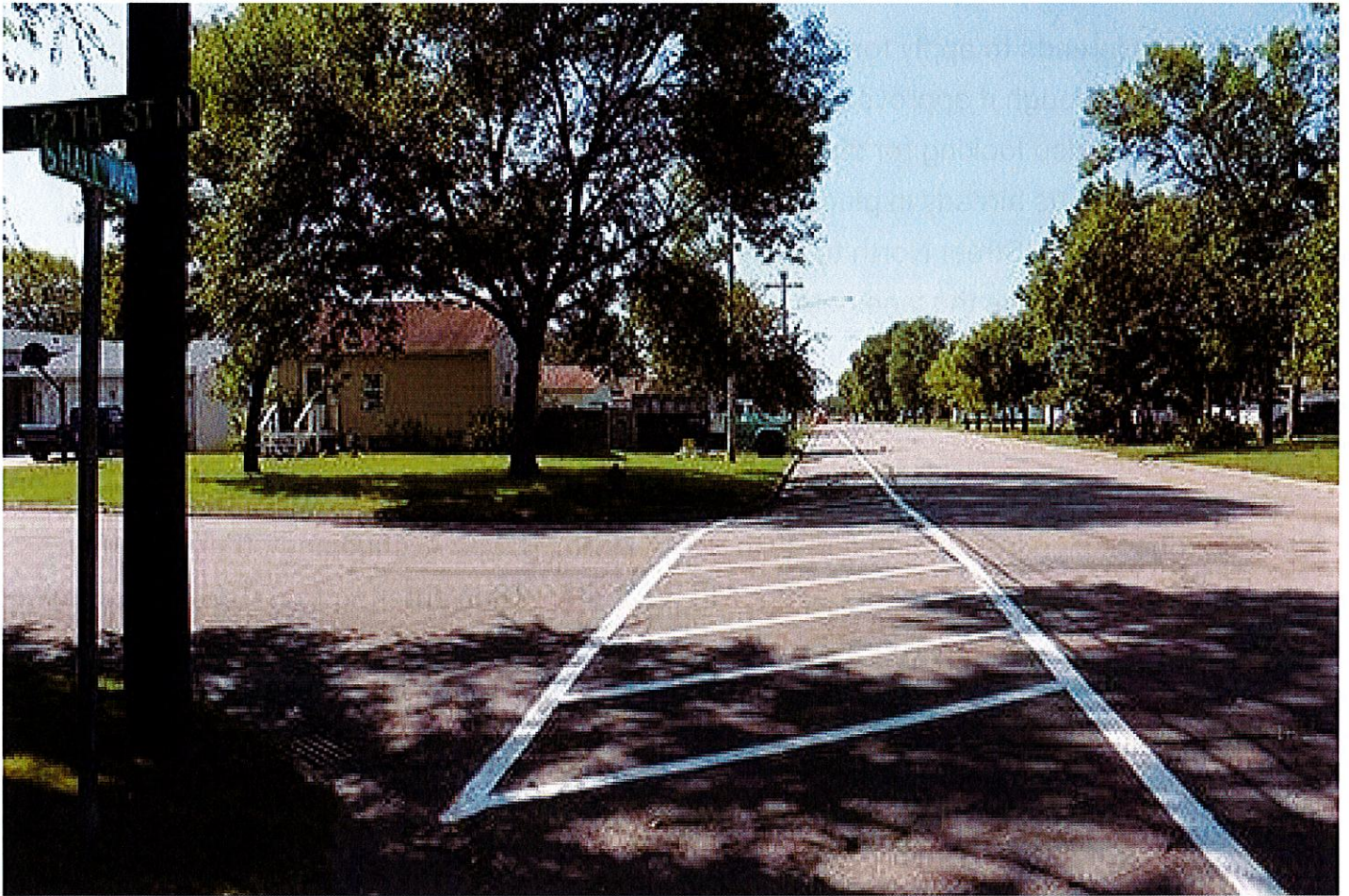


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## Safe Routes to School public meeting is Aug. 30

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The group received a Minnesota Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School grant to have a study and plan completed by West Central Initiatives.

The committee recently reviewed the final plan and picked out seven key areas they see as needing improvement to help safely move students through the city to the schools.

Lori Gefre, city of Breckenridge and Active Living Committee member, explained the intent of the meeting is to share ideas for safety improvements and get the public's input on other areas they see as concerns.

The committee intends to apply for another grant by the end of this year for funding to pay for improvements, although if approved, that grant money would not be available for five years. The committee is also looking for short-term fixes that could be completed at the city or county level. One fix is already in place – a striped bike/pedestrian lane on the south side of Hall Avenue from 13th Street North to 11th Street North. Once school begins, the committee can gauge how much use the lane gets.

A map of the seven areas of concern will be available at the meeting. The items of discussion will include:

- Speed feedback sign installations on 11th Street North, Beede Avenue and other identified areas (the type now used on Dakota Avenue in Wahpeton when entering from Breckenridge)
- Extending the sidewalk on the north side of Beede Avenue from 11th to 15th streets and adding necessary ramps
- Addressing the railroad crossings between Minnesota Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue along Eighth Street
- Adding ADA sidewalks with necessary ramps at each intersection on the north side of the elementary-middle school along Hall Avenue (south side of roadway) from Eighth Street to 11th Street
- Adding an ADA approach to Beede Avenue sidewalk at 10th Street North intersection
- Adding ADA sidewalks with necessary ramps on the east side of 13th Street from Beede Avenue to Hall Avenue

- Adding a self-activated pedestrian crossing solar beacon on Minnesota Avenue and Eighth Street intersection

Another project the committee spearheaded was the Highway 75 pedestrian/bike path, which will be constructed this fall. The new disc golf course at Welles Memorial Park is the latest project the committee has completed in the city.

The Active Living Committee meetings are held once a month and are open to the public. They meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Breckenridge City Hall.

For more information on these projects or the meeting, call Gefre at City Hall at 218-643-1431.

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