



City of Grand Island

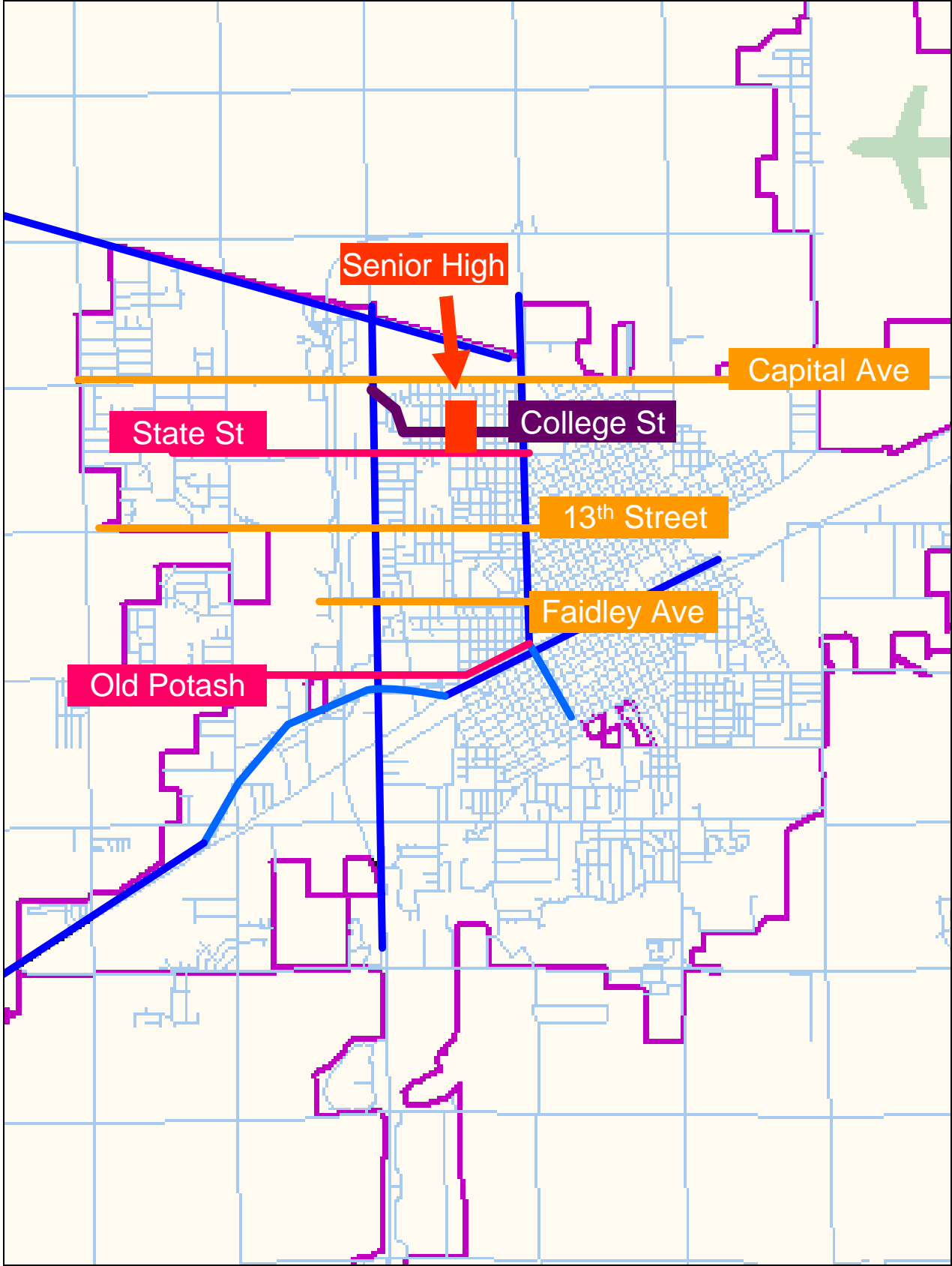
Tuesday, July 15, 2003
Special Mtg/Study Session

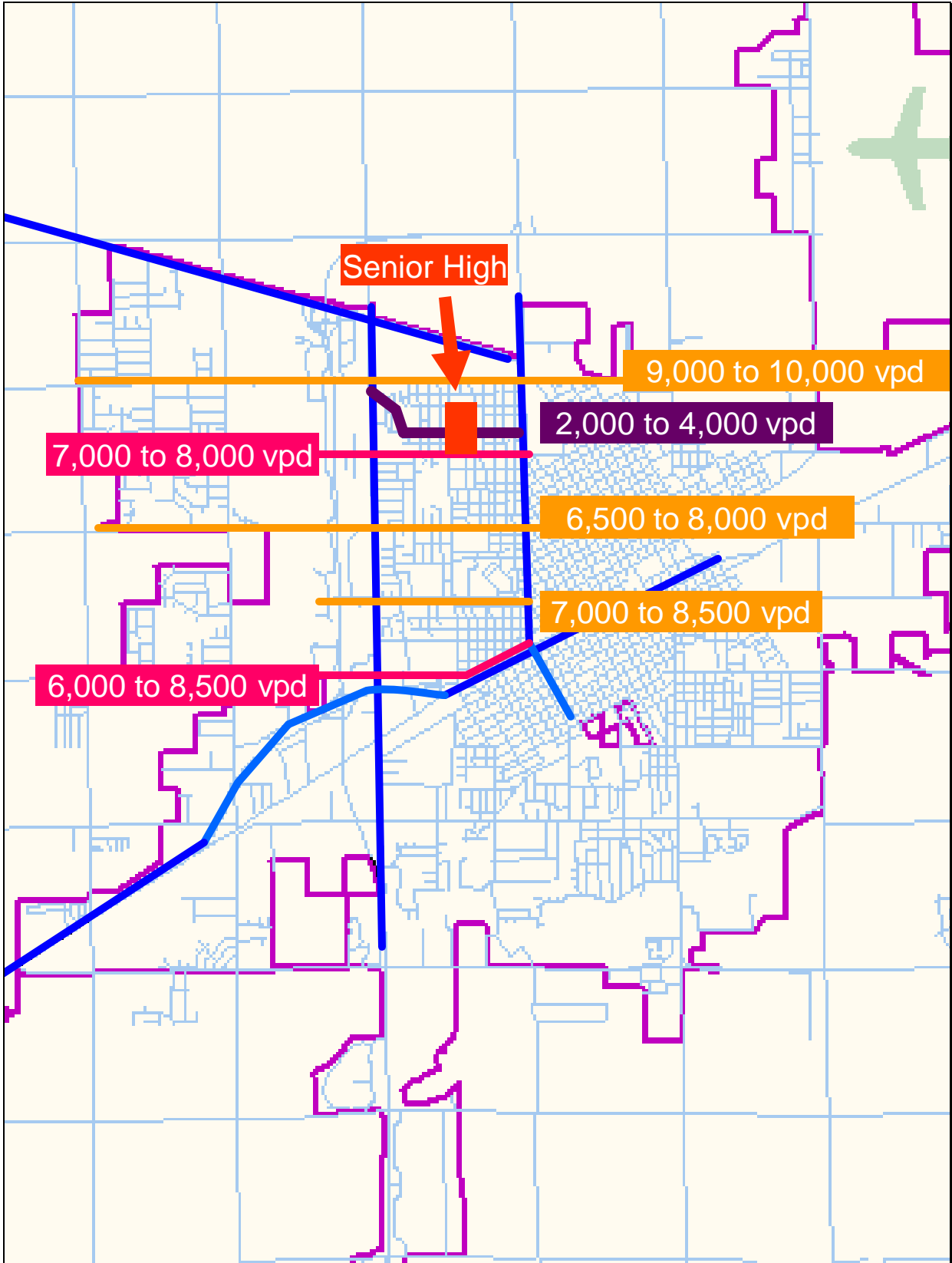
Item -5

Update Regarding College Street Safety

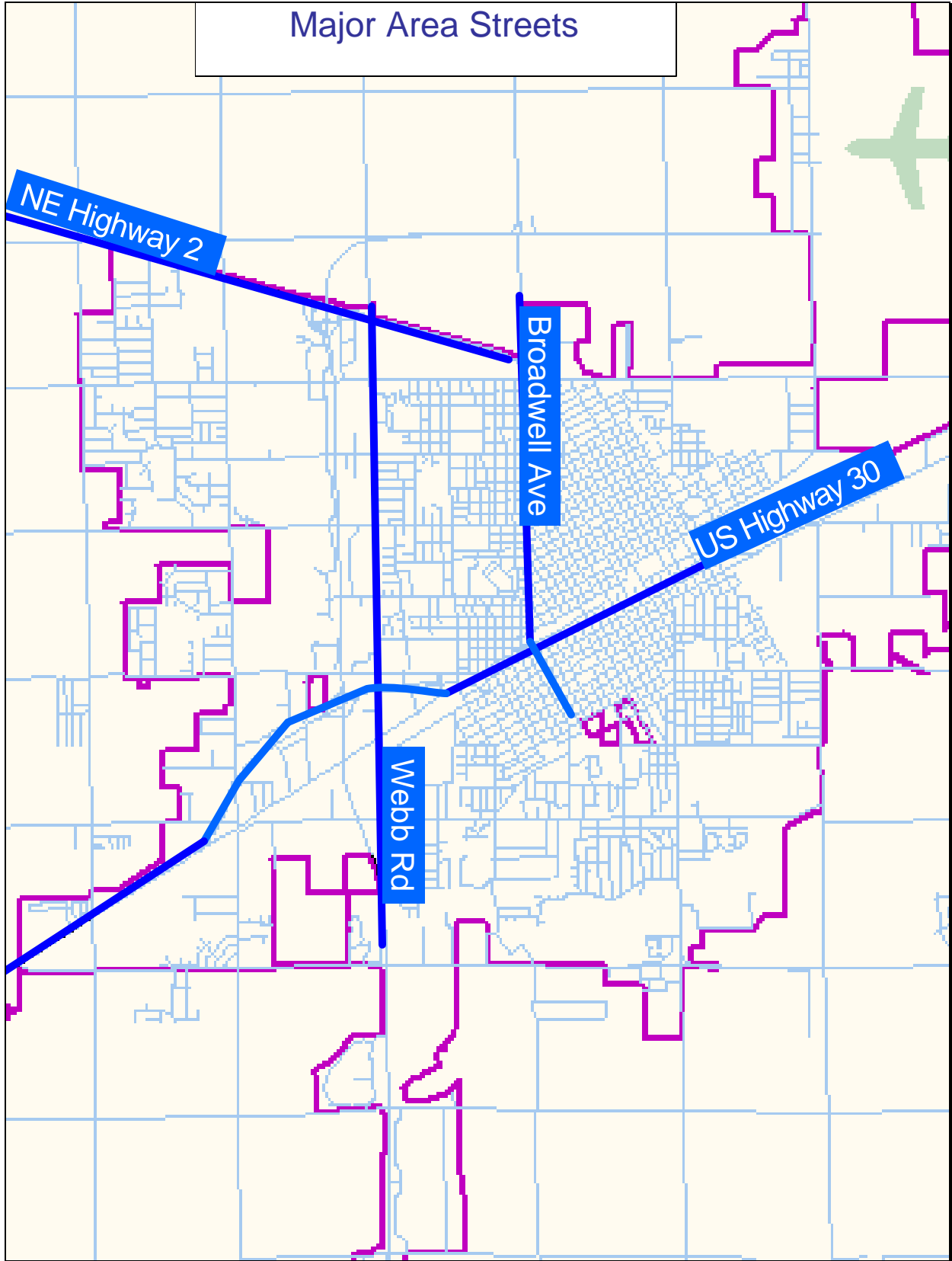
The item to discuss College Street safety near the Grand Island Senior High School campus was on the agenda for the Council retreat in February 2003. The item was not covered due to time constraints. City staff initiated discussions with School staff late last year and early this year on the old Wasmer School site. They indicated to us that there are still concerns with safety of College Street. Staff would like to begin discussions on the issue. The update of the Comprehensive Plan is progressing with the development of a traffic model. After the study session we will take traffic counts on area streets, discuss design details for the closure of College Street with the school, work with the consultant to update the traffic modeling portion of the Comprehensive Plan, lay into place plans to improve area streets, and come back to Council at a study session this fall.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director





Major Area Streets



Improving Safety on College Street

- A number of Discussions over the years
 - Talks as early as late 1960's
 - Formal discussions started 1979
- School continues to grow
- Safety concerns are still unsolved
- Most of concerns are with Pedestrians Crossing College Street

Area Streets

- Existing Traffic Volumes
- Classification of Streets:
 - Collectors:
 - State
 - Custer
 - Other Arterials
 - Capital Avenue
 - Local or Neighborhood Streets:
 - Forest
 - Lafayette





College Street at Lafayette looking West



College Street at Custer looking East



Improving Safety on College Street

- GIPS would like us to Close College Street
- Comp Plan is developing a Traffic Model
 - Model will be used to:
 - Review impact Closing College will have on
 - Neighborhood Streets
 - Five Points Intersection
 - State Street
 - Capital Avenue

Where from Here?

- New Traffic Counts on Area Streets
- Update the Traffic Model Component of the Comprehensive Plan
- Design College Street Closure
- Improvements to city Streets Such as:
 - Allow NB Eddy to Turn Left on State Street
 - Widen Capital Avenue to 3 Lanes
 - Other as Identified by Traffic Impact Study