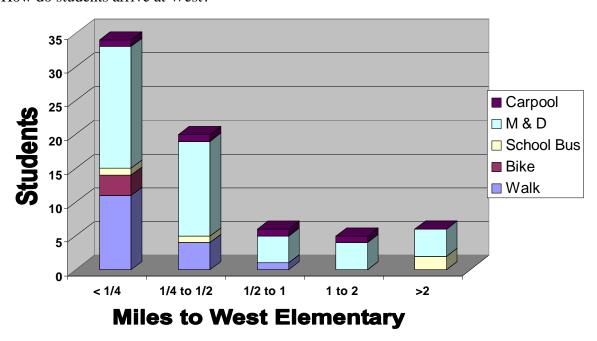
- Some sidewalk on 10th between Del/Lin w/ramps.
- Alley on 8th Ave/Lincoln & Dorr.

Parent Survey Results

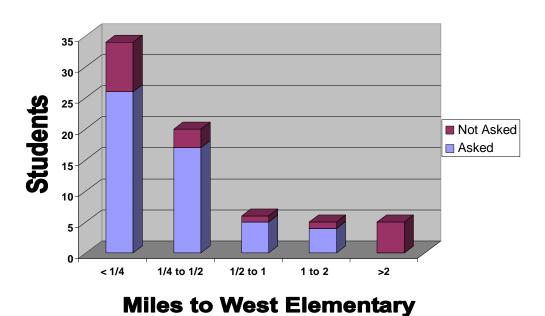
Each family was mailed a survey in Fall 2008. Two basic sets of questions revolved around: "How did your child get to school?" and "What change is needed before you allow your child to walk to school?"

Here are the results from West Elementary parents:

How do students arrive at West?



Middle School students have asked to walk.



Safe Routes To School Plan

West parents would allow walking at grade:

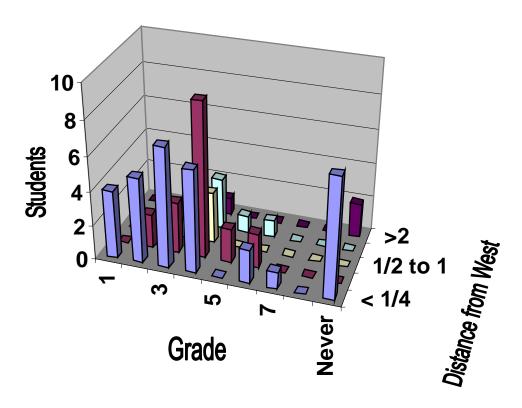


Table 9 West Elementary parents would allow walking or biking if this issue changed:				
(More than one issue could have been chosen.)				
Issue	Change would	Change would NOT	Maybe a change	
	affect decision	affect decision	would affect choice	
Distance	11	5	2	
Crime or Violence	9	10	3	
Climate or Weather	16	8	3	
Time	8	3	1	
Traffic speed along route to	12	7	3	
school		,		
Traffic volume along route	16	5	2	
Adults to walk/bike with	6	2	0	
Sidewalks or pathways	7	4	0	
Safety of intersections &	13	6	1	
crossings	13	U	1	
Crossing guards	5	5	0	

West parent comments on the survey:

- The amount of pedophiles along route scares me
- Sidewalks not shoveled

- My kids seem to enjoy walking unless it is raining or cold
- Live too far away
- She wants to bike. Why the 6 block min?
- Thank you so much and Happy Holidays
- Bike safety rules if a child knows how to use them
- I don't want my daughter to get abducted by a sex predator
- In the AM, there should be a light or crossing guard on 10th Ave.
- We only live 1 block away from school.
- I would love a crossing guard at Elm St. So many kids go that way.
- My child is disabled so my views on this are skewed.
- Has to cross a major hwy, will not be able to let them cross. Not to mention too many predators.
- Dad, mom, family, or a CLOSE friend would transport my child. NO OTHER WAY!
- We transport out child to town and Grandma brings her to school when I work. I bring her when I don't work. She is too young to walk from Grandma's.

West Elementary Pictures



Bike racks are well used, prominently located, and placed on paved surfaces for easy access.



Bike rack is visible from 7th Ave, and is located on a paved surface for easy access.



Picture of 5th Ave & Delegise St

The 5th Ave crossing is marked in the "ladder" style for higher visibility for drivers.



Curb ramps exist on all corners of the school property.



Map 9 West Elementary Site Assessment Antigo, Wisconsin

- Major Entrance
- Parking
- s School Sign
- Bike Racks
- Sidewalk Ramps
- ↑ Vehicle Driveway
- SP Safety Patrol (Student)
- Crossing Guard (Adult)



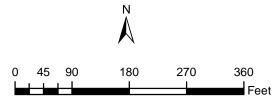
•••• Gate

***** Chain Link Fence

— Sidewalks

Play Areas (Paved)

School Building Footprint



Source: WI DNR, NCWRPC, Langlade Co

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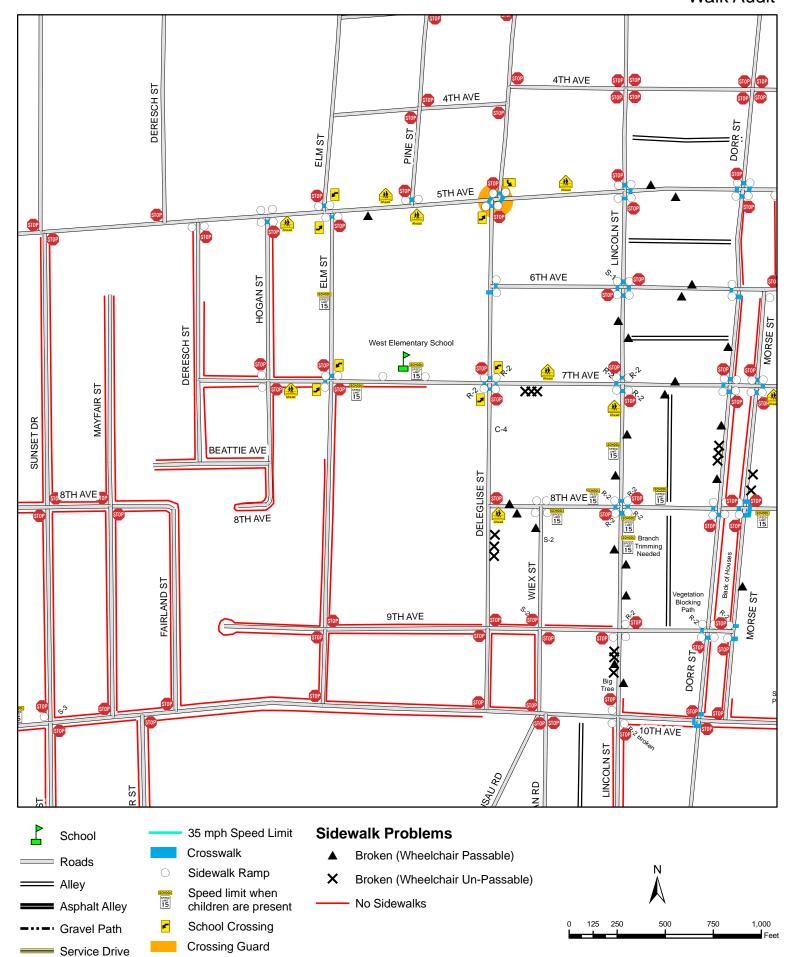
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West Elementary School

Walk Audit



Chapter 4: Recommendations

This chapter was developed to address the issues and opportunities observed by school officials, Task Force members, parents, and NCWRPC staff throughout the development of this plan. Previous chapters identified existing policies and ordinances, quantified attitudes toward walking and biking, and compiled other information about existing conditions. This chapter will present possible solutions to improve existing conditions and concerns.

The recommendations in this chapter have been developed around the 5 E's for Safe Routes to School. A successful SRTS program will incorporate components of each of these approaches:

Engineering	Encouragement	Education	Enforcement	Evaluation
focuses on changing	uses events and	includes identifying	uses local law	involves monitoring
the built walking &	contests to mobilize	safe routes, teaching	enforcement to	the outcomes and
biking environment.	parents and students	students to look	ensure drivers obey	documenting the
Bike racks, curb	to try walking and	both ways at	traffic laws. Others	trends through data
lanes crosswalks,	biking to school.	intersections, trains	are involved in	collection before and
traffic signals, and		students on proper	enforcement too, like	after SRTS
sidewalks are types		bike riding, and	parents, schools,	activities. Surveys
of infrastructure that		may provide	crossing guards and	and audits provide
may need changing		guidance on how to	student safety patrols.	quantitative support
to improve walking		handle potentially		for improvements
and biking safety		dangerous or scary		that become known
near each school.		situations.		through the SRTS
				planning process.

There are two sections of recommendations:

- 1) Community-wide; and
- 2) School Site and Vicinity.

The <u>community-wide recommendations</u> are general actions relating to the 5 E's for the whole community. The <u>school site and vicinity recommendations</u> relate to school-specific policy changes, curriculum modifications, infrastructure changes, and programs to improve the conditions for walking and bicycling at the school site and its immediate vicinity. All sets of recommendations should occur in tandem within one school at a time to enhance their effectiveness.

The chapter concludes with an **SRTS** Action **Plan** that consolidates those actions into a spreadsheet to be implemented within a one to three year timeframe. The Action Plan also assigns responsibility for implementation and cites an approximate timeframe for completion.

Community-wide Recommendations

- CW 1. Bicycle & pedestrian facilities.
- CW 2. Motorist education.
- CW 3. Encourage walking and biking.
- CW 4. School zone enforcement of traffic regulations.
- CW 5. Bicyclist education.
- CW 6. Evaluate SRTS annually.

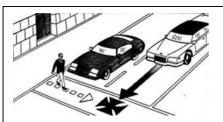
Issue CW 1 Bicycle & pedestrian facilities.

Current city ordinance includes a requirement for the installation of sidewalks in residential and commercial developments. There are no requirements to provide bicycle parking.

- ❖ Sidewalks segments are missing along some of the safe routes to each school.
- ❖ West has about 50% sidewalks installed.

Recommendations:

- CW 1a. Complete installation of sidewalks along safe routes to school for North, East, Middle, and West.
- CW 1b. Paint *stop line* 10-feet from crosswalk lines at all safe routes to school intersections, and do not allow parking within 10-feet of intersection. See Figure 4. Move the stop signs back to this new stop line too.
- CW 1c. Create a list of high traffic or high crash intersections along safe routes to schools. Analyze each intersection to make sure stop lines are set back 10-feet, crosswalks are visible, and pedestrian actuated signals are working properly.
- CW 1d. Re-program pedestrian signals at USH 45 & 5th Ave to automatically change, and have them change 3 seconds before the traffic lights allow vehicles to proceed. Remove all buttons.



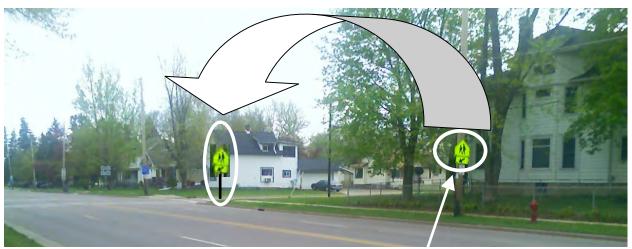
This image illustrates a multiple-threat collision.

NOTE: Do not allow parking within 10-20 feet of crosswalk to provide visibility.

Figure 4
Source: Saferoutesinfo.org

- CW 1e. Continue to install curb ramps where sidewalks exist to benefit all non-motorized users.
- CW 1f. Upgrade Superior St/USH 45 crossing to increase pedestrian visibility at:
 - o Graham Ave (Figure 5),
 - o 7th Ave (Figure 6, 7, 8, & 9),
 - o 8th Ave (Figure 6, 7, 8, & 9), and
 - o 10th Ave (Figure 6 & 10).
- CW 1g. Paint *Shared Lane Markings* (Figure 12) on 5th Avenue, if there is not enough room for an 8-foot parking lane, a 6-foot bike lane, and a 10-foot travel lane.
- CW 1h. Paint bicycle lanes on USH 45 between 5th Ave and 10th Avenue. See Figures 11, & 12 for "road diet" line patterns.
- CW 1i. Paint safe routes to school crosswalks in the "Ladder" style (Figure 15) to add visibility to each crossing.
- CW 1j. Re-stripe 10th Avenue to provide a bicycle lane on both sides (see Figure 13), and plow all the snow off of 10th

Crossing Upgrades Superior St/USH 45 & Graham Ave



Move school crossing signs so they are within 5 feet of the cross walk.



Upgrade "school" sign to fluorescent yellow.

Move school speed limit sign to current school crossing location.

Add "School Speed Assembly" to school speed limit sign.

Possibly change arrow sign to a chevron (W1-8).

Program speed sign:

- 1. To flash at 5 mph more than the school speed limit during school crossing times.
 - 2. To flash at 5 mph over the regular speed limit at other times.



School Speed Assembly

Note: 15 mph school speed limit in Antigo.

Figure 5 Part Two

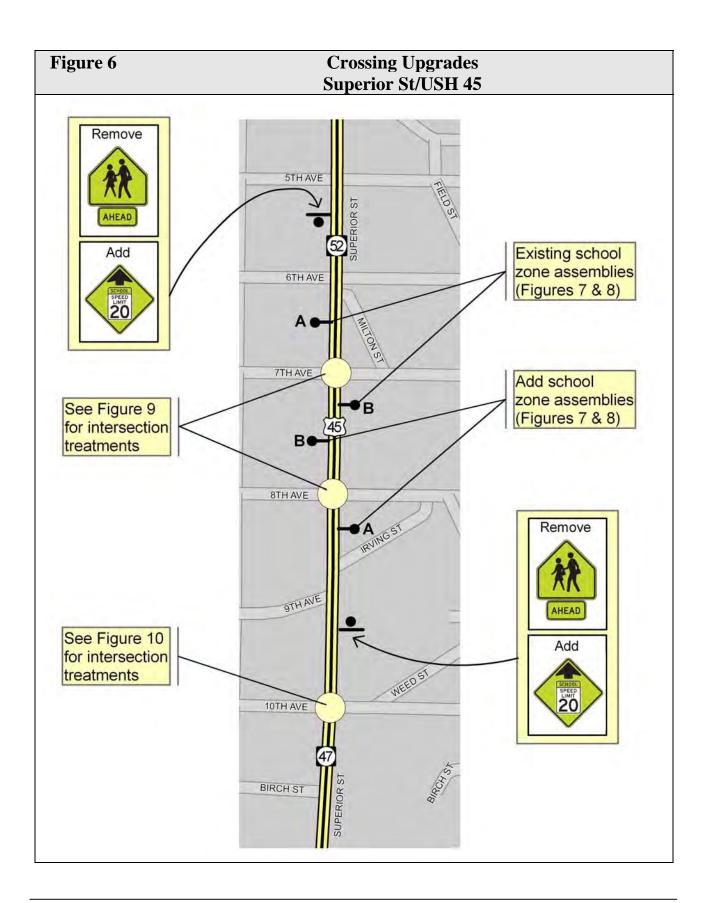
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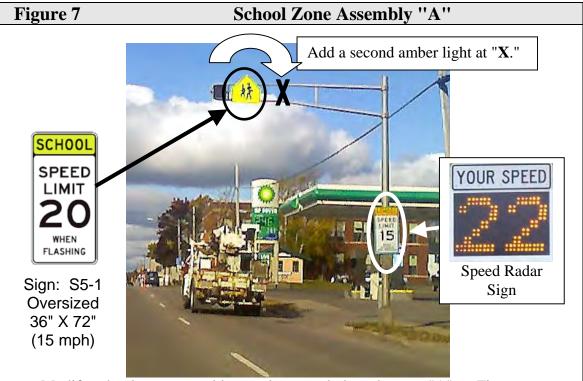


School crossing ahead sign Southbound USH 45, north of Badger Ave.

Replace this *school crossing ahead* sign with a S4-5 *school speed limit ahead* sign. Place the appropriate school speed on the sign (20 mph is shown as an example only).







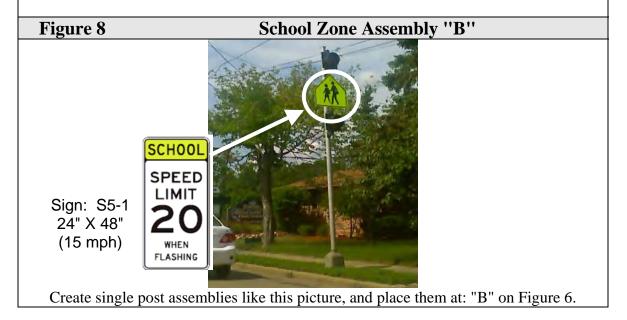
Modify school zone assembly per above, and place them at: "A" on Figure 6.

Revise this assembly on northbound USH 45, and then move it south one block to delineate start of school speed limit area to encompass both 7th Ave & 8th Ave.

Program speed sign:

1. To flash at 5 mph more than the school speed limit during school crossing times.

2. To flash at 5 mph over the regular speed limit at other times.



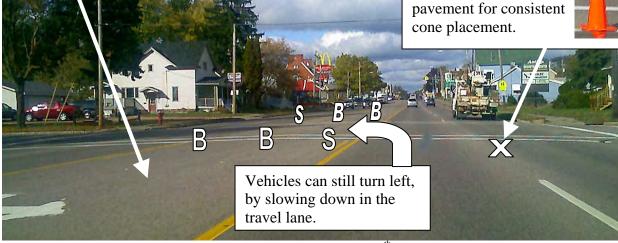
USH 45 Intersection Treatments at 7th Ave & 8th Ave

Problem: Barrier-free median does not provide a feeling of safety for pedestrians waiting in the middle of the road.

Solution: Create a barrier on both sides of crosswalk.

Continue placing a tall traffic cone in the road, but place it 4 feet in advance of the crossing. Paint an "x" on the pavement for consistent cone placement.

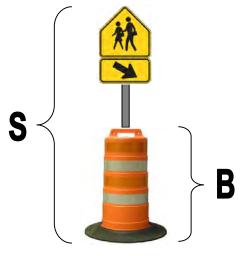




Northbound USH 45, entering 8th Ave

- 1. Reline the road lanes to perform a "road diet" as shown in Figure 11.
- 2. Install sign and barrel assemblies (S) and lone barrels (B) per photo above at both 7th & 8th Ave intersections.

The purpose of adding all these barrels is to create a safe mid-block pedestrian crossing.



Place this sign and barrel assembly at: "S" on the above picture. Barrel alone is: "B"



A permanent solution may be to create partial raised medians, and mount the "sign & barrel" assembly on each "X."

www.pedbikeimages.org / Dan Burden

USH 45 Intersection Treatments at 10^{th} Ave

Problem: Very wide intersection is difficult for children to cross. Small median does provide some protection so students can cross half way.

Solution: Slow or stop vehicles so students can cross. Install a pedestrian activated double amber flashing beacon,

- OR -

Have two crossing guards at intersection with handheld L.E.D. stop signs.



Northbound USH 45, entering 10th Ave intersection



Sample dual amber flashing light assembly (Source: Google)

To increase pedestrian safety at 10th Avenue as it crosses USH 45, consider installing the above sample pedestrian activated dual amber flashing light assembly.

USH 45 Road Diet

Problem: US Highway 45 from 10th Ave to 6th Ave is designed for higher speeds that are posted, so drivers "feel" like driving faster, which makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross the 5-lane road.

In the graphic below, "BEFORE" lane widths are equal to current USH 45 lane widths from 10^{th} to 6^{th} Avenues.

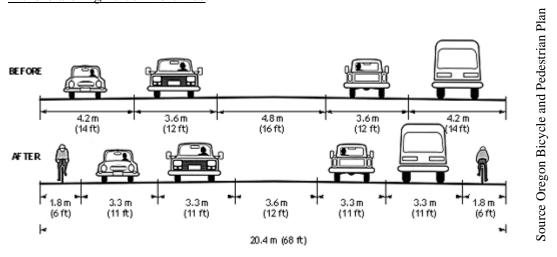
Solution: Narrow the travel lanes to add bicycle lanes in both directions. Modify the "AFTER" lane widths for USH 45 by reducing the center travel lanes from 11-ft to 10-ft, and widening the curb side lane from 11-ft to 12-ft to accommodate truck traffic.

Oregon DOT uses these guidelines to determine how a roadway can be modified to accommodate bike lanes without significantly affecting the safety or operation of the roadway. The reduced travel lane widths are within AASHTO minimums. Oregon DOT stresses the importance of using good engineering judgment when retrofitting bike lanes on existing streets. The Federal Highway Administration has approved Oregon DOT's guidelines, and WisDOT will have similar guidelines in 2011.

Reduction of Travel Lane Widths

The need for full-width travel lanes decreases with speed:

- Up to 25 mph, travel lanes may be reduced to 10.0 or 10.5 ft.
- From 30 to 40 mph, 11-ft travel lanes and 12-ft center turn lanes may be acceptable.
- At 45 mph or greater, try to maintain a 12-ft outside travel lane and 14-ft center turn lane if there are high truck volumes.



USH 45 South and North of Road Diet

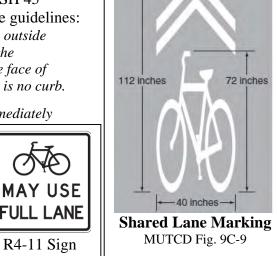
Problem: If a road diet is created on US Highway 45 from 10th Ave to 6th Ave, then motorists and bicyclists need to know how to merge after the bike lane ends. In the graphic below, "BEFORE" lane widths are equal to current USH 45 lane widths from 10th Avenue south to County Highway Y.

Northbound Solution: Heading northbound on USH 45 at 6th avenue, paint Shared Lane Markings per these guidelines: If used on a street without on-street parking that has an outside travel lane that is less than 14 feet wide, the centers of the Shared Lane Markings should be at least 4 feet from the face of the curb, or from the edge of the pavement where there is no curb.

If used, the Shared Lane Marking should be placed immediately after an intersection and spaced at intervals

not greater than 250 feet thereafter.

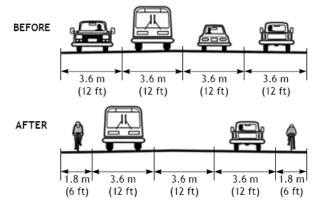
Install a May Use Full Lane (R4-11) sign wherever a Shared Lane Marking is painted.



Southbound Solution: Heading southbound on USH 45 at 10th avenue, narrow the travel lanes to add bicycle lanes in both directions and add a central two-way-left-turn-lane. Modify the "AFTER" lane widths for USH 45 by reducing the center travel lanes from 11-ft to 10-ft, and widening the curb side lane from 11-ft to 12-ft to accommodate truck traffic.

Here are the street and location criteria to identify potential candidates for road diets:

- Moderate volumes (8,000–15,000 ADT).
- Roads with safety issues.
- Popular or essential bicycle routes/links.
- Commercial reinvestment area
- Economic enterprise zones.
- Historic streets.
- Scenic roads.
- Entertainment districts.
- Main streets.



10th Ave Residential Road Diet

Problem: High traffic volumes exist on 10^{th} Avenue, west of USH 45, because Antigo High School is the traffic generator. Therefore, this road feels unsafe for children to bike on.

Solution: Narrow the travel lanes to 10-ft, and add 6-ft bicycle lanes in both directions. Perform this road diet from Antigo High School east to USH 45. Restrict on-street parking by installing "no parking" signs on both sides of the road.



Westbound 10th Ave at Mayfair St.

Source: Antigo Police

Figure 14

10th Ave Sidewalk

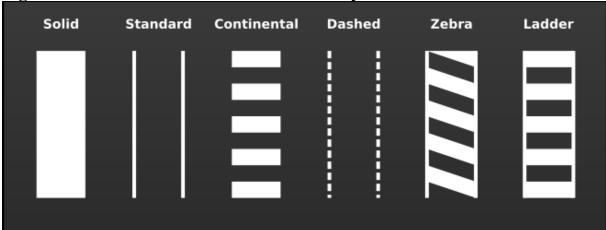
Problem: High traffic volumes exist on 10th Avenue, west of USH 45, because Antigo High School is the traffic generator. Therefore, this road feels unsafe for children to walk on.

Solution: Since bike lanes will be added per Figure 13, then a place to walk is also appropriate. Most of the neighborhoods, except the mobile home park, are on the north side of 10^{th} Avenue from USH 45 west to the high school. All crosswalks at intersections that connect residential neighborhoods south of 10^{th} Ave will be painted in the Ladder style (Figure 15), and pedestrian crossing signs will be added too.

See Attachment B map for existing sidewalks city-wide and Safe Routes (Priority) streets.

- Create a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk on the north side of 10th Ave from USH 45 west to Sunset Drive (this is where the high school sidewalk starts).
- Paint ladder style crosswalks across 10th Ave at every street that intersects with 10th Ave from the south, and add pedestrian crossing signs.

Crosswalk Styles



Source: U.S. FHWA

Issue CW 2 Motorist education.

The biggest danger posed to bicyclists and pedestrians is motor vehicles. The Parent Survey responses showed that if traffic speed or traffic volume decreased, and if sidewalks or paths were available, then they would allow their children to walk or bike to school.

Schools are vehicle trip generators. Residential streets with low average daily traffic volumes near schools become congested during drop-off and pick-up times.

Recommendations:

- CW 2a. Complete all the CW 1 recommendations for one school, and then create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood and the school parents.
- CW 2b. Create and use public service announcements to educate drivers about how to share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.
- CW 2c. Use the City's summer/fall edition newsletter to show resident motorists how to share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.
- CW 2d. Provide a web page that shows motorists how to share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.

Issue CW 3 Encourage Walking & Biking.

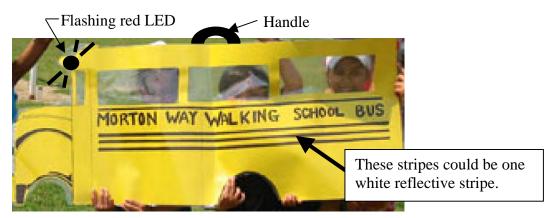
Traffic increases near schools because parents are driving their kids to school instead of allowing them to walk or bike. This flow of traffic increases the likelihood of a variety of traffic incidents that includes crashes, speeding, illegal parking, and failure to yield the right of way.

While all the engineering activities are being installed at a particular school, create and plan how to implement the following encouragement activities. Now is the time to get students excited to walk or bike to school.

Recommendations:

CW 3a. Create a Walk To School Day every October. Also encourage the public to walk or bike to work on that same day. Antigo has Red Robin Transit, but it does not operate

- during student travel times, nor does it travel during regular work commute times. Red Robin Transit is used by elderly and handicapped residents.
- CW 3b. Solicit volunteers to become walking school bus "drivers." Police would train these volunteers just like crossing guards. Each volunteer will need to have a traffic vest with the school logo (optional) permanently attached to the back and front. Hand held, 360 degree visibility, strobe lights may be valuable to assist volunteers with crossing the streets. Use the guide attached to this plan to form and sustain walking school buses and bike trains. Guide is available in Attachment A.
- CW 3c. Develop student incentive program such as WisDOT's Mileage Club (http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/saferoutes-club.htm).
- CW 3d. Police would like to start a reward program for children who ride bicycles with helmets on. They will initiate the program when at least one local restaurant sponsor is onboard by possibly providing a small dessert treat certificate. Antigo will solicit restaurant sponsors starting in summer of 2010, and continue the program annually if it is successful.



School bus cutout used for Walking School Buses in Morton Way, Ontario, Canada

Issue CW 4 School zone enforcement of traffic regulations.

Traffic increases near schools because parents are driving their kids to school instead of allowing them to walk or bike. This flow of traffic increases the likelihood of a variety of traffic incidents that includes crashes, speeding, illegal parking, and failure to yield the right of way.

Recommendations:

- CW 4a. Work with Antigo Police to report incidents of speeding, parking violations, and crosswalk violations in school zones. Possibly implement this recommendation at individual schools after the CW 1 recommendations for their school are implemented.
- CW 4b. Review and revise adult crossing guard training to help them keep kids safe.
- CW 4c. Police to provide visibility in each school zone on a rotating basis, so parents remember to continue obeying traffic laws.
- CW 4d. Enforce on-site traffic management plan with parent monitors, school staff, and police.

Issue CW 5 Bicyclist education.

There is concern that children do not ride their bicycles correctly, and do not obey traffic signs or use crosswalks. Parents may not know the correct ways to ride a bicycle in traffic, so community-wide training may be necessary. Many parents may also not know how to properly maintain their bicycle. Focus should be on educating parents about the responsibilities of being a pedestrian or bicyclist.

Recommendations:

- CW 5a. Send information to parents in emails, newsletters, websites, or an instructional DVD illustrating proper ways to walk or bike, and bicycle upkeep tips.
- CW 5b. Add sections to current classroom curricula on the benefits of walking or biking to school. Program examples include Moving and Munchin' and the Green and Healthy School Program.
- CW 5c. Continue having an annual *bicycle rodeo* in Antigo, and possibly cooperate with local bike stores to provide bicycle use and maintenance education at their stores. Only big box retailers sell bikes in Antigo right now.

Issue CW 6 Evaluate SRTS annually.

Each recommendation gets a particular school closer to reaching the goal and the vision of SRTS in Antigo.

CW 6a. Review "Safe Routes" map in Attachment B annually for possible changes.

Indicators of Success			
Outcome	Measurement Tool		
Change in children's behavior (i.e. more	CW 6b. Student Tally annually in homerooms.		
walking & biking, and traveling safely).	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.		
Change is driver behavior (i.e. fewer	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.		
parents driving kids to school, and those	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.		
who drive are obeying on-site procedures	CW 6e. Evaluate on-site traffic management plan.		
and traffic laws).			
Children using new or modified paths,	CW 6b. Student Tally annually in homerooms.		
sidewalks, and bike racks.	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit two semesters after		
	an Engineering fix is made, and parents are		
	made aware of that change.		
Reduced crashes near schools.	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.		
Community & school buy-in.	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into		
	curriculum with various lesson plans and		
	school policy revisions.		
	CW 6h. Community regularly announces Walk		
	To School Day events, or recognizes other		
	press releases.		

North Elementary

School Site and Vicinity Recommendations

- NV 1. Missing sidewalks
- NV 2. Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal
- NV 3. New bike racks
- NV 4. Additional street signs

Issue NV 1 Missing sidewalks

Sidewalks exist on most residential streets. Some sidewalk segments near North Elementary are missing as noted on the Walk Audit map. USH 45 north of Badger Ave has 4 foot wide or less sidewalks on both sides of the road that are separated from the curb by 1 foot. The standard for a sidewalk is a 5 foot width that is separated from the road by a 5 foot area or a vertical barrier (like a Jersey Barrier, or a guard rail).

Recommendations

- NV 1a. Review the North Elementary Walk Audit Map, and chose which roads to install sidewalk segments on.
- NV 1b. Provide better sidewalks along both sides of USH 45 from Badger Ave north to Century Ave. Two ways to accomplish this recommendation are:
 - o Install new 5-foot wide sidewalks that are 5-feet away from the curb; or
 - Restripe lanes on USH 45 by adding a bicycle lane on each side, and a two-way-left-turn-lane in the middle. One through traffic lane in each direction would also remain. See Figures 11 & 12.

Issue NV 2 Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Many parents are driving their children to school, and therefore cause congestion around the school property.

Recommendations

- NV 2a. Evaluate the on-site traffic management plan on an annual basis. Use *parent monitors* in addition to staff and police for enforcement.
- NV 2b. Convert the parts of Graham Ave and Fulton St in front of North Elementary to a one-way road per Figure 17.

Issue NV 3 New bike racks

All the North Elementary bike racks are prominently located on paved areas in front of the school near the front door. Placing bike racks next to student entrances reinforces that bicycling to school is important, and provides basic security and convenience. The best way to lock a bike is to make 2 points of contact between the bike and bike rack to keep the bike upright, and then to lock the front wheel and bike frame. None of the bike racks at Antigo schools, or in most of Wisconsin, allow a bike tire and frame to be locked.

Recommendations

NV 3a. Install new "inverted U" bike racks on paved surfaces near front entrances to replace existing bike racks. See Figure 16 for bike rack examples.

<u>Issue NV 4</u> Additional street signs

Many parents are driving their children to school, and some school crosswalks are not marked that are within close proximity to the school when stop signs are not present.

Recommendations

- NV 4a. Review placement of all school zone signs within 1 block of school, and add signs where necessary.
- NV 4b. Add school crossing signs at the intersection of Badger & Artic per Figure 15.

Figure 15

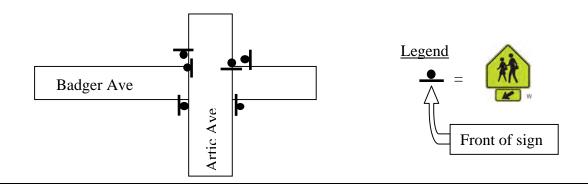
North School Zone Signs

1. Review placement of all school zone signs, and add signs at missing locations.



Northbound Artic Ave at Badger Ave (no school crossing signs exist)

2. Place school crossing signs on all four corners per this diagram:



Bike Rack Examples



3 inverted U's attached to create movable bike rack. This rack parks 6 bikes.

Mount the inverted U's 4-feet apart.



3 inverted U's mounted into the concrete. This rack assembly also parks 6 bikes.

Mount the inverted U's 4-feet apart.

Antigo SRTS Goal 1

Where it is safe, get children walking and biking to increase their health.

Antigo SRTS Goal 2

Improve children's safety around schools during drop-off and pick-up, so children can walk and bike safely to school.

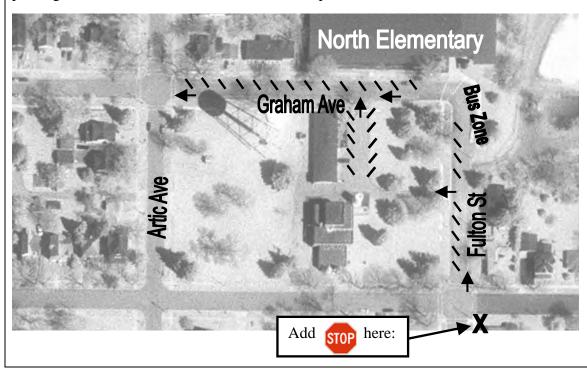
Figure 17 North Elementary One-way road WRONG WAY ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTENTE INTER ONOTE

Convert Fulton St and Graham Ave, in front of North Elementary, into a one-way road.

- 1. Add diagonal parking to roads, and water utility parking lot; and
- 2. Create curb bump outs (or temporarily use plastic "Jersey Barriers").

Placing diagonal parking next to sidewalks makes it safer for parents to maneuver their vehicles without having children walking behind cars, as would occur during parallel parking. Keep "no parking" zones within 20 feet of crosswalks, so parents don't back into the crosswalk.

Eastbound Graham Ave at Artic St



Plastic Jersey Barriers

East Elementary

School Site and Vicinity Recommendations

- EV 1. New bike racks
- EV 2. Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Issue EV 1 New bike racks

All the East Elementary bike racks are prominently located on paved areas in front of the school near the front door. Placing bike racks next to student entrances reinforces that bicycling to school is important, and provides basic security and convenience. The best way to lock a bike is to make 2 points of contact between the bike and bike rack to keep the bike upright, and then to lock the front wheel and bike frame. None of the bike racks at Antigo schools, or in most of Wisconsin, allow a bike tire and frame to be locked.

Recommendations

EV 1a. Install new "inverted U" bike racks on paved surfaces near front entrances to replace existing bike racks. See Figure 16 for bike rack examples.

<u>Issue EV 2</u> Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Many parents are driving their children to school, and therefore cause congestion around the school property.

Recommendations

- EV 2a. Evaluate the on-site traffic management plan on an annual basis. Use parent monitors in addition to staff and police for enforcement.
- EV 2b. Review placement of all signs within 1 block of school, and add or remove signs where necessary.

West Elementary

School Site and Vicinity Recommendations

- WV 1. New bike racks
- WV 2. Install sidewalks or bike lanes
- WV 3. Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Issue WV 1 New bike racks

All the West Elementary bike racks are prominently located on paved areas in front of the school near the front door. Placing bike racks next to student entrances reinforces that bicycling to school is important, and provides basic security and convenience. The best way to lock a bike is to make 2 points of contact between the bike and bike rack to keep the bike upright, and then to lock the front wheel and bike frame. None of the bike racks at Antigo schools, or in most of Wisconsin, allow a bike tire and frame to be locked.

Recommendations

WV 1a. Install new "inverted U" bike racks on paved surfaces near front entrances to replace existing bike racks. See Figure 16 for bike rack examples.

Issue WV 2 Install sidewalks or bike lanes

About 33% of West Elementary parents said in their survey that if <u>traffic volume</u> were reduced, then they would allow their children to walk or bike to school. This issue, along with the issues of <u>safety of crossings (27%)</u>, were important issues that if changed would influence parents to allow their children to walk and bike to school.

For many years the school district and the city have been concerned about safety and the lack of sidewalks in the 10^{th} Ave corridor.

Recommendations

- WV 2a. Install sidewalks on:
 - o North side of 7th Ave between Elm St and Deresch St; and
 - o Pave a path **from:** 8th Ave & Fairland St. **to:** Beattie Ave & Deresch St.
- WV 2b. Create a 6-foot wide sidewalk on north side of 10th Avenue from USH 45 west to high school sidewalk that starts at Sunset Drive. See Figure 14.

Issue WV 3 Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Many parents are driving their children to school, and therefore cause congestion around the school property.

Recommendations

- WV 3a. Evaluate the on-site traffic management plan on an annual basis. Use parent monitors in addition to staff and police for enforcement.
- WV 3b. Review placement of all signs within 1 block of school, and add or remove signs where necessary.

Antigo Middle School

School Site and Vicinity Recommendations

- AV 1. Bicycle parking
- AV 2. Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal
- AV 3. Add sidewalk

Issue AV 1 Bicycle parking

All the Middle School bike racks are on grass areas away from paved areas, which means that they are not accessible when snow is on the ground and for several days after a heavy rain. Placing bike racks next to student entrances reinforces that bicycling to school is important, and provides basic security and convenience. The best way to lock a bike is to make 2 points of contact between the bike and bike rack to keep the bike upright, and then to lock the front wheel

and bike frame. None of the bike racks at Antigo schools, or in most of Wisconsin, allow a bike tire and frame to be locked.

Recommendations

AV 1a. Install new bike racks on paved surfaces near selected school entrances. See Figure 16 for bike rack types, and see Figure 18 for new bike rack locations.

Figure 18

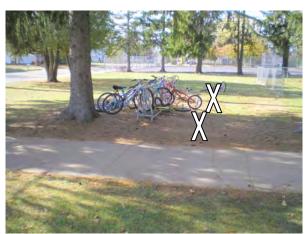
Potential Middle School Bike Rack Locations



Northeast corner of school

Install "inverted-U" bike racks in the "X" area.

Install "inverted-U" bike racks and paver block areas adjacent to the sidewalk in the "X" area.



South side of school.



Northwest building of school

Install "inverted-U" bike racks and paver blocks adjacent to the sidewalk in the "X" area.

Congestion around school during arrival & dismissal

Many parents are driving their children to school, and therefore cause congestion around the school property.

Recommendations

- AV 2a. Evaluate the on-site traffic management plan on an annual basis. Use parent monitors in addition to staff for enforcement.
- AV 2b. School staff will place traffic cones on the edge of "stop lines" on the road centerline of all 4 intersections surrounding the school to increase awareness of school crossing, and where to stop.

Issue AV 3 Install sidewalks

For many years the school district and the city have been concerned about safety and the lack of sidewalks in the 10th Ave corridor. The goal of improving safety is not only for students but for all community members interested in walking for health and fitness. Besides serving Middle School students, this collector sidewalk will also serve two elementary schools, and students walking to the high school.

Recommendations

AV 3a. Create a 6-foot wide sidewalk on north side of 10th Avenue from USH 45 west to high school sidewalk that starts at Sunset Drive. See Figure 14 for additional description.

Antigo SRTS Action Plans

The following **SRTS Action Plans** lists all of the previous recommendations, and provides a cost estimate and a lead entity to implement each action.

There is a **Community-wide SRTS Action Plan** for all the activities that will affect more than one school, and there is an **SRTS Action Plan for each safe routes school**.

These Action Plans are lists of reasonably attainable actions that may occur in 2-3 years. Each Action Plan contains activities within each strategy area: 1) Engineering; 2) Encouragement; 3) Education; 4) Enforcement; and, 5) Evaluation. A successful SRTS program will incorporate components of each of these approaches.

The Action Plans are meant to complement the recommendations discussed throughout this chapter by assigning each action with a cost, a timeframes to complete the activity, and responsibility for implementation.

An annual review of these Action Plans by the SRTS Task Force will provide guidance to make additional changes if low results occur. New activities to consider may become apparent when data received annually after each Class Tally and Parental Survey, or from the WisDOT SRTS website.

Abbreviations for terms used in the Action Plan are listed in the back of the Action Plan.

City-wide SRTS Action Plan

Strategy Type	Activities	Schools that an Activity Applies To	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Engineering	CW 1a. Install gap sidewalks along safe routes to school.	All Schools	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	See school Action Plans
	CW 1b. Paint stop lines 10-feet back from safe routes crosswalks.	All Schools	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	See school Action Plans
	CW 1c. Analyze safe routes intersections to verify that crosswalks are visible, and pedestrian actuated signals are working.	All Schools	Current staff	Eng. & Streets	See school Action Plans
	CW 1d. Reprogram pedestrian signals at USH 45 & 5 th Ave to automatically activate on each cycle. Also program ped. signals to turn on 3 seconds before traffic light "green" turns on.	Middle School	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	Summer 2011
	CW 1e. Install curb ramps at intersections where sidewalks exist.	All Schools	City taxes	Eng. & Streets	When new sidewalks are added
	CW 1f. Upgrade Superior St/USH 45 intersections (Figures 5-10).	All Schools	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	Summer 2012
	CW 1g. Paint <u>shared lane markings</u> (fig 12) on 5 th Ave.	Middle	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	Summer 2012 Paint CW 1g,
	CW 1h. Paint bike lanes on USH 45 from 5 th Ave to 10 th Ave.	Middle	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	1h, &1j at same time
	CW 1i. Paint safe routes to school crosswalks in the "ladder" style (Figure 14).	All Schools	SRTS grant	Eng. & Streets	Summer 2011
	CW 1j. Paint road diet on 10 th Ave (Figure 13).	West, & Middle	Current staff	Eng. & Streets	Summer 2010
Encouragement	CW 3a. Walk to School Day in October.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist, PTL, Teachers,	Annually
	CW 3b. Create <i>walking school buses</i> and <i>bicycle trains</i> .	All Schools	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Annually
	CW 3c. Develop student incentive program.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist, PTL, Teachers,	One school year.
	CW 3d. Police provide ice cream certificates to kids on bikes with helmets on.	City-wide	Current staff, community donations	Police, local businesses	Start summer 2010, then annually

City-wide SRTS Action Plan continued

Strategy Type	Activities	Applicable School	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Education	CW 2a. After all CW 1 recommendations are complete for one school, then create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist., PTA, UWEX, BFW, Teachers	See school Action Plans
	CW 2b. Purchase PSAs directed at drivers about sharing the road with bikes & peds.	All Schools	SRTS grant	City, BFW	Summer 2011
	CW 2c. Use City's summer/fall edition newsletter to show how to share the road with bicyclists.	All Schools	Current staff	City, BFW	Summer 2011
	CW 2d. Provide a web page to show motorists how to share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.	All Schools	Current staff	City, NCWRPC	Summer 2010
	CW 5a. Create parent bicycling education materials.	All Schools	Current staff	UWEX, City, School Dist, PTA	Spring 2011
	CW 5b. Add bike education to curricula.	All Schools	Current staff	School district	Annually
	CW 5c. Continue Bicycle Rodeos in Antigo.	All Schools	Current staff	Antigo Optimist Club	Annually
Enforcement	CW 4a. Work with police to report traffic incidents.	All Schools	Current staff	Police, School staff	After CW 1 implemented
	CW 4b. Review and revise adult crossing guard training to help keep kids safe.	All Schools	Current staff	Police, School staff	Annually
	CW 4c. Provide visibility in each school zone to remind parents to obey traffic laws.	All Schools	Current staff	Police, School staff	Regularly
	CW 4d. Enforce on-site traffic management plan.	All Schools	Current staff	School staff, Parent monitors, Police	Regularly
Evaluation	CW 6a. Review existing Safe Routes To School map.	All Schools	Current staff	Eng, & School Dist.	Annually
	CW 6b. Student Tally in homerooms.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist., Homeroom teachers	Annually in November
	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.	All Schools	Current staff	Teachers & staff	Regularly
	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.	All Schools	Current staff	Police	Annually
	CW 6e. Evaluate on-site traffic management.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist.	Annually
	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit to collect how people are reacting to new engineering change near school.	All Schools	Current staff	Police, City, School Dist, NCWRPC	After Eng. activities done
	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into curriculum, lesson plans, & school policy.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist., Teachers	Summer 2010
	CW 6h. Media announces press releases.	All Schools	Current staff	School Dist, City	Annually

North Elementary SRTS Action Plan

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Engineering	NV 1a. Install gap sidewalks where Walk Audit Map shows missing sidewalks.	Mendlick, Willard, Washington, 1 st , and 3 rd Avenues; & Virginia St	Property assessment	Engineering, Streets	Summer 2011
	NV 1b. Provide better USH 45 sidewalks.	North of Badger Ave.	City taxes	Engineering, Streets	Summer 2011
	NV 2b. Convert Graham Ave & Fulton St into a one-way street.	In front of school.	City taxes	Engineering, Streets	Summer 2011
	NV 3a. Install new bike racks (Fig 16).	In front of school.	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Summer 2011
	NV 4a. Add traffic signs within 1 block of school as necessary.	3-way stop at 1 st Ave & Fulton St. Review locations around school.	City taxes	Engineering, Streets	Summer 2011
	NV 4b. Add school crossing signs (Fig. 15).	Artic & Badger Avenues.	City taxes	Engineering, Streets	Summer 2011
	CW 1b. Paint <i>stop lines</i> 10-feet back from safe routes to school crosswalks.	All painted intersections within ¼-mile of North along North's safe routes to school.	City taxes	Streets	Summer 2011
Education	CW 2a. Create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood.	Neighborhood surrounding North, as shown on Walk Audit Map 6.	Current staff	School Dist., PTA, UWEX, BFW, Teachers	When all Eng. actions done.
	CW 3a. Participate in citywide Walk To School/Work Day.	Whole city.	Current staff	School Dist., Teachers & Staff, PTLs, City	Annually in October

North SRTS Action Plan continued

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Encouragement	CW 3b. Create walking school bus, or bike train (Attachment A).	North neighborhoods	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Start in Fall 2010 or '11
	CW 3c. Develop student Mileage Club	Within North school	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	Fall 2010 after October Walk to School day.
Enforcement	CW 4a. Work with police to report traffic incidents.	North neighborhood	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	Regularly
	CW 4b. Enforce on-site traffic management.	North	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	Regularly
Evaluation	CW 6b. Student Tally in homerooms.	North	Current staff	Homeroom teachers	Annually in November
	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.	North parental drop off areas.	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Regularly
	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.	North neighborhood	Current staff	Police	Annually
	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit.	North neighborhood	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	After Eng. activities done.
	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into curriculum, lesson plans, & school policy.	North	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Summer 2010
	NV 2a. Evaluate on-site traffic management.	North parental drop off areas.	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, Police, Parent Monitors	Annually

East Elementary SRTS Action Plan

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Engineering	EV 1a. Replace existing bike racks with new "inverted U" bike racks.	Existing bike rack locations.	SRTS grant	School district.	2011
	CW 1a. Install gap sidewalks where Walk Audit Map shows missing sidewalks.	7 th Ave, 8 th Ave, and others	Property assessment	Streets	2012-2013
	CW 1b. Paint <i>stop lines</i> 10-feet back from safe routes to school crosswalks.	All painted intersections within ¼-mile of East along East's safe routes to school.	City taxes	Streets	2010-2011
	CW 1e. Continue installing curb ramps.	6 th & Hudson, 7 th & Hudson, and 8 th & Hudson	City taxes	Streets	2012-2013
	EV 2b. Review placement of traffic signs	Within 1 block of East.	Existing staff	Streets	2010
Education	CW 2a. Create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood.	Neighborhood surrounding East, as shown on Walk Audit Map 8.	Existing staff	School Dist., PTA, UWEX, BFW, Teachers	When Eng. activities are done.
	CW 3a. Participate in citywide Walk To School Day.	Whole city.	Existing staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL	Annually in October

East SRTS Action Plan continued

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Encouragement	CW 3b. Create <i>walking school bus</i> , or <i>bike train</i> (Attachment A).	East neighborhoods	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Start in Fall 2010 or '11
	CW 3c. Develop student Mileage Club	Within East school	Existing staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	Fall 2010 after October Walk to School day.
Enforcement	CW 4a. Work with police to report traffic incidents.	East neighborhood	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	All the time
	CW 4b. Enforce on-site traffic management.	East			
Evaluation	CW 6b. Student Tally in homerooms.	East	Current staff	Homeroom teachers	Annually in November
	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.	East parental drop off area	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Regularly
	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.	East neighborhood	Current staff	Police	Annually
	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit.	East neighborhood	Current staff	School Dist., PTL, Police, City, NCWRPC	After Eng. activities done.
	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into curriculum, lesson plans, & school policy.	East	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Summer 2010
	EV 2a. Evaluate on-site traffic management.	East parental drop-off area.	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Annually

West Elementary SRTS Action Plan

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Engineering	WV 2b. (AV 3a.) Install 10 th Ave Sidewalk	North side of 10 th Ave from USH 45 west to high school sidewalk.	SRTS grant	School Dist., City	2010-2012
	WV 1a. Replace existing bike racks with new "inverted U" bike racks.	Existing bike rack locations.	SRTS grant	School district.	2011
	WV 2a. Install sidewalk.	1. 7 th Ave – Elm to Deresch 2. Path – 8 th Ave & Fairland to Beattie & Deresch	SRTS grant	Engineering	2011
	WV 3b. Review placement of all signs within 1 block of school.	West neighborhood	Existing staff	City	Summer 2010
	CW 1b. Paint <i>stop lines</i> 10-feet back from safe routes to school crosswalks.	All painted intersections within ¼-mile of East along West's safe routes to school.	City taxes	Streets	2010-2011
Education	CW 2a. Create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood.	Neighborhood surrounding West, as shown on West's Walk Audit Map.	Existing staff	School Dist., PTA, UWEX, BFW, Teachers	When Eng. activities are done.
	CW 3a. Participate in citywide Walk To School Day.	Whole city.	Existing staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL	Annually in October

West SRTS Action Plan continued

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Encouragement	CW 3b. Create <i>walking school bus</i> , or <i>bike train</i> (Attachment A).	West neighborhoods	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Start in Fall 2010 or '11
	CW 3c. Develop student Mileage Club	Within West school	Existing staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	Fall 2010 after October Walk to School day.
Enforcement	CW 4a. Work with police to report traffic incidents.	West neighborhood	Current staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL, Police	All the time
	CW 4b. Enforce on-site traffic management.	West parental drop-off areas			
Evaluation	CW 6b. Student Tally in homerooms.	West	Current staff	Homeroom teachers	Annually in November
	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.	West parental drop-off areas	Current staff	Teachers & staff	Regularly
	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.	West	Current staff	Police	Annually
	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit.	West	Current staff	School Dist., PTL, Police, City, NCWRPC	After Eng. activities done.
	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into curriculum, lesson plans, & school policy.	West	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Summer 2010
	WV 3a. Evaluate on-site traffic management.	West parental drop-off areas	Current staff	Teachers & Staff	Annually

Middle School SRTS Action Plan

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Engineering	AV 3a. (WV 2b.) Install 10 th Ave Sidewalk	North side of 10 th Ave from USH 45 west to high school sidewalk.	SRTS grant	School Dist., City	2010-2012
	CW 1a. Install gap sidewalks along safe routes to school.	Clermont Ave from 9 th Ave to 10 th Ave	SRTS grant	Engineering	2010-2011
	CW 1b. Paint <i>stop lines</i> 10-feet back from safe routes to school crosswalks.	All intersections within ¼-mile of Middle School along the safe routes to school.	City taxes	Streets	2010-2011
	CW 1c. Analyze safe routes intersections to verify that crosswalks are visible, and pedestrian actuated signals are working.	All intersections within ¼-mile of Middle School along the safe routes to school.	Existing staff	Engineering	Annually
Education	CW 2a. Create a public education campaign for the surrounding neighborhood.	Neighborhood surrounding Middle School, as shown on Middle School Walk Audit Map.	Existing staff	School Dist., PTA, UWEX, BFW, Teachers	When Eng. activities are done.
	CW 3a. Participate in citywide Walk To School Day.	Whole city.	Existing staff	Teachers & Staff, PTL	Annually in October

Middle School SRTS Action Plan continued

Strategy Type	Activities	Location of Activity	Funding Source	Responsible Agencies (Lead agency in bold)	Time Frame
Encouragement	CW 3b. Create walking school bus, or bike train.	Middle School neighborhoods	SRTS grant	School Dist.	Start in Fall 2010 or '11
	CW 3c. Develop student Mileage Club	Within Middle School	Existing staff	Teachers, & staff, PTL, Police	Fall 2010 after October Walk to School day.
Enforcement	CW 4a. Work with police to report traffic incidents.	Middle School neighborhood	Current staff	Teachers, staff, PTL, Police	All the time
	CW 4b. Enforce on-site traffic management.	Middle School			
Evaluation	CW 6b. Student Tally in homerooms.	Middle School	Current staff	Homeroom teachers	Annually in November
	CW 6c. Teacher & staff observations.	Middle School	Current staff	Teachers, & staff	Regularly
	CW 6d. Count traffic crashes near schools.	Middle School neighborhood	Current staff	Police	Annually
	CW 6f. Perform Walk Audit.	Middle School neighborhood	Current staff	Police	After Eng. activities done.
	CW 6g. Walking & biking integrated into curriculum, lesson plans, & school policy.	All schools	Current staff	Teachers & staff	Summer 2010
	Av 2a. Evaluate on-site traffic management.	Middle School parental drop-off area	Current staff	Teachers & staff	Annually

Abbreviated terms:

BFW = Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

City = City of Antigo Administration staff

Eng. = City of Antigo Engineering Department staff

NCWRPC = North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission staff

Police = City of Antigo Police Department staff

PTL = Parent Teacher League of a particular school

School Dist. = Unified School District of Antigo staff

SRTS = Safe Routes To School

SRTS grant = 100% reimbursement from SRTS program. This is a competitive application program.

Streets = City of Antigo Streets Department staff

Safe Routes school = North Elementary, East Elementary, Middle School, and West Elementary. Schools that are part of the SRTS plan.

UWEX = University of Wisconsin Extension staff located in Langlade County

ATTACHMENT A WALKING SCHOOL BUS & BIKE TRAIN GUIDE

ATTACHMENT B SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MAP

ATTACHMENT C STUDENT TALLY & PARENT SURVEY

ATTACHMENT D WALK AUDIT MAP CODES

ATTACHMENT E RED ROBIN TRANSIT BROCHURE

ATTACHMENT F SCHOOL BUSING POLICY