



AGENDA

**City Council Work Session
Monday, July 13, 2026
Council Chambers
(following the Regular Meeting at 6 p.m.)**

1. Review Neighborhood Meeting and Recommendations for Capital Improvement Project 11121; Long Street and Emerson Lane.
2. Adjournment



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

City Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 07/13/2026

Agenda Item:

Review Neighborhood Meeting and Recommendations for Capital Improvement Project 11121; Long Street and Emerson Lane.

Recommendation/Action(s):

Discussion/Direction

Summary:

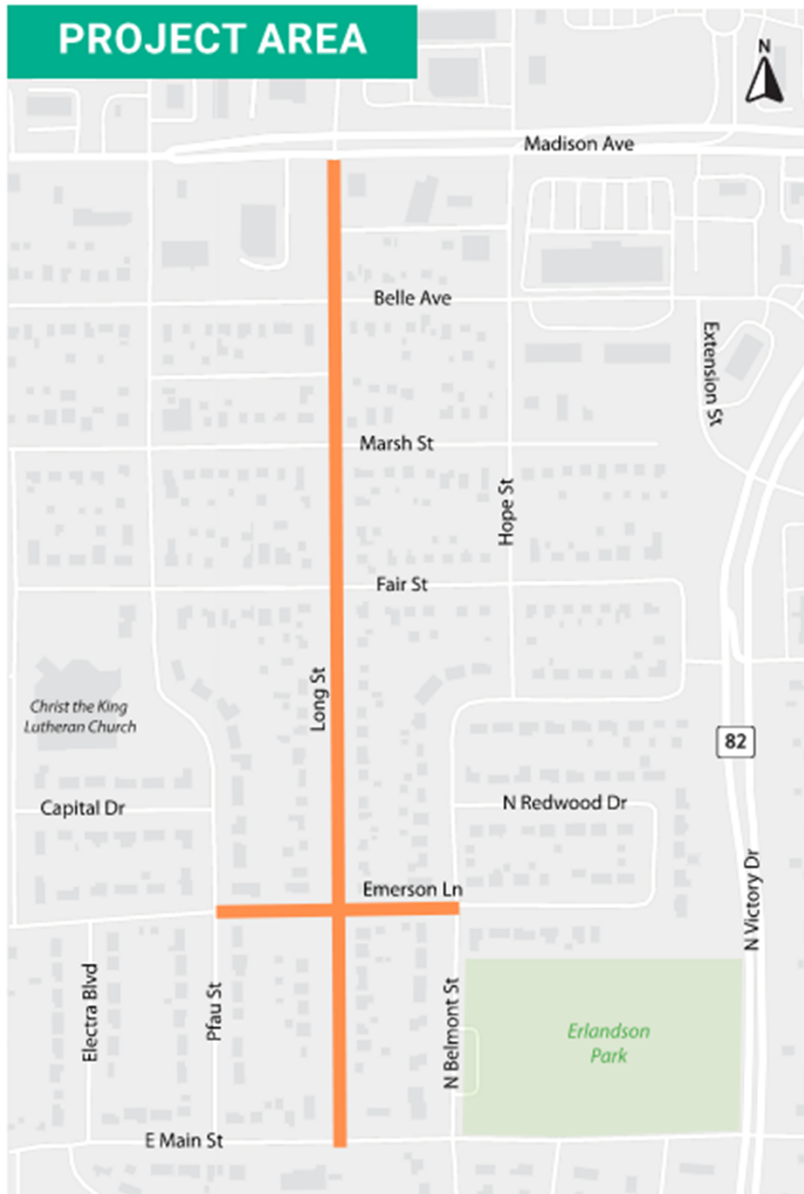
At the 6/8/2026 meeting, Council authorized staff to proceed with preparation of the feasibility report on Capital Improvement Project 11121; Long Street and Emerson Lane.

In preparation of the feasibility report development, staff held a community open house on 6/25/2026. Residents on Long Street were mailed an invitation. At the open house, staff presented 3 roadway alternatives for the Long Street corridor from Main Street to Madison Avenue. Residents were given the opportunity to provide feedback on which design alternative they may support. If residents could not attend the open house, staff posted a survey on Every Voice Mankato to gather additional resident feedback. The purpose of this item is to discuss staff's corridor recommendation based on community feedback.

Attachments

Presentation

11121 – 2027 Long Street Improvements



- Improvements on:
 - Long Street from Main Street to Madison Avenue
 - Emerson Lane from Pfau Street to N Belmont Drive

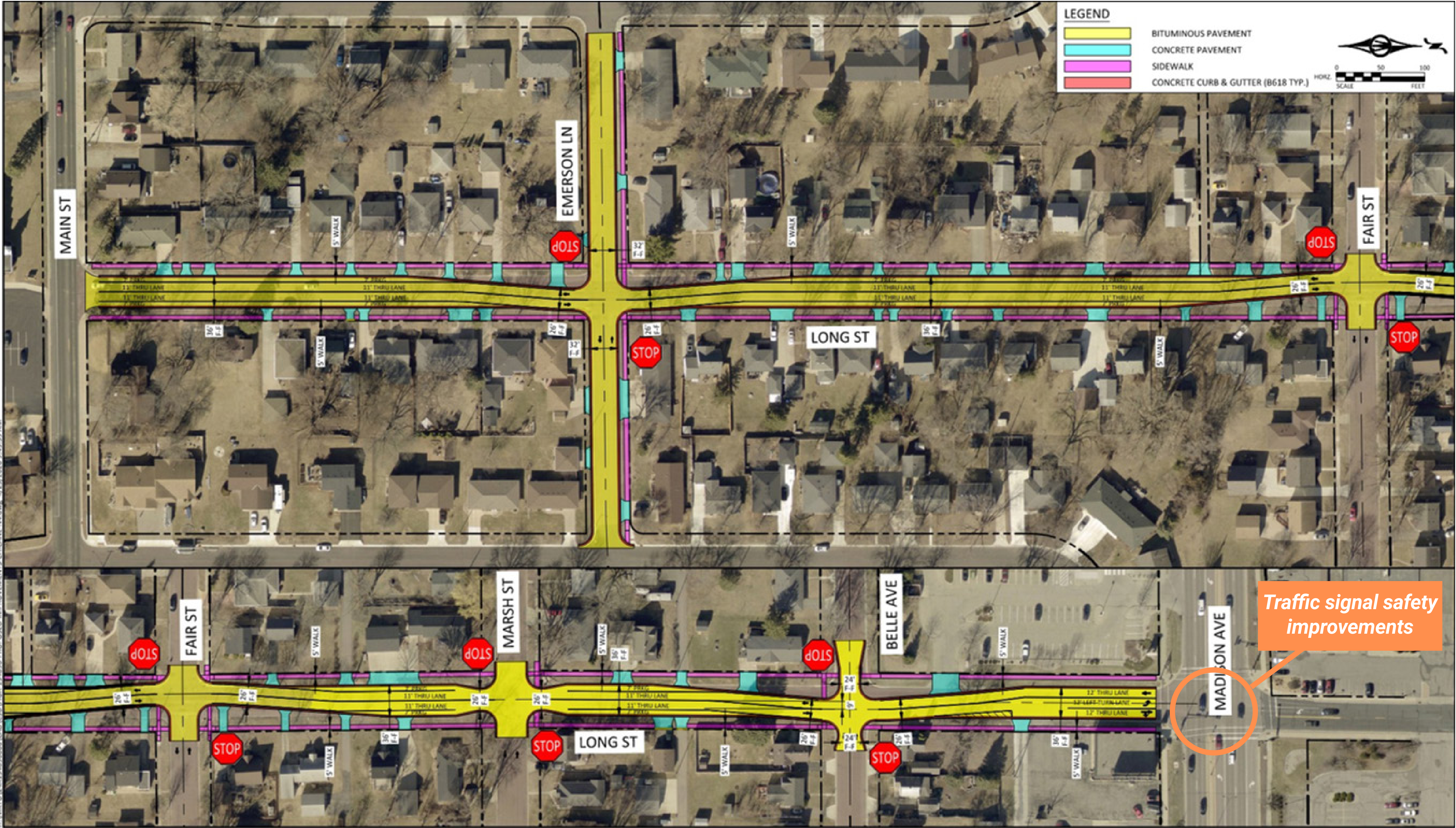
Project Goals

- Replace aging pavement and utilities
- Calm traffic speeds
- Discourage vehicle cut-through traffic
- Enhance visibility of pedestrian crossings
- Provide a safe corridor for all users and abilities

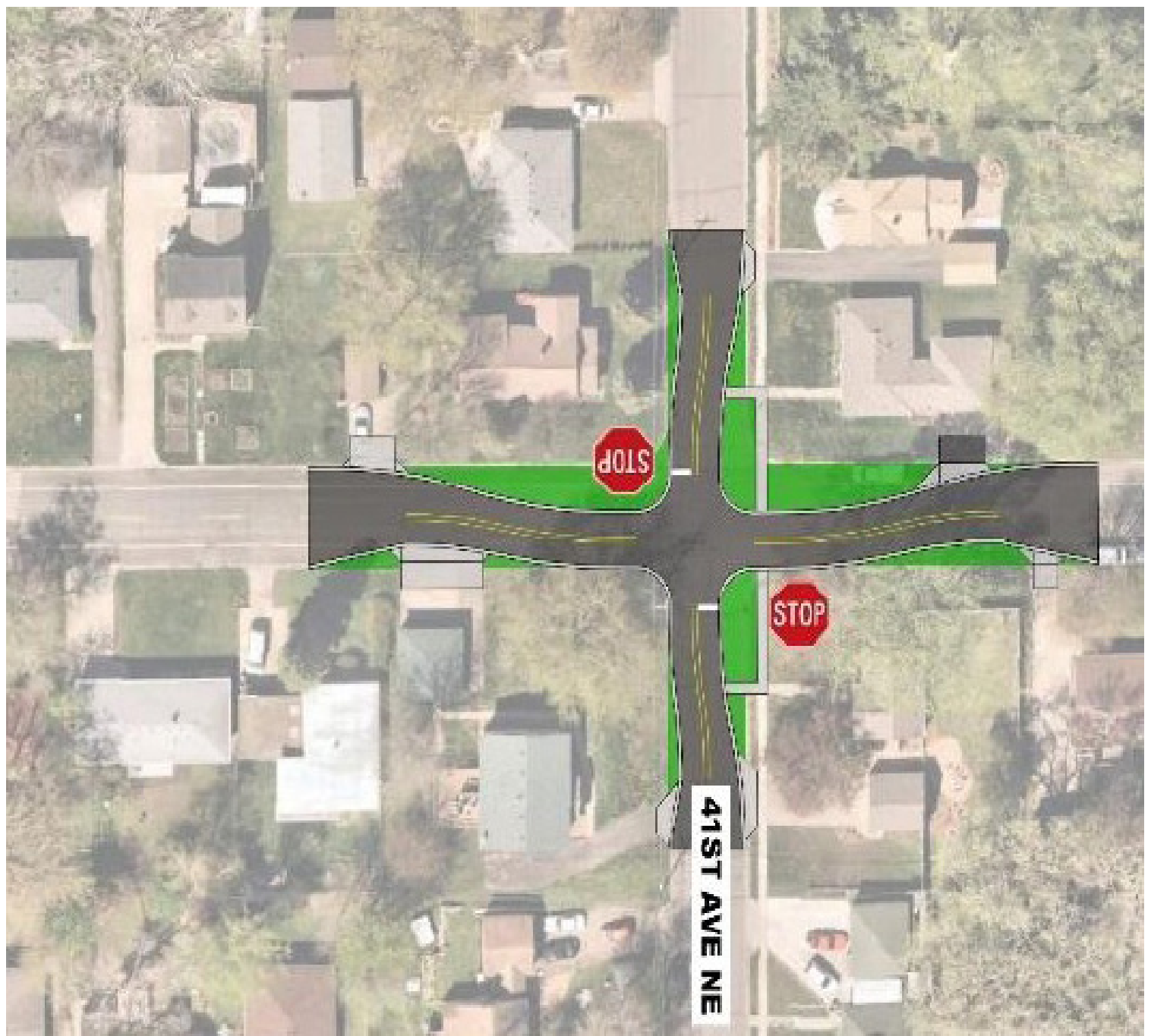
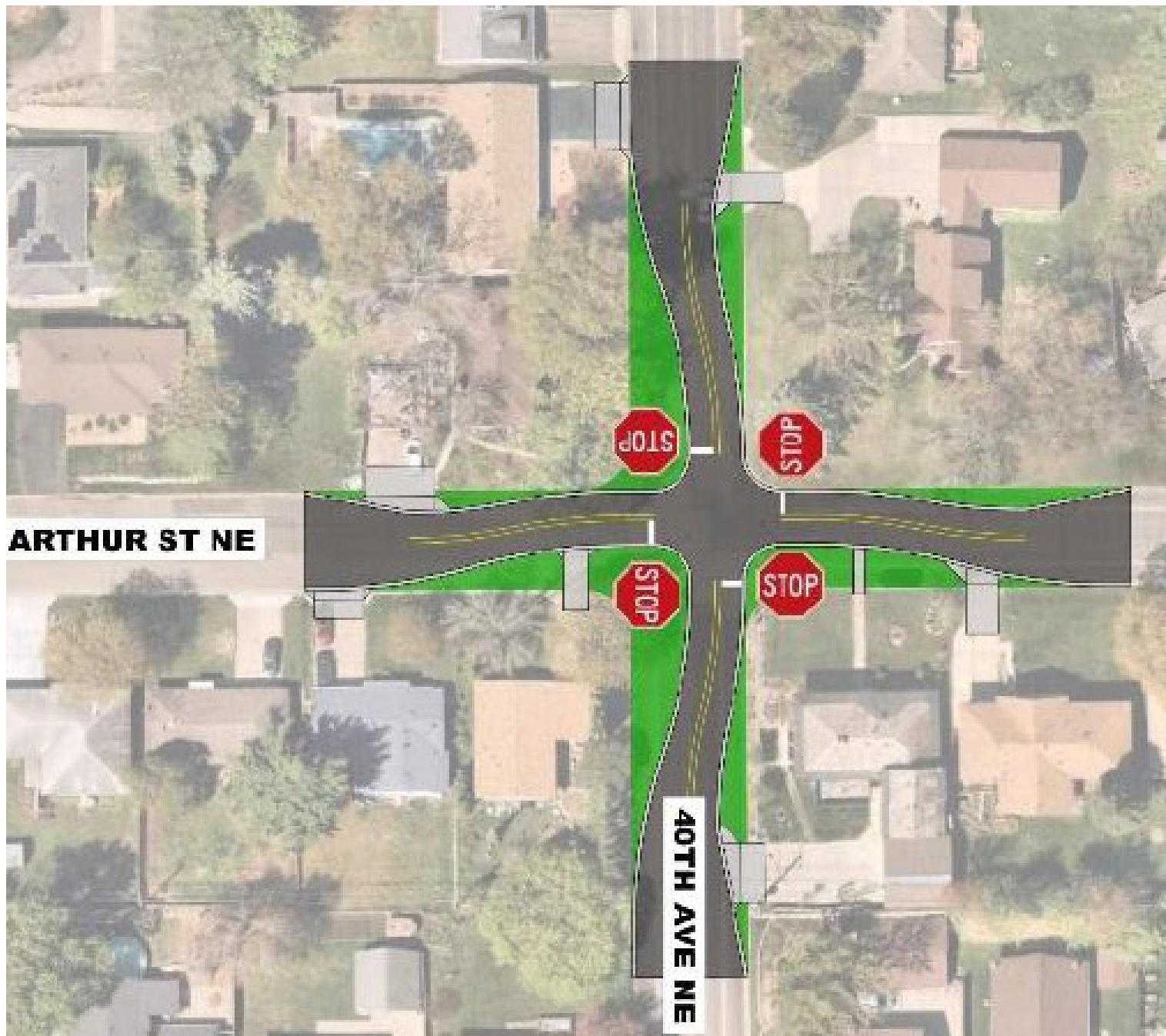
6/25/2026 Community Open House

- Staff presented 3 road design alternatives for the Long Street corridor. Residents had the opportunity to provide feedback via a comment card. The 3 alternatives presented were:
 - Chicanes
 - Traffic Circles
 - Medians
- 27 Residents Signed the Sign-in sheet
- Survey was posted on Every Voice Mankato
- Next 3 slides were displayed at the open house

LONG STREET IMPROVEMENTS CHICANE OPTION



Examples of a Chicane Design



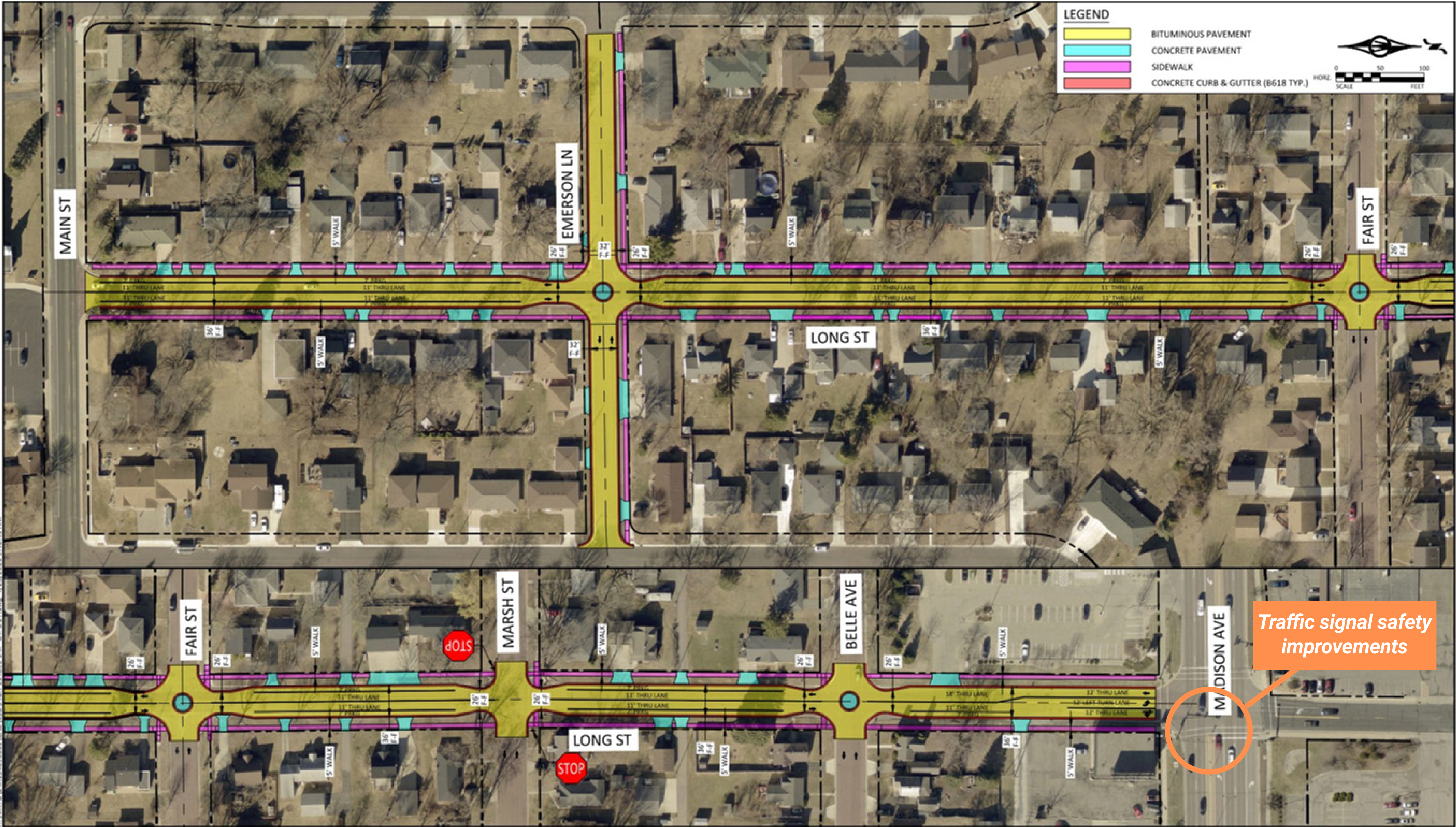
PROS

- Shifts travel lanes at intersections to:
- Manage travel speeds
 - Shorten pedestrian crossings

CONS

- No new intersection traffic control on Long Street
- Restricts some parking at intersections

LONG STREET IMPROVEMENTS TRAFFIC CIRCLES OPTION



Example without landscaping



Dancing Waters Circle/Shalom Avenue, Mankato

Example with landscaping



Source: FHWA Traffic Calming ePrimer, Module 3

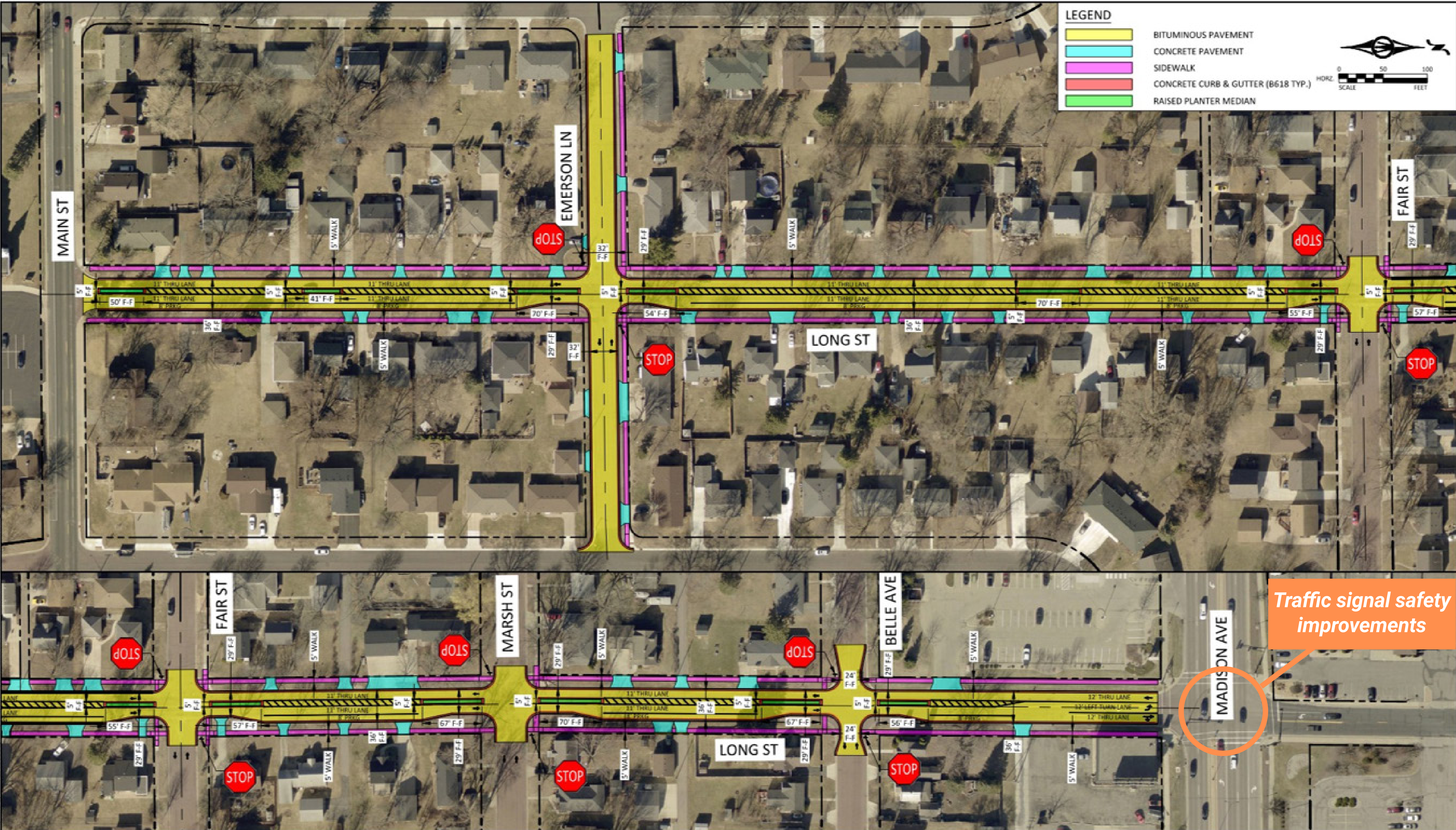
PROS

- Adds traffic control at Emerson Ln, Fair St, and Belle Ave
- Narrows road at Marsh St to calm traffic and shorten pedestrian crossings
- Discourages cut-through traffic
- Minimal parking restrictions

CONS

- Traffic circles are a new concept
- May require additional maintenance if landscaping is included

LONG STREET IMPROVEMENTS MEDIAN OPTION



Warren St near Maywood Ave, Mankato

6/25/2026 Community Open House

- 42 resident results were tallied on the design alternatives

Chicanes		Traffic Circles		Medians	
Would Support	Would not Support	Would Support	Would not Support	Would Support	Would not Support
4	7	15	3	4	9

- Residents at the open house submitted their feedback via a comment card

Every Voice Mankato Survey Results

- 35 virtual responses were tallied

Q1. Which option do you prefer?



Question options	responses	%
● Chicane	10	28.6
● Traffic Circles	20	57.1
● Medians	5	14.3

Optional question · 35 responses · 5 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

Sidewalk

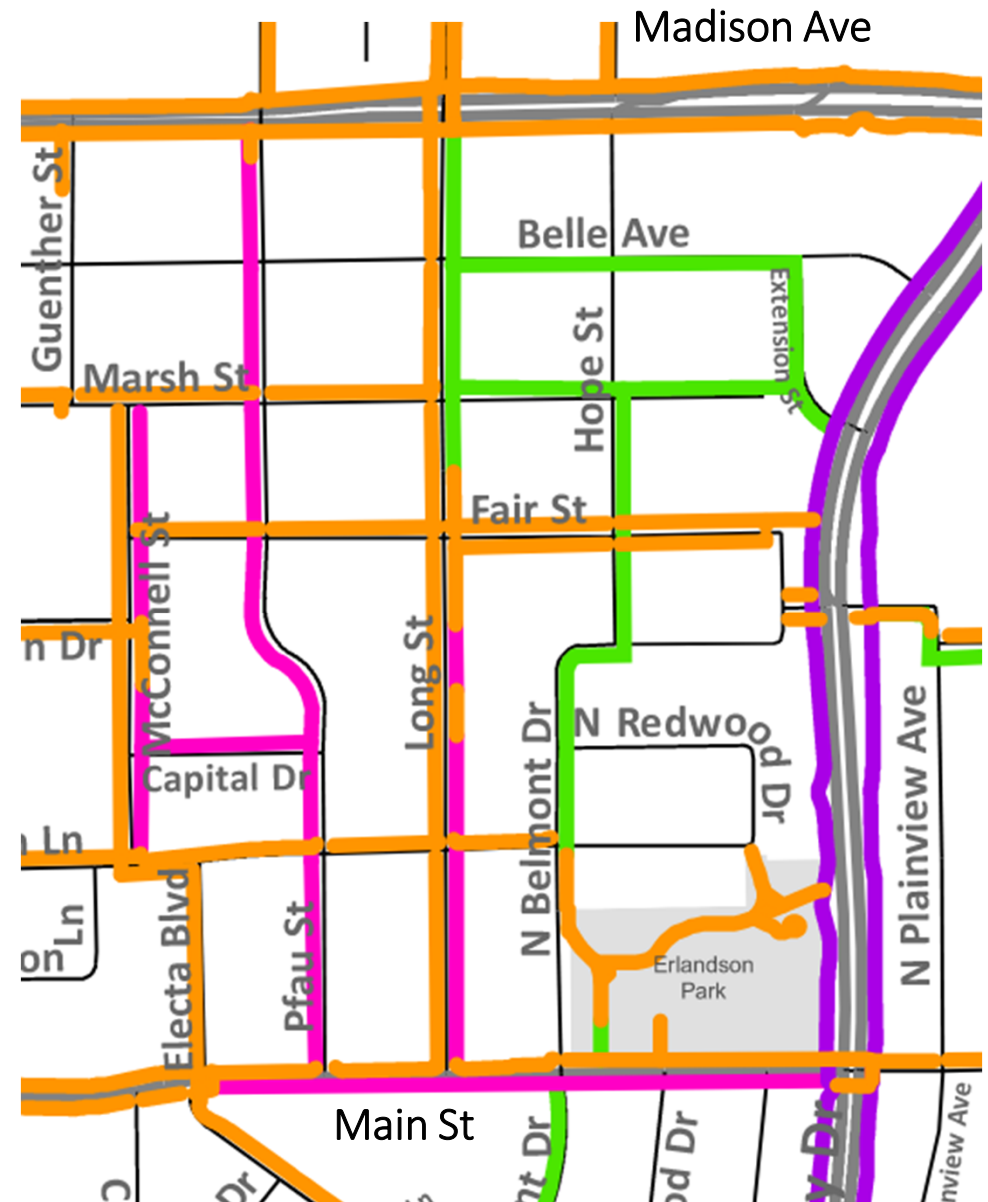
- All 3 of the design alternatives showed sidewalk on both sides of Long Street.
 - Currently, sidewalk is located the along the west side of Long Street. There are some isolated segments of sidewalk on the east side, but is mostly non-existent.
 - 4 Residents at the open house indicated they are not in favor of a new sidewalk on the east side of Long Street.
 - 1 Resident on the Every Voice Mankato survey indicated they are in favor of a new sidewalk on the east side of Long Street.

Sidewalk

- The City's 2015 Critical Link sidewalk plan recommends a sidewalk along both sides of Long Street.

Legend

- Proposed Multiuse Trails
- Proposed Safe Routed to School
- Proposed Sidewalks
- Current Sidewalks
- Current Trails



Staff Recommendations

- Roadway Corridor:
 - Staff believe all 3 corridor options would accomplish the project goals. The majority of community feedback received would support the traffic circle design. For that reason, staff recommend proceeding with the traffic circle design alternative.
 - Staff also acknowledge that traffic circles may be an applicable traffic calming measure for other intersections throughout the City.

Staff Recommendations

– Sidewalk

- The majority of community feedback received was in favor of replacing the west side sidewalk, and not in favor of a new sidewalk on the east side of Long Street.
- Staff are recommending proceeding with sidewalk on both sides of Long Street for the following reasons:
 - Consistent with the City's 2015 Critical Link Sidewalk Plan
 - Proximity to Churches and Elementary Schools
 - Connection to an east-side sidewalk on the north side of Madison Avenue.