

GRAND BLVD

Transportation and Land Use Study



Review

Develop

Evaluate

Study

Neighborhood and Planning Services
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Introduction

- **Grand Boulevard Transportation and Land Use Study** launched in September 2019, with public kickoff meetings in October. Comstock, Rockwood, and Manito-Cannon Hill Neighborhood Councils support the study, which is partially funded by Traffic Calming dollars.

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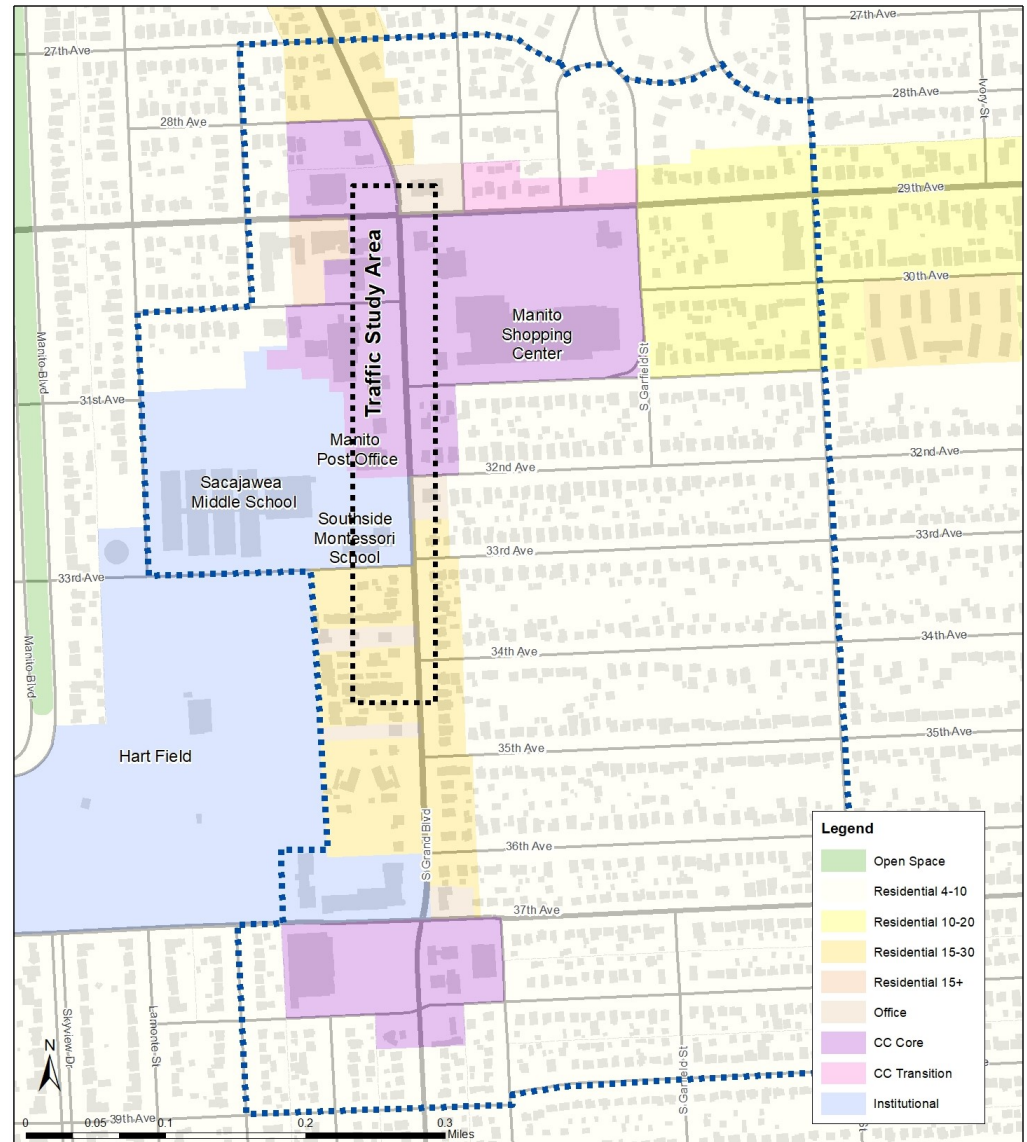
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- DEVELOP: Understanding of bicycle and pedestrian needs.
- EVALUATE: Concepts of lane reduction, bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and green infrastructure. Analyze current land use and market data.
- STUDY: Land use boundaries with Comprehensive Plan goals in mind.



Project Area Boundaries

Generally, Grand Boulevard south of 29th Avenue.

- Transportation analysis focused on core of the business district on Grand between 29th and 34th.
- Land use analysis sub-area is bounded by 27th Avenue, 39th Avenue, Latawah, and Arthur Streets.



Kickoff Meetings October 21 -22, 2019

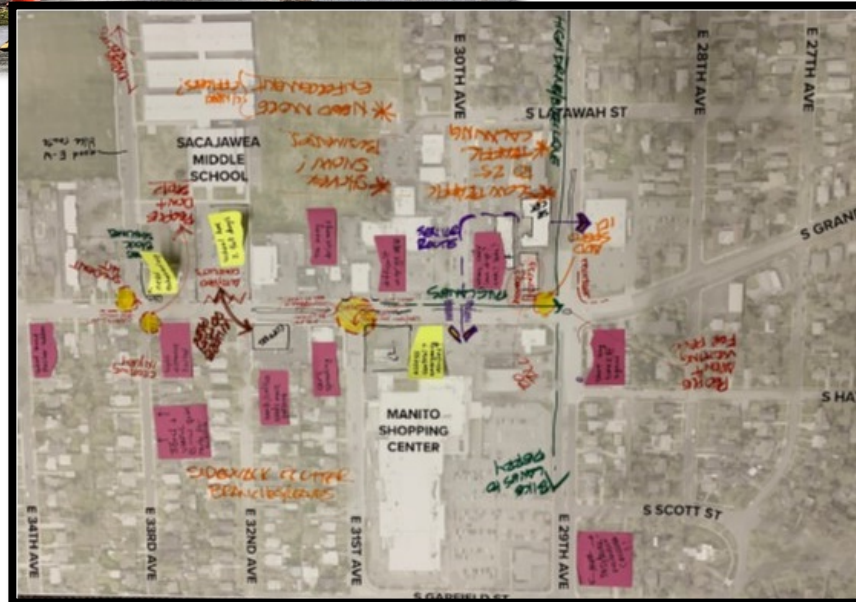
Many thanks to Manito United Methodist Church, located at 33rd & Grand, for hosting two days of public outreach events.

Pastor DeTienne, staff, and congregation opened their Fellowship Hall and meeting rooms for interviews and the Community Open House.

Participants were especially grateful for the welcoming and warm Hall after the walking tour along Grand during the October 21 chilly downpour!



Summary: Kickoff Meetings October 21 -22



What were people talking about?

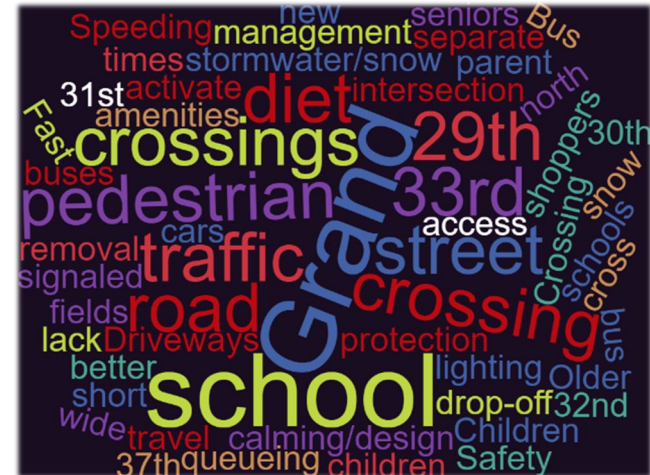
People Talked About Safety

Safety was identified as a critical concern – especially for school-aged children and senior residents

- Children crossing Grand overall and particularly “The Crossing” at Grand Blvd and 33rd Ave.
- Older shoppers crossing at 30th Ave and Grand Blvd.
- Short window – 30 min - for school crossing guards.
- Crossing intervals for pedestrians too long at 29th Ave.

Desire for traffic calming/design/ pedestrian amenities:

- Cars are too fast on Grand Blvd
- Lane modification north of 29th Ave on Grand Blvd, at the intersection
- Lane reduction with stormwater/snow management to provide pedestrian protection
- Improve street lighting
- Coordinate snow plowing efforts
- Bus travel and access challenges north of 29th Ave



People Talked About Trees and Streetscape

*Desires and concerns regarding **street trees and types of streetscape** were expressed in the following ways:*

- Desire for tree lined streets
- If a median is created on Grand Boulevard trees should be planted
- Why are street trees in the commercial area?
- Need to address street trees (maintenance?)
- Extend bike lanes to the end of Grand – (High Drive/42nd)
- Center lane is an important component on Grand
- Expand the sidewalk on Arthur, convert it into a “legacy sidewalk”
- Arthur Street as a possible future greenway



What's Happening Now? What's Next?

Now

- Online survey open now through January 31, 2020
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9X6SFC6>
- DKS developing future volume forecasts and future conditions analyses
- MIG developing streetscape alternatives connected to public input (ongoing) along with Spokane development standards and Comprehensive Plan
- Leland Consulting Group conducting existing land use analysis and market conditions in the study area

Next

- City staff collect and analyze online survey response data
- Prepare for second Community Meeting and Workshops anticipated for February 2020.
 - All the feedback and data to date will be incorporated into this next public participation opportunity.

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