



Coalition for Active, Safe and Healthy Streets (CASHS)

Promoting health by improving pedestrian and bicycle safety

2020 WALC Report Fact Sheet

The coalition was formed in January 2014 to provide leadership in moving the recommendations in the WALC report forward and making adjustments as needed.

Prioritized list of recommendations as determined by CASHS

Accomplished:

1. Create a school arrival/departure process.
2. Redesign Garden St. behind the school.
3. Build mid-block crossings on Garden St.
4. Eight miles of bike sharrows painted to connect bike circle route with locations frequented by residents.

5. Revitalize downtown – steps in process see below for more information.

To be completed:

1. Transform the intersection at Center St. and Garden St.
2. Develop a parklet program for downtown.
3. Maintain or enhance Bicycle Friendly Community Designation.

Accomplishments

1. **Create a school arrival/departure process.**
St. Paul's school, reconfigured their drop off and pick up process with the opening of their school expansion project making it safer for children to walk or bike to school.
- 2-3. **Redesign Garden St. and build a mid-block crossing.**
Garden Street redesign continues to be popular among people who walk between New Ulm's Recreation Center and the schools or public health. The mid-block crossing offers a safe haven for pedestrians as they make their way across the busy street.
4. **New trail connection added to Gateway Project**
A new trail section from North Front Street to the Hwy. 14/15 interchange was added as part of the Gateway Project. The new bridges include wide barrier protected walkways for increased safety for those that walk or bike.

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- The downtown action team & the city created 9 new seating areas by reconfiguring the benches and purchasing tables. Plaques were placed on the benches and the tables were wrapped with historical information.

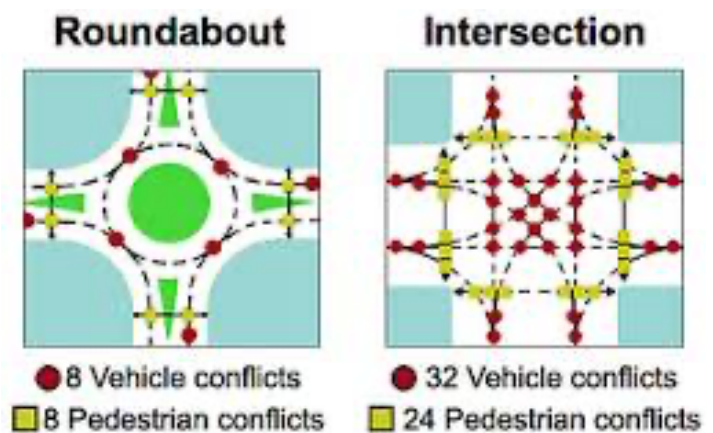
Next steps

Revitalize downtown.

- Allow “parklets” downtown. Parklets serve as extensions of the sidewalk and allow for uses such as dining.
- Convert prime intersections (Broadway/Center Street or Minnesota/Center Street) into gateway entrances.
- Convert Minnesota to a bike boulevard with a 20 mph speed limit.
- Restore two-way traffic to downtown streets

Transform the intersection at Center St. and Garden St.

- A single-lane roundabout would improve traffic flow, decrease points of conflict, and improve safety at this dangerous intersection.
- A focus on pedestrian safety should accompany any improvements due to the proximity of schools, parks, and public offices.



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