

2.4.4 Special Pedestrian areas

Most pedestrian routes need little more than standard sidewalk and cross-walk treatments described above. Three areas and two routes have been identified for special treatment.

2.4.4a School Areas

Federal, state and local policies place special emphasis on providing “Safe Routes to School.” Engineering, enforcement and education are pieces of a comprehensive program to reduce injuries and increase activity levels among school children by ensuring they can walk to and from school safely. When students walk, trips by auto are avoided, thereby reducing peak period traffic and congestion. Ellensburg School Districts Walk Route Plans are shown in Figure 2o.

Recommendation 2.4.4a: Provide safe routes to school.

1. Place a priority on ensuring safe walking infrastructure on routes identified in the Ellensburg School Districts Walk Route Plan.
2. Work with the Ellensburg School District to enhance walking conditions to provide access from neighborhood not currently served by safe routes.
3. Continue periodic targeted enforcement of traffic laws in school zones.

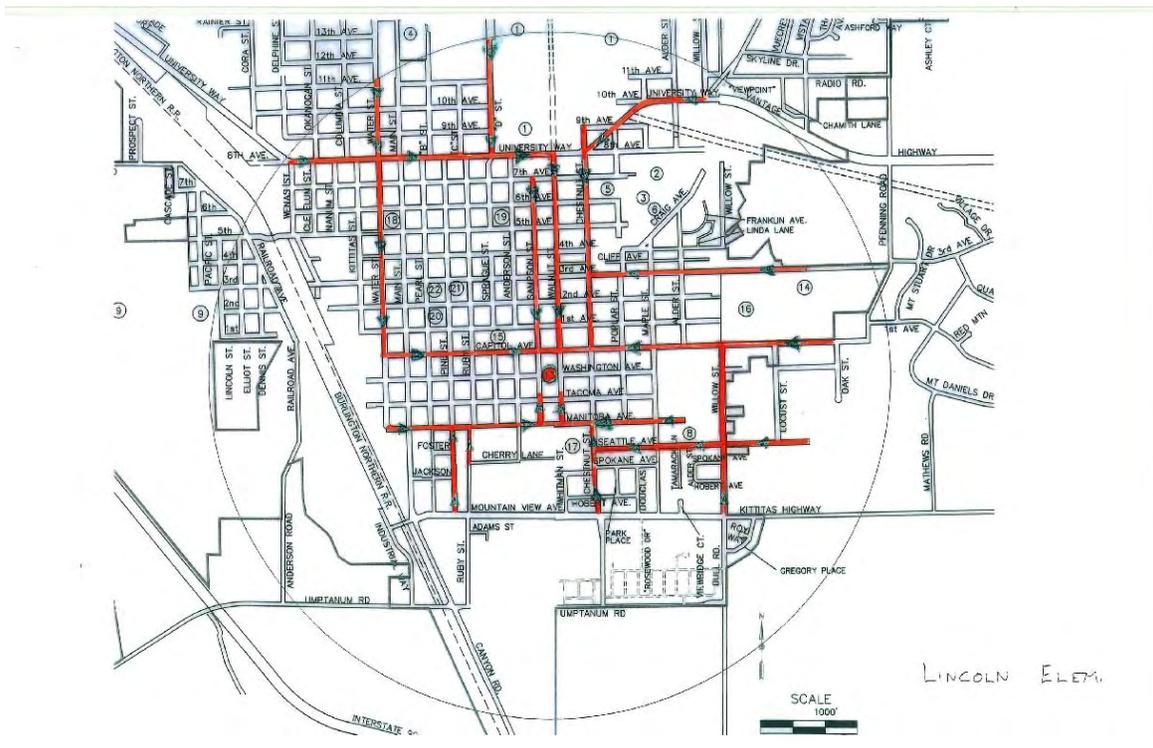


Figure 2o.1 Lincoln Elementary School Walk Route map

