

Volga Pedestrian Safety Recommendations

Volga Pedestrian Safety Task Force

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1. Year 1 Objectives:

- a. Draft and approve an ordinance where new housing and commercial development implement boulevard-type sidewalks as well as storm sewers in areas where new streets are being installed.
- b. Speed Limit Changes
 - i. Hwy 14 – Change speed limit from Caspian Ave to east city limits from 50 mph to 35 mph.
 - ii. Hwy 14 – Change speed limit from east city limits to west city limits from 35 mph to 25 mph.
- c. Highway 14 Improvements (coordinate with SD DOT on the following)
 - i. Install a cross-walk, flashing signs and sidewalks at the intersection of Kasan Ave and Hwy 14.
 - ii. Install a pedestrian-activated stop light at the intersection of Hansina Ave and Hwy 14.
 - iii. Encourage cooperation with city, state and land owners to facilitate this development
 - iv. Negotiate cost-share efforts, explore grant possibilities and other financing options, but be mindful not to set a precedence of expense allocation to future projects (i.e. if city pays for, and installs, sidewalks at these intersections this may set a precedence for future sidewalk installations on home owner lots with-in our community)
- d. Develop a sidewalk/walking path, and improve existing sidewalks, on the west boulevard of Samara Ave from 1st street through 7th street.
 - i. Some areas of this street have good quality sidewalks, some have deteriorated sidewalks, and some areas have no sidewalks at all.
 - ii. Improve cross walk at 3rd St, with the implementation of improved markings and signage.
- e. Safety Town & Driver's Education Classes
 - i. Develop a summer program through the Park & Rec program, similar to the Brooking's "Safety Town", where area children are taught street/pedestrian/bicycle safety lessons. If a program was developed for this community specifically, this would allow area children to become aware of specific "danger areas" within our community that may affect them. This is a national program which additionally teaches children about the dangers of fires, water, guns, poisons, and drugs.
 - ii. Communicate with the Summer Driver's Education Course about the specific areas of concern for pedestrian safety with-in our community such as pointing out areas of the city where there are no sidewalks, areas where cross-walks are, and a general heightened awareness of pedestrian/vehicle interaction.

2. Year's 2-5 Objectives:

- a. Evaluate condition of sidewalks for repair or replacement in areas with existing sidewalks and street crossings within the entire community.
- b. Develop an Arterial sidewalk system through the community where the Sioux Valley School is considered the central hub. Hansina Ave and 6th St would be priorities due to their connection of the two schools within our community. Evaluation of existing sidewalk condition on 3rd and 4th Avenues as well as installation of new sidewalks within this area to connect the arterial system. Expand the current sidewalk on 3rd Ave east to connect to the homes on the far east of the community; one suggestion is to continue through the back of existing lots. Lastly, installation of a sidewalk along 1st

street from Hansina eastward through the north grass area of the ball diamonds. (See drawing below)

- c. We feel the Arterial Sidewalk System will be a good first step in connecting our community's resources. If a system is implemented as below most households within the city will be within 1-2 blocks from a properly maintained and quality sidewalk, thus limiting the distance and time children will need to be sharing the road with vehicle traffic. Cost for installing these options and determining who is responsible for these costs would need to be negotiated. We feel this necessary system is an added burden on each land-owner and that the city should consider maintaining snow removal of the system.



3. Ordinance and Snow Removal Recommendations:

- a. Draft and implement an ordinance to prohibit "U-Turns" on Hansina Ave from 1st street through 4th street (in front of the school) and also along the whole length of Kasan Ave.
- b. We would like to see the school become more of a priority during snow removal. The current process of pushing snow into a windrow in the center of the school causes issues for pedestrians and vehicle traffic during drop-off times in the morning. We would like the city to evaluate this process and determine if a better process could be implemented (one suggestion is from 3rd street north, push snow into parking areas on the far north east edge of the road between 1st and 2nd Ave.)