
City of Grand Island



Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Special Mtg/Study Session Packet

City Council:

Joyce Haase

Margaret Hornady

Robert Meyer

Mitchell Nickerson

Don Pauly

Jackie Pielstick

Larry Seifert

Scott Walker

Fred Whitesides

Mayor:

Jay Vavricek

City Administrator:

Marlan Ferguson

City Clerk:

RaNae Edwards

7:00:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall

100 East First Street

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.



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Item -1

Appointment of Ward 2 Councilmember

Mayor Jay Vavricek will recommend to the City Council his appointment of one of six candidates for the position vacated on June 17, 2003 by Gale Larson for City Councilmember Ward 2. The six candidates are: Terry Loschen, Cale E. Neal, Tom Brown, Peg Gilbert, Anita Lewandowski, and Mercedes Ayala.

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek



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Item -2

Council Approval of Ward 2 Councilmember

Mayor Jay Vavricek will submit the name of one of six candidates to represent Ward 2 for approval. This vacancy was created on June 17, 2003 with the resignation of Gale Larson. As is required by City Code Section 2-24, "the mayor and council shall fill by appointment any vacancy which may exist, caused by death, resignation or disability of any elective officer of the City. Such appointment of the mayor shall be subject, however, to approval of the council." A MOTION is in order.

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek



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Item -3

Administration of Oath to Ward 2 Councilmember

City Clerk RaNae Edwards will administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilmember for Ward 2.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards



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Item -4

Update Regarding Wasmer Detention Cell

The item to discuss a future storm water detention cell at the old Wasmer School location adjacent to South Broadwell Avenue was on the agenda for the Council retreat in February 2003. The item was not covered due to time constraints.

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

Wasmer (School) Detention Cell

- Staff would like to use the old Wasmer School Property for construction of a detention cell
- We believe that GIPS is ready to dispose of the Property

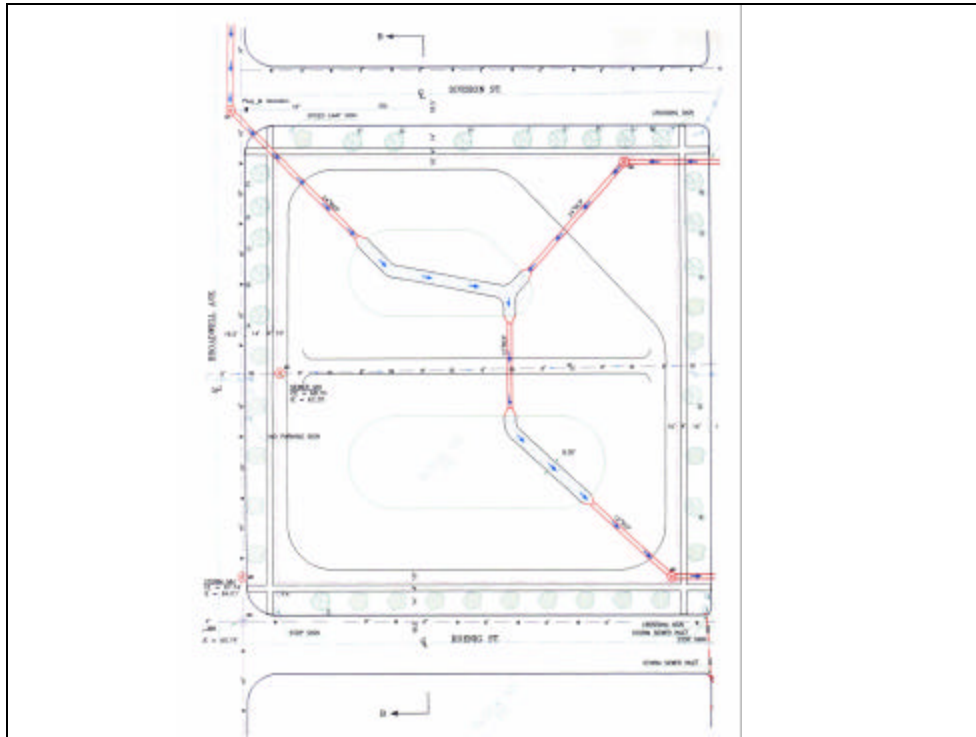


Koenig & Monroe – Looking Northwest



Koenig & Monroe – Looking Northwest





Wasmer (School) Detention Cell

- Benefits of Cell
 - Alleviates flooding of Second Street
 - Current Storm Sewer has 2 year capacity
 - Design Standard is 10 year capacity
- Cell can be designed to not raise water level into basements
- Cell can be designed to minimize amount of time it is wet
- Building the cell is the best option to improve Second Street Drainage



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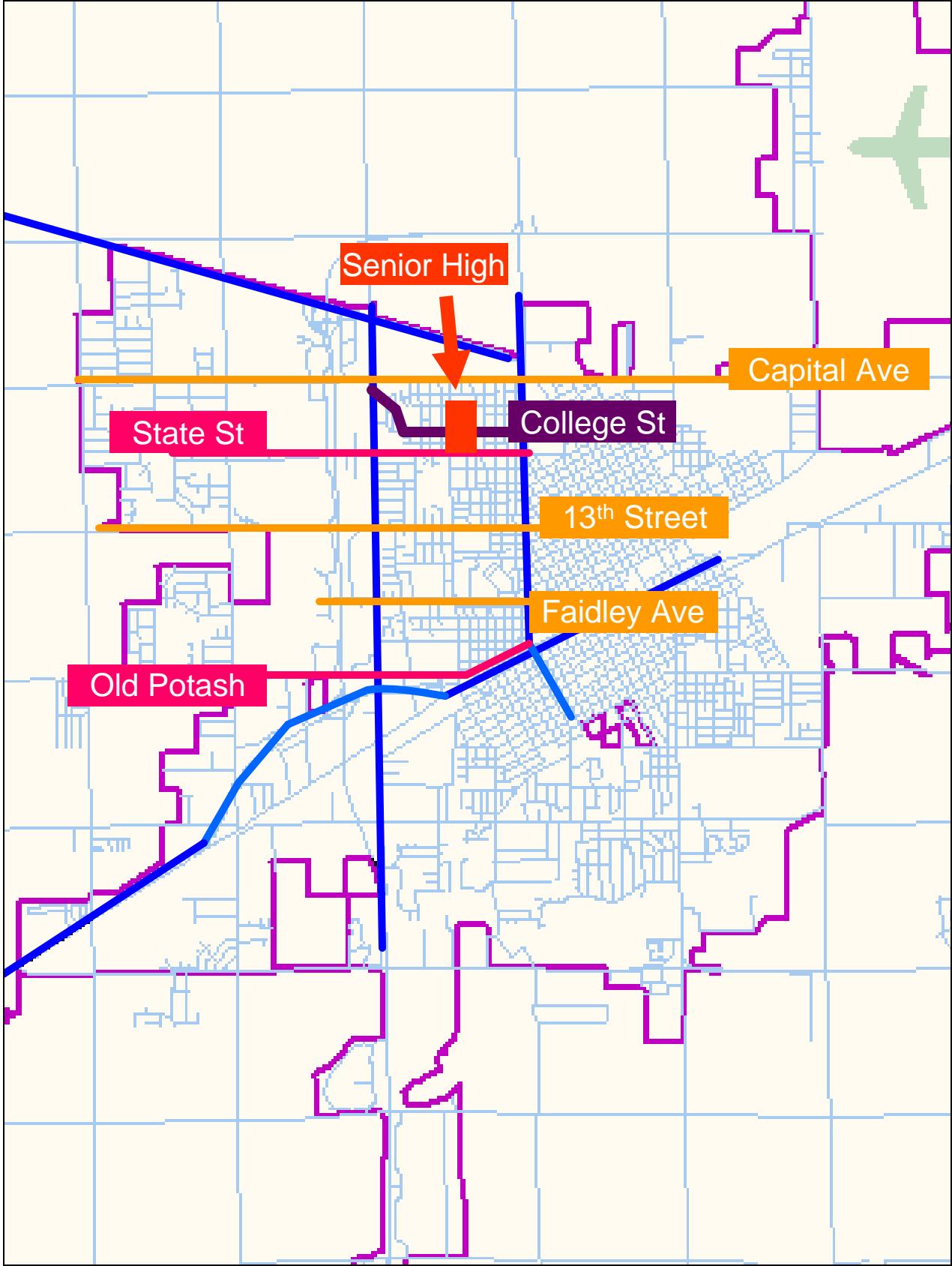
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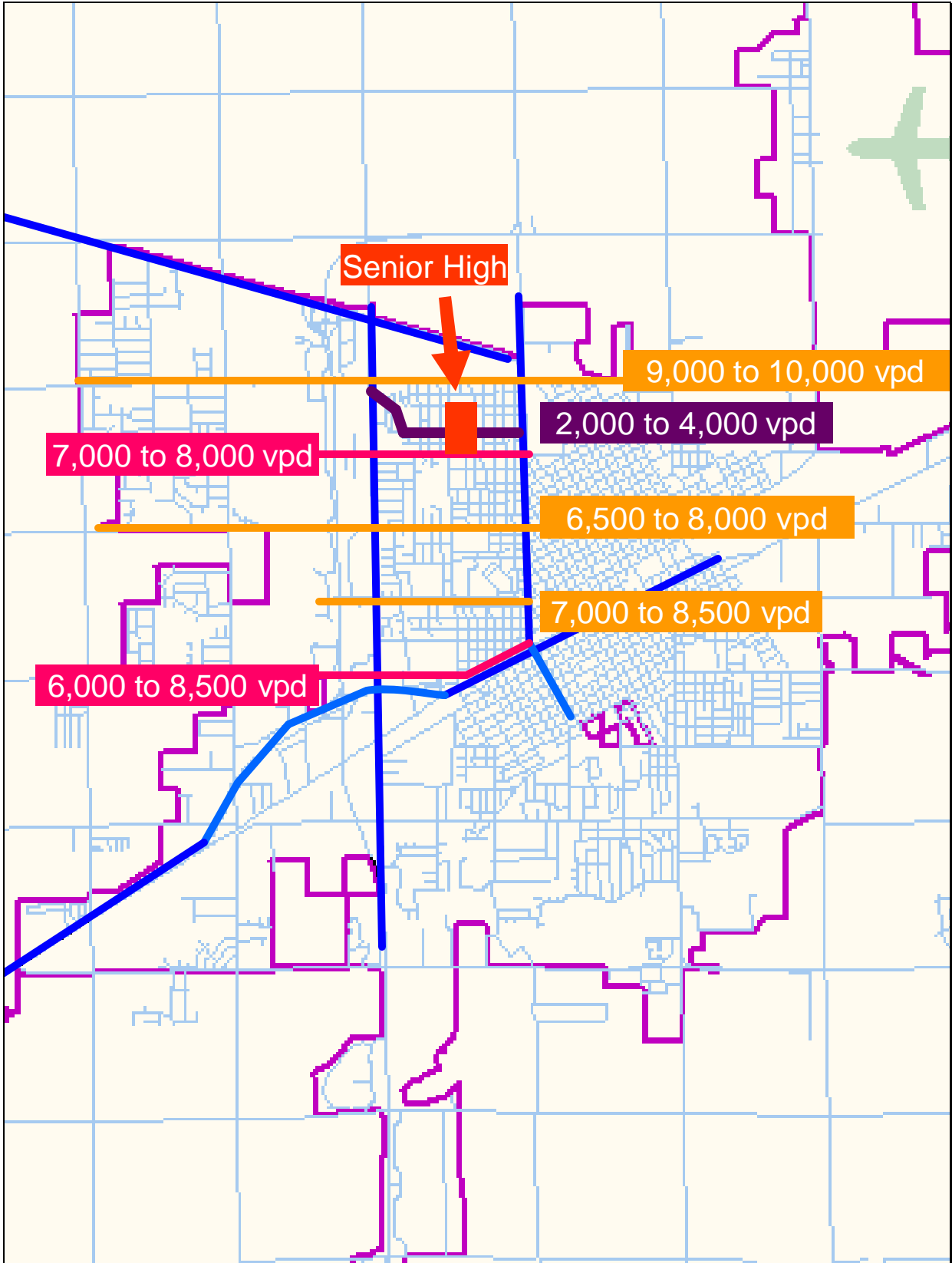
Item -5

Update Regarding College Street Safety

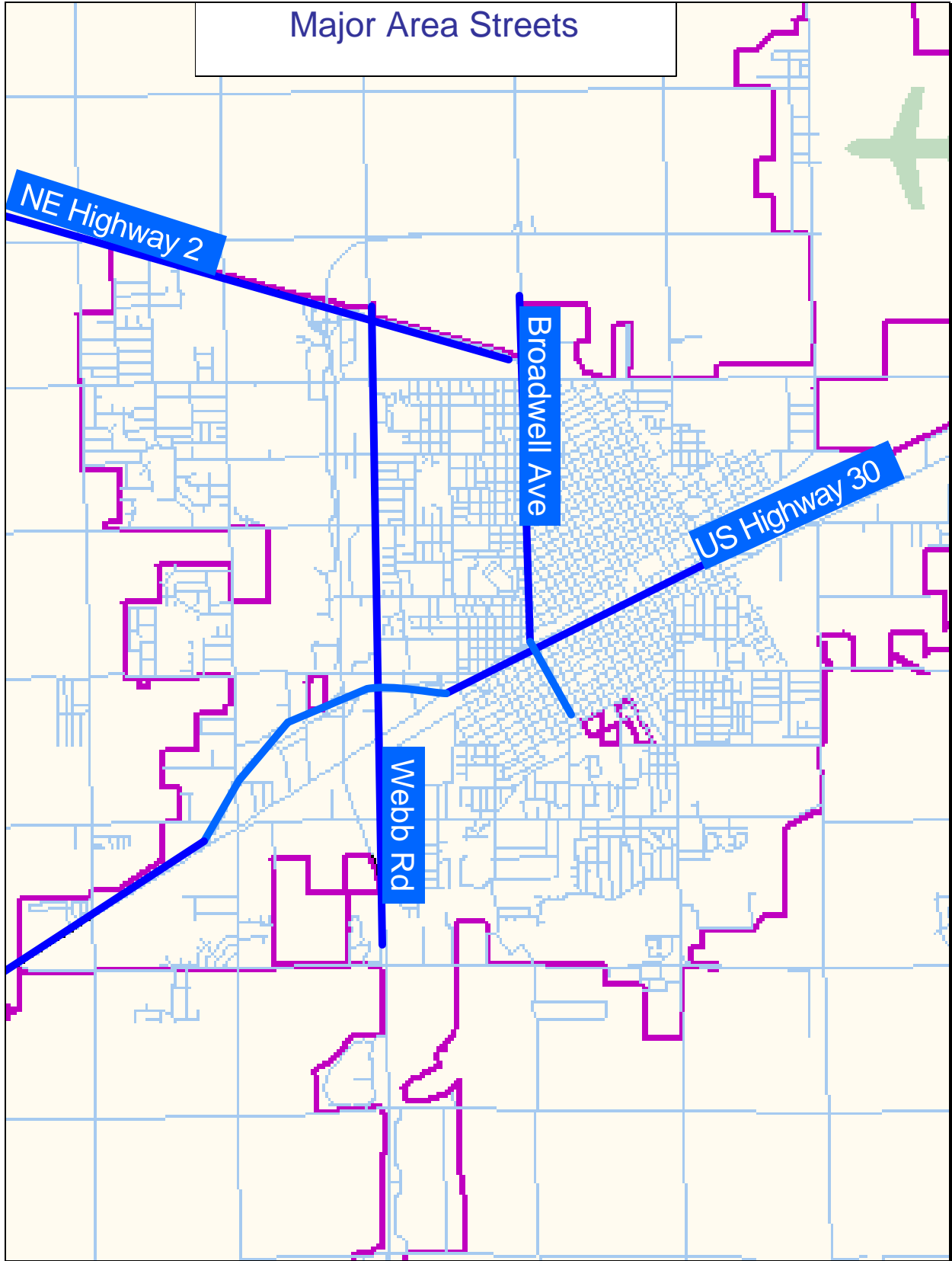
The item to discuss College Street safety near the Grand Island Senior High School campus was on the agenda for the Council retreat in February 2003. The item was not covered due to time constraints. City staff initiated discussions with School staff late last year and early this year on the old Wasmer 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