

# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

PHASE 1 MASTER PLAN (November 3, 2020)

City of Council Grove, KS and Morris County USD #417



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- Kansas Department of Transportation
- City of Council Grove, Kansas
- Morris County USD #417
- BG Consultants, Inc.

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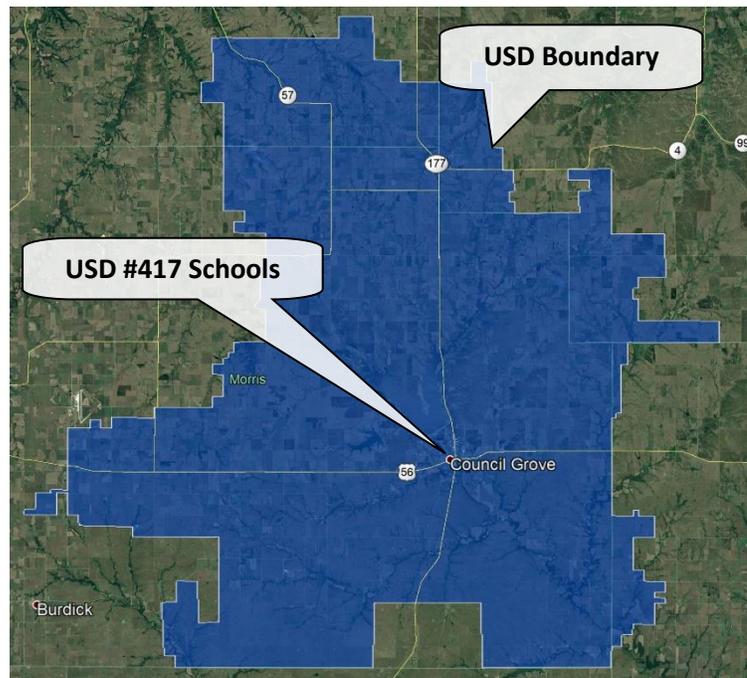
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## INTRODUCTION

Located in central Morris County, Council Grove is a community of approximately 2,300 people. The city is home to a wide range of business, industry, residential neighborhoods, and governmental agencies. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau estimates 1,095 housing units within the City Limits and nearly 26% of the community's population is comprised of children under the age of 18.

Serving these children is the Morris County USD 417 school district. The school boundary covers a majority of Morris County and extends into approximately 15% of Wabaunsee County. Grades K-8 are split between 2



campus locations in Council Grove. Grades K-6 are located at the Council Grove Elementary School on Main Street (US-56) near the east City Limits. Grades 7-8 are at the Junior High facility at the Hockaday Street/K-177 highway intersection. The Junior High and Senior High are housed in the same facility along the west bank of the Neosho River. Maps highlighting these site locations and city features is located in Appendix A.

The City of Council Grove has the desire to implement initiatives that will better accommodate students' needs, particularly relating to safety measures and walkability to/from the USD facilities. The City has implemented several pedestrian and bicycle capital infrastructure projects in recent years and is now envisioning broader planning and improvement of the community's transportation system to enhance safety of students in the school zones.

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PUBLIC INPUT

Multiple groups and agencies have collaborated over the past several years and again during the development of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan. Some of the stakeholders include:

- City of Council Grove, KS
- Morris County Schools Staff
- USD #417 Administration
- BG Consultants, Inc.

Public input opportunities have been provided at multiple phases in the development of Council Grove's Safe Routes to School project.

## PURPOSE

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The purpose of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan is to identify the obstacles that discourage or prohibit students from walking or biking to school. Understanding these obstacles then enables a comprehensive approach to be established and implemented to remove them. Obstacles come in many shapes and form. Some are physical infrastructure issues. Others are non-physical such as perceptions and inefficient communication. This Master Plan utilizes the five nationally accepted SRTS principles of Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation to create a better environment for students to walk and bike to and from school. These principles are known as the “5 E’s”.

## BACKGROUND

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The City of Council Grove was awarded Safe Routes to School Phase 1 funds in 2019 to develop this Master Plan around the Morris County USD #417 school facilities serving grades K – 8. City-State Agreements were put in place and the City selected a consulting firm in the spring of 2020 to assist with the Master Plan creation, infrastructure evaluation, and identification of ways to deliver initiatives into the community.



The City’s effort to implement Safe Routes to School initiatives and pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure pre-date this Master Plan. Council Grove has been proactively planning and building pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for years now and has been proactively reaching out to the community to encourage and educate citizens of the Safe Routes to School initiative. Much of the backbone of a community wide pedestrian/bicycle facility has been built with the multi-phase Riverwalk Expansion Plan utilizing federal Transportation Alternatives grant funding. The City now desires to build upon those prior investments to enhance the condition of city sidewalks and school zone traffic control. These key pieces of infrastructure are deteriorated at best and that translates to increased maintenance efforts that are straining the City’s budget and ability to fund their transportation needs.

## IMPLEMENTATION

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City Staff and USD Staff have put significant effort into educating and encouraging citizens about Safe Routes to School for the past several years. Encouragement and educational activities were started in the past year, but the recent impacts of COVID-19 have hindered the ability to organize groups.

Furthermore, as busing capacities are decreased and/or eliminated in town, it is important to take the necessary initiatives now to create a more recreation centered community and enable students to safely use alternative modes of transportation to travel to/from school.

## EDUCATION

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The goal of the “Education” initiative of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan is to teach children and parents about the broad range of transportation choices available in Council Grove, instructing them in important lifelong bicycling and walking safety skills, and launching driver safety campaigns in the community. Led by the Stakeholders, several target groups of citizens will be engaged for various educational opportunities. They include students, parents, and neighborhood residents and drivers.

Students: Students are engaged primarily to teach children important lifelong skills that can lead to healthier lifestyles. Content includes efforts to educate students about:

- The benefits of physical activity.
- The proper way to walk and bike safely within the community.
- How pedestrians and bicyclists should interact with automobiles.

Parents of Students: Parents play a critical role in determining their children’s lifestyle choices. Parents often determine whether their child will walk or bike to and from school, or if their child will be transported via automobile. Content includes efforts to educate parents about:

- The importance of school zone safety.
- The designated safe routes to school.
- The encouragement initiatives set forth in this Master Plan.
- The proper procedures for pick-up and drop-off.

Neighborhood Residents and Drivers: The prior two groups of citizens will interact daily with other members of the community which have not been targeted as students or parents of students. Content includes efforts to educate neighborhood residents and drivers about:

- The importance of safe driving around schools.
- The importance of keeping the designated safe routes to school clear of hazards, obstacles, snow, and vegetation.

### Education Action

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There are two key goals of the SRTS educational efforts. The first goal is to reach out to parents, students, and citizens in the community which have not been informed of the SRTS initiatives. The second goal is to reinforce the importance of safety, particularly around schools and the designated safe routes to school, with groups which have been previously targeted with educational efforts. These folks are more likely to remember and practice the goals of this SRTS Master Plan when they continue to hear this critical message. Efforts for the Education initiative of this SRTS Master Plan are as follows.

- **Informational kiosk at Events** – The local Safe Routes to School committee should create a kiosk featuring details of the national and local SRTS programs. This initiative could be Staffed by a SRTS Committee member and located in prime viewing area at community events to inform parents and community visitors about the importance of enhancing school zone safety.
- **Public Announcements** – Public announcements should be periodically published in the local newspaper to inform citizens and encourage public participation in the Council Grove Safe Routes to School initiatives.

- **SRTS Bumper Stickers/Outreach Efforts** – The similar Kansas community recently created SRTS bumper stickers and placed a sticker on each city vehicle, including public works and emergency preparedness vehicles. The goal of their effort was to use these vehicles, which are seen by citizens and visitors all around town on a daily basis, as a venue to transmit the message about their community’s Safe Routes to School initiative. The City of Council Grove could implement a similar educational effort using local resources or by way of a minimal investment in magnetic stickers or bumper stickers on public vehicles.



- **Student-targeted Education in the Classroom** – A number of classroom oriented educational efforts can be undertaken at the Junior High and Elementary School to educate younger students of the importance of healthy lifestyle choices. Led by the teachers, the educational efforts can focus on bicycle safety, wearing helmets, safe crossing of street, and the health and safety benefits of the SRTS program and a healthy diet.
- **Parent Surveys** – Surveys were performed during October 2020 by the USD #417 in an effort to not only evaluate existing concerns, but to help educate the community of the SRTS initiative. These surveys should be continued into the future on a bi-annual basis when feasible.
- **Community Meeting** – Outreach meetings should be held when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to better educate the community of the SRTS initiatives and how they can help the City achieve the targeted goals of this plan. City Council updates have been provided in the past and future meetings should periodically provide updates on SRTS Master Plan infrastructure recommendations and implementation progress.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

The goal of the “Encouragement” initiative of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan is to use a variety of events, activities and social media outlets to promote safe walking and bicycling. Some easily implemented encouragement efforts are described below.

- **Walking School Bus** – Elementary School and USD administrative staff, in conjunction with the PTO, should consider implementing a walking school bus program. Walking school busses can easily be organized, enhance student safety, and alleviate the stress and concern some parents experience by allowing their child to walk/bike between school and home.
- **“Walk to School Day” and “Bike to School Day” Events** – The community and the USD 417 have, and should continue, to take advantage of these nation-wide events to further expand the encouragement of walking/biking to school as an alternate mode of transportation.
- **Essay and Poster Contest** – At the elementary school level, the City and USD can partner together with an essay/poster contest as part of the City’s SRTS initiative. For example, students in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade could be tasked with creating an “I Love Walk and Roll (To School)” themed poster while students in Grades 3 through 5 could be tasked with writing a 250-350 word essay on the same topic. These contests will not only highlight pedestrian safety during peak hours of the day but will encourage the students to creatively think about their efforts to walk/bike to school safely.
- **Additional Resources:** <http://guide.saferoutesinfo.org/encouragement/index.cfm>



## ENGINEERING

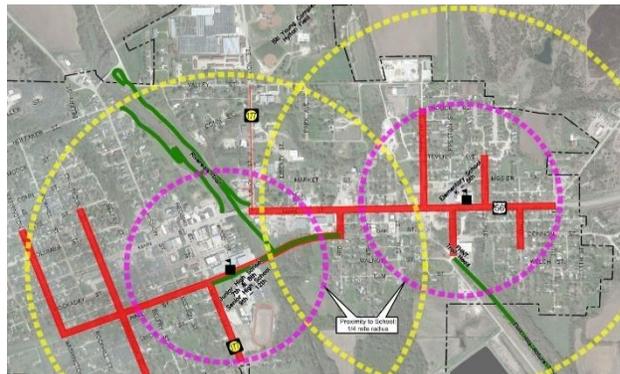
The general goal of the “Engineering” initiative of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan is to identify physical barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists and to recommend infrastructure improvements leading to and surrounding schools. The improvements will eliminate congestion potential, improve or eliminate conflict points between motorists and pedestrians/bicyclists, and establish safer and fully accessible crossings, walkways, trails, and bikeways connecting residential neighborhoods with the school facilities. The following major areas of concern were reviewed.

- A walkability and accessibility assessment of existing infrastructure.
- Basic gravity model evaluation for traffic flow between residential areas and the schools.
- Student drop-off and pick-up procedures and associated traffic patterns.
- School zone signing and pavement marking.

**Identification of Safe Routes to School:** Several key walkable/bikeable factors were considered when identifying key routes to focus for identification of safe routes to school. These factors included:

- USD facility location with respect to residential neighborhoods.
- Basic gravity model considerations.
- Sidewalk conditions throughout the town.
- Connectivity with the existing Riverwalk and the Flint Hills Nature Trail.

Based on this evaluation along with community input, several primary safe routes to school were identified. These findings are summarized in Figures 2, Appendix A included in this Master Plan.



**Infrastructure Assessment/Obstacles to Walking and Biking:** As with many communities in this region, physical barriers to walking/biking are present. These barriers include sidewalks in poor condition or simply a lack of sidewalks, a lack of curb ramps and/or ADA compliant ramps, inconspicuous or poorly positioned crosswalks, and a lack of overall continuity in the pedestrian infrastructure. In some instances, pedestrians and bicyclists are required to travel in the street during peak hours.

Sidewalks exist in approximately one-third to one-half of the residential neighborhoods. Most of these areas with sidewalks are located within a couple blocks of Main Street and primarily to the north and west of downtown Council Grove. However, the condition of sidewalks is lacking and many segments are either missing and/or are in such bad condition they present a disconnected infrastructure system. School zone signing is reasonably sufficient but some signs are outdated, improperly mounted, or lack retroreflectivity.



Priority #1 Safe Routes to School Improvements:

- **US-56 Sidewalk Improvements.** US-56 serves as a major east-west conveyor of all modes of traffic through Council Grove. Numerous neighborhood areas are located on the south side of US-56 and need sufficient pedestrian facilities to collect and convey students on the south side of the highway to the main highway crossing in front of the elementary school. Some sidewalk exists, but is either brick and/or cracked concrete in poor condition. Numerous gaps exist as well resulting in a disconnected system. **Recommendation:** Construct a sidewalk along the South side of US-56 from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Include a sidewalk connection on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from US-56 to the existing Riverwalk which will then link to the Jr/Sr High School and additional neighborhood areas.



Main St. (US-56) looking East & Elementary School Crosswalk (no sidewalk on south side of street)

- **US-56 School Zone and Crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> Street.** US-56 is a high-volume east-west conveyor of traffic. As such, it becomes a significant obstacle between students walking to/from the elementary school from the south and west portions of the community. The highway is marked with a KDOT Type 2 High Visibility crosswalk marking scheme, but the 2-lane highway is 40-feet wide in front of the school. This results in a lengthy exposure for the pedestrian crossing the highway and does not enhance the conspicuity of the crossing. A crossing guard is currently stationed at this location to assist students with traffic control in the morning and afternoon peak times. **Recommendation:** Construct bulb-outs and improve the conspicuity of the crossing at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and US-56. The crosswalk should connect to the sidewalks on the north and south side of US-56. Consider maintaining the 20-mph school zone speed limit but changing the beacon assembly from the speed limit signs to the crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> and US-56. The use of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at this location may be most appropriate to enhance conspicuity and warn drivers of potential pedestrians at the crosswalk. The use of beacons should be vetted out during the engineering design phase as beacons on both the school zone speed limit signs and the crosswalk warning signs may not be appropriate.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvements.** There are large pockets of housing directly north of and directly southeast of the Council Grove Elementary School. However, off-street sidewalk infrastructure to collect these students and convey them safely to the school is inadequate or non-existent. 8<sup>th</sup> Street in particular has minimal sidewalks and has drainage features near the elementary school that force students to walk in the street adjacent the school. **8<sup>th</sup> Street Recommendation:** Construct a sidewalk on the east side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street from US-56 going north for 2-blocks. An alignment on the east side will provide access to a large number of houses and also separate student traffic from vehicular patterns around the school. The sidewalk should connect to the existing sidewalk on the north side of US-56. **9<sup>th</sup> Street Recommendation:** Construct a sidewalk on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at US-56 and extending south to Welch Street. This improvement will provide off-street pedestrian facilities for students in this neighborhood.



8<sup>th</sup> St. (looking South) – Elem. school on the right

- Flint Hills Nature Trail Extension/Improvement.** The existing trail system in Council Grove serves as an existing “backbone” to the overall pedestrian/bicycle travel patterns in the community. However, the trail itself is not fully improved through the city limits. Beginning at K-177 near the Junior High School, the space and designation is available for the trail, but the pavement is nonexistent. **Recommendation:** Construct a 10' wide shared use path along the FHNT alignment beginning at the K-177 crossing at the Junior High School and extending west approximately 3-blocks to Chautauqua Street. The shared use path should be designed to the applicable pedestrian and bicycle facilities so it can serve long term as a part of the regional trail system.



Chautauqua St/Hall St (looking east) – FHNT alignment

- K-177 School Zone and Crosswalk at Hall Street.** The Flint Hills Nature Trail crossing of K-177 is currently an unmarked crosswalk by the Junior High School. With extension of the trail westward and expansion of SRTS pedestrian accommodations into the neighborhoods west of K-177 will likely result in an increase in the number of pedestrians crossing K-177 at this location. **Recommendation:** Maintain the existing 20-mph school zone speed limit and improve the pedestrian crosswalk at Hall Street. Install a rectangular rapid flashing beacons to warn K-177 traffic at this location.

- **Chautauqua Street Sidewalk Improvements.**

Most of the neighborhoods south of Main Street (US-56) do not have sidewalks in the north/south direction. North of Main Street the presence of sidewalks increases, but the sidewalks are non-accessible and mostly in poor condition. Many of the blocks have disconnected sidewalks as well.

**Recommendation:** Construct a sidewalk on the west side of Chautauqua Street beginning at the Flint Hills Nature Trail extension and going north 4-blocks to Hays Street.



Example narrow sidewalk and non-ADA crossing throughout neighborhoods

#### School Zone Traffic Control:

- School zone signing exists around most of the USD facilities and is generally in fair condition. Signs on the US-56 and K-177 highways are adequate and in good condition. However, signage on the adjacent side streets needs to be upgraded to current standards. Furthermore, the installation of improved crosswalks with the recommended infrastructure projects will



Example Signage (Central Middle School)

necessitate the improvement and/or addition of school zone signing. **Recommendation:** Any aging signage that does not meet current MUTCD requirements should be replaced to comply with current standards. Signing plans should be engineered as part of the Priority 1 improvements to establish appropriately marked school zones around the USD facilities.

- Pavement markings at key crosswalks of US-56 and K-177 highways are a KDOT Type 2 high visibility pavement marking scheme. Markings of crosswalks on city streets are mostly non-existent. Those that do exist are longitudinal markings with traffic paint and are not very visible or conspicuous. **Recommendation:** As a part of the Priority 1 improvements, the City should consider implementing a high visibility crosswalk (KDOT Type 2 Crosswalk) marking scheme where major streets cross safe routes to school designations and at mid-block crossings. Marking improvements and/or replacements should be implemented at the following locations.
  - US-56 (Main Street)/7<sup>th</sup> Street (East leg)
  - US-56 (Main Street)/5<sup>th</sup> Street (West leg)
  - US-56 (Main Street)/4<sup>th</sup> Street (East leg)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/Oak Street (at FHNT crossing)
  - K-177 (Neosho Street)/Hall Street (at FHNT crossing)
  - Chautauqua Street/Hockaday Street (West leg)
  - Chautauqua Street/Main Street (US-56) (West leg)

### Summary of Engineering Initiative Recommendations

Recommended infrastructure improvements follow with the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs and a Map describing the conceptual infrastructure needs is included in Appendix A. The opinion of total project cost for the recommended Priority #1 improvements is \$822,800.

- Designate safe routes to school and implement infrastructure improvements to provide safer and better-connected pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Sidewalk and ADA compliant accessible curb ramp improvements will be necessary along the following locations:
  - Main Street/US-56 (3<sup>rd</sup> St to 10<sup>th</sup> St), 5' sidewalk.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Flint Hills Nature Trail to Main St./US-56), 5' sidewalk.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Main Street/US-56 to Stevens Ave), 5' sidewalk.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Main Street/US-56 to Welch St), 5' sidewalk.
  - Chautauqua Street (Flint Hills Nature Trail to Hays St), 5' sidewalk.
  - Flint Hills Nature Trail Extension (Chautauqua St to Neosho St/K-177), 10' sidewalk.
  
- Enhance the safety of the Main Street (US-56) & 7<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalk with bulb-outs, signage with rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and markings.

Example Bulb-Outs to shorten crosswalk exposure



Future safe routes to school improvements and pedestrian/bicycle trail extensions should be implemented in future years to build off of the Priority #1 investment and further reach neighborhoods where students may be located. With a decline in busing options and future transportation modes changing through the years, the continued proactive expansion of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will become ever more important for the health, safety and well-being of Council Grove students.

## ENFORCEMENT

The goal of the “Enforcement” initiative of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan is to develop a partnership between the local law enforcement, members of the community, and key stakeholders to improve compliance with traffic laws in the vicinity of the Morris County USD facilities and along the designated routes of pedestrian/bicycle travel to school. An increased law enforcement presence can result in better enforcement of vehicular speeds, cars yielding to pedestrians, proper walking and bicycling behaviors, and all-around better compliance with transportation safety compliance.



### Enforcement Action

The following items provide enforcement action “tools” to consider implementing in Council Grove for improved Safe Routes to School success.

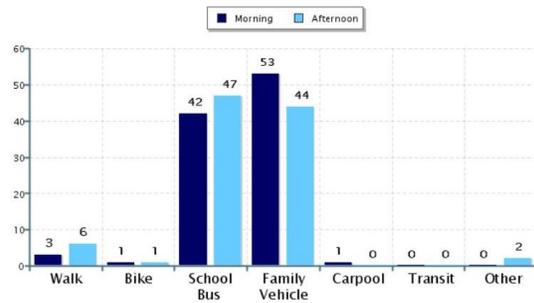
- Maintain/Continue current practice of an increased local law enforcement presence around the school zone, particularly during peak times.
- Continue with a crossing guard presence at the US-56 crosswalk in front of the Council Grove Elementary School during AM and PM Peak Hours.
- Consider implementing a Crossing Guard training program for qualified volunteers interested in participating. 2005 State of Kansas Legislation has stipulated that school crossing guards should be trained thoroughly, as their role is very important to the health and safety of school aged children. As such, the Kansas Department of Transportation produced guidance for implementing/training crossing guards which can be found at this webpage:

[https://www.ksdot.org/burTrafficEng/sztoolbox/School\\_Crossing\\_Guard\\_Info.asp](https://www.ksdot.org/burTrafficEng/sztoolbox/School_Crossing_Guard_Info.asp)

## EVALUATION

The goal of the “Evaluation” initiative is to monitor and document needs, perceptions, and success of this Safe Routes to School Master Plan. This effort will identify trends of pedestrian and bicycle facility users by collecting before and after data. The results will help the key stakeholders understand which initiatives are working, which initiatives could be modified or improved, and which initiatives are not producing the desired outcomes.

Morning and Afternoon Travel Mode Comparison



Initial Parent Surveys and a Student Tallies were performed at the Council Grove Elementary School during October 2020. The information was submitted to the National Center for Safe Routes to School and the results are included in Appendix B. The Key Stakeholders should continue to perform future surveys and tallies at least once per year and ideally once in the fall and once in the spring of the school calendar year.

### Evaluation Action

Parent surveys and student arrival/departure tallies should be periodically collected and the information submitted to the National Center for Safe Routes to School at the following website: <http://saferoutesdata.org/>.

## Appendix A

Figure 1 – City and Key USD Facilities Map

Figure 2 – Safe Routes to School Designation Map

Figure 3 – Safe Routes to School Improvements Priority Map

Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Costs – Priority #1

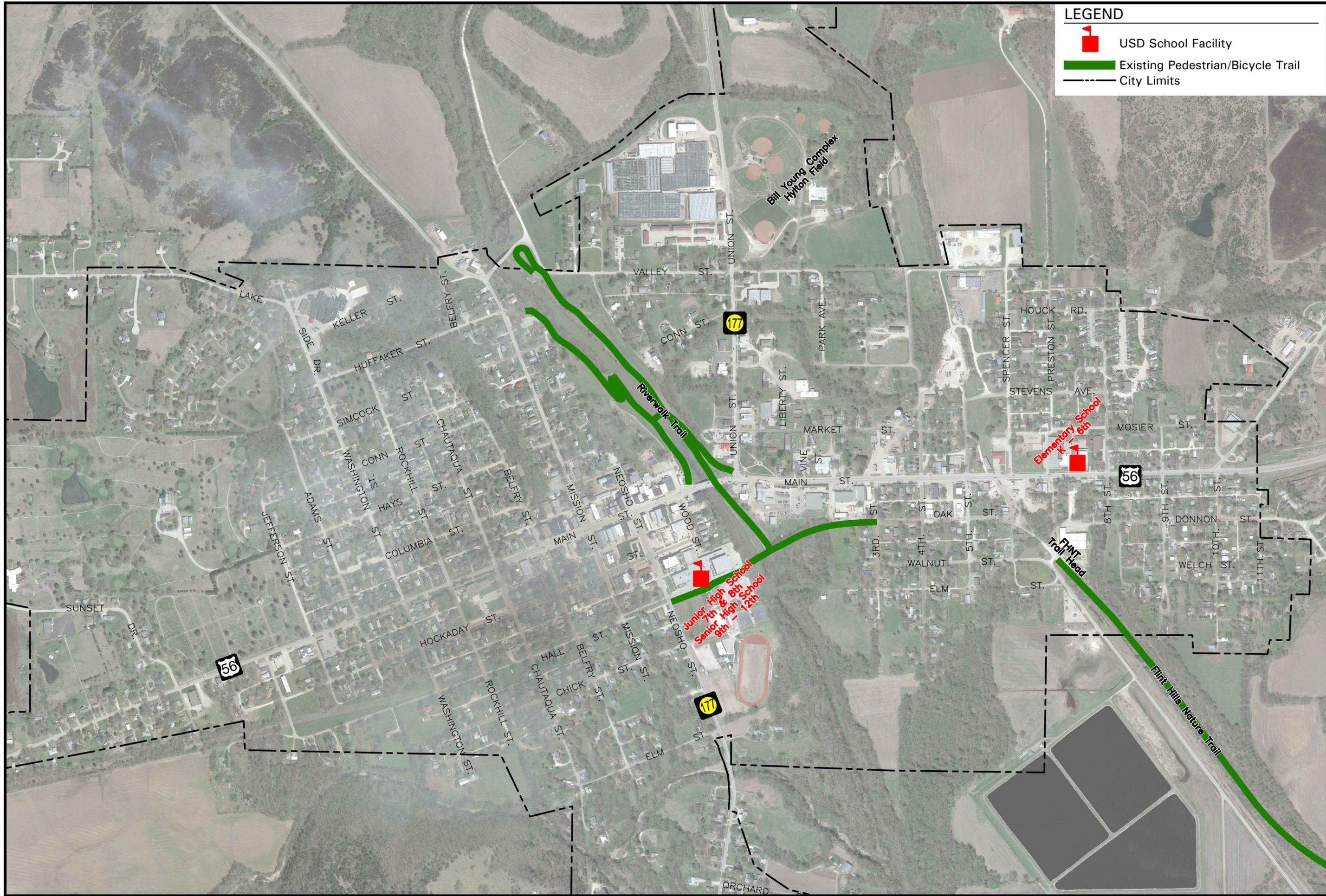
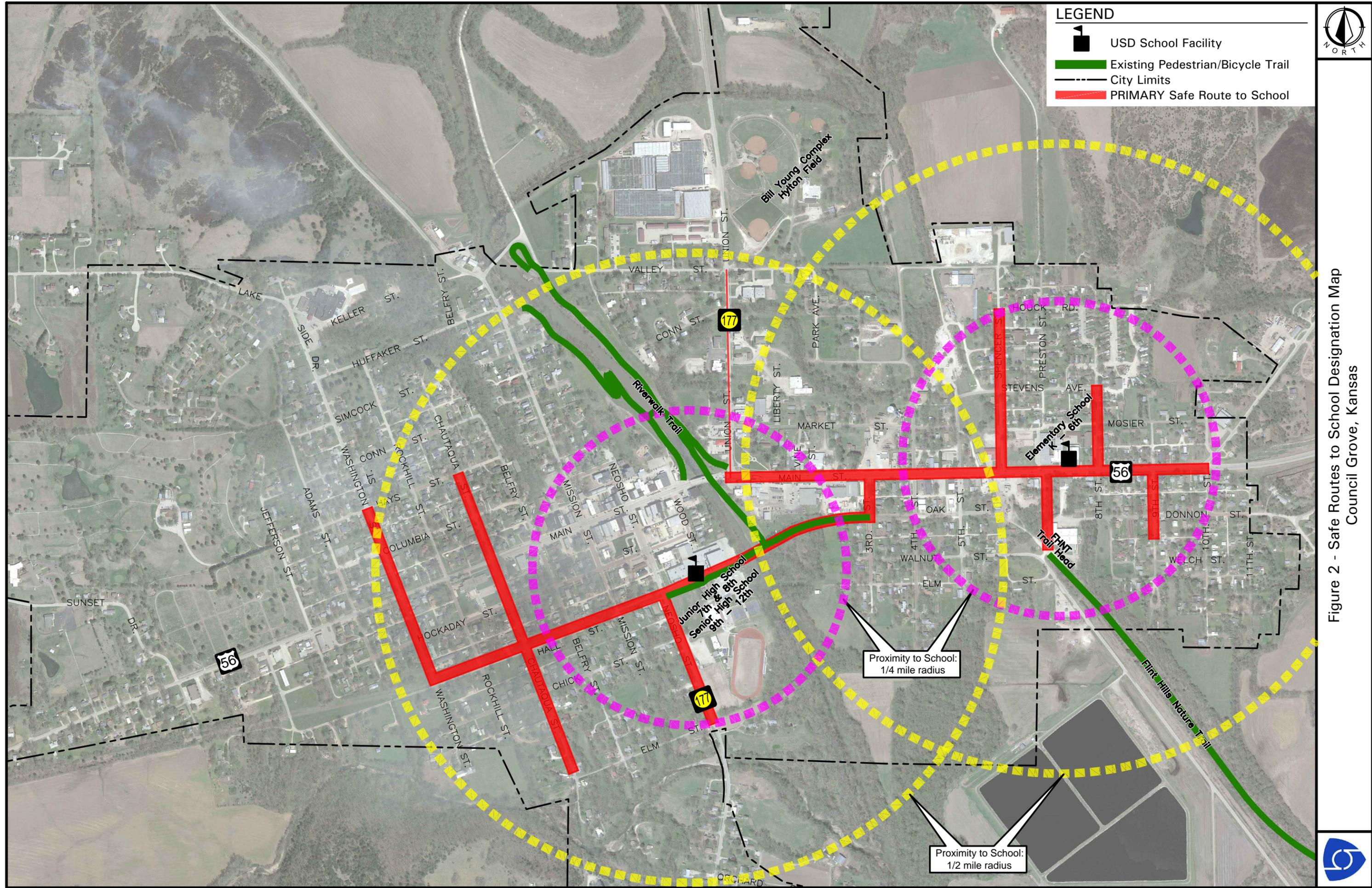


Figure 1 - City and Key USD Facilities Map  
Council Grove, Kansas





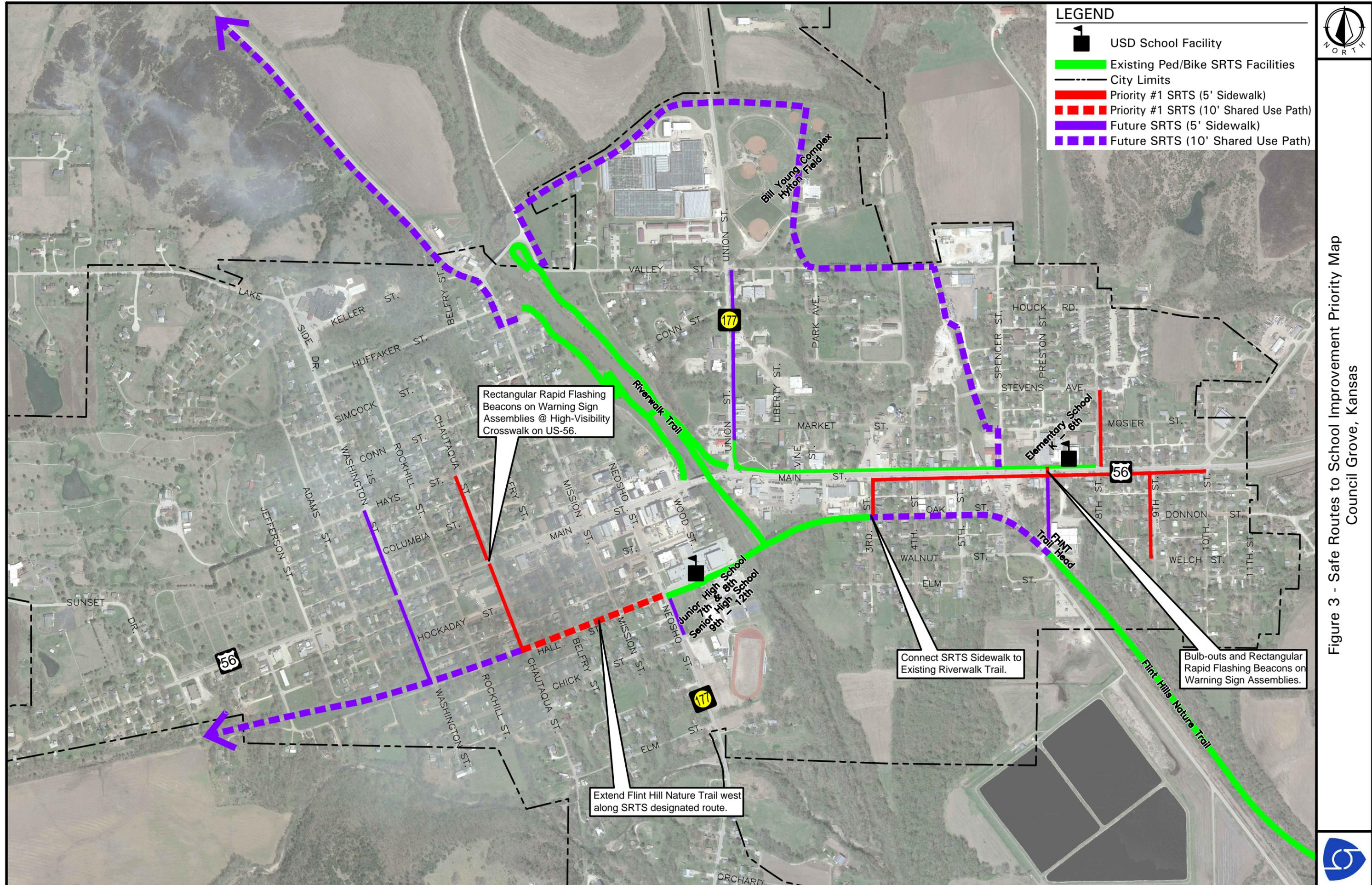
**LEGEND**

-  USD School Facility
-  Existing Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail
-  City Limits
-  PRIMARY Safe Route to School



Figure 2 - Safe Routes to School Designation Map  
Council Grove, Kansas





**LEGEND**

- USD School Facility
- Existing Ped/Bike SRTS Facilities
- City Limits
- Priority #1 SRTS (5' Sidewalk)
- Priority #1 SRTS (10' Shared Use Path)
- Future SRTS (5' Sidewalk)
- Future SRTS (10' Shared Use Path)



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on Warning Sign Assemblies @ High-Visibility Crosswalk on US-56.

Connect SRTS Sidewalk to Existing Riverwalk Trail.

Bulb-outs and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on Warning Sign Assemblies.

Extend Flint Hill Nature Trail west along SRTS designated route.

Figure 3 - Safe Routes to School Improvement Priority Map  
Council Grove, Kansas



### Safe Routes to School Priority #1 Project

City of Council Grove, Kansas

Engineer's Opinion of Probable Project Costs

November 3, 2020

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<b><u>Common Items of Work</u></b>					
1.	Contractor Construction Staking	1	Lump Sum	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2.	Mobilization	1	Lump Sum	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
3.	Removal of Existing Structures	1	Lump Sum	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4.	Temporary Erosion Control	1	Lump Sum	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5.	Seeding	1	Lump Sum	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
6.	Permanent Signing (School Zone Signing)	1	Lump Sum	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
7.	Permanent X-WALK Striping	1	Lump Sum	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
8.	Traffic Control	1	Lump Sum	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Subtotal A =					\$ 145,000.00
<b><u>Elementary School Area Improvements</u></b>					
	Grading and Earthwork	1	Lump Sum	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
	5' Wide Concrete Sidewalk (4")(AE)	3,850	Lin. Ft.	\$ 27.00	\$ 103,950.00
	PROWAG Compliant Curb Ramp	32	Each	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
	Remove & Replace Curb and Gutter (ramps)	400	Lin. Ft.	\$ 45.00	\$ 18,000.00
	6" Concrete Pavement (AE)(Driveways)	900	Sq. Yds.	\$ 75.00	\$ 67,500.00
	Elementary School XWALK w/Bulb-Outs	1	Lump Sum	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System	1	Lump Sum	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	9th St Ditch Cleaning & Drainage Pipes	1	Lump Sum	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
	8th & Mosier Drainage Culvert Extension	1	Lump Sum	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Subtotal B =					\$ 323,950.00
<b><u>Junior High School Area Improvements</u></b>					
	Grading and Earthwork	1	Lump Sum	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	5' Wide Concrete Sidewalk (4")(AE)	1,250	Lin. Ft.	\$ 27.00	\$ 33,750.00
	10' Wide Concrete Sidewalk (6")(AE)	1,100	Lin. Ft.	\$ 65.00	\$ 71,500.00
	PROWAG Compliant Curb Ramp (5' wide)	8	Each	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	PROWAG Compliant Curb Ramp (10' wide)	8	Each	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
	Concrete Curb and Gutter	250	Lin. Ft.	\$ 40.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System	1	Lump Sum	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Subtotal C =					\$ 189,250.00
Construction Total (Subtotals A + B + C) =					\$ 658,200.00
+ 25% Soft Costs (Design and Construction Engineering) =					\$ 164,600.00
<b>PROJECT TOTAL =</b>					<b>\$ 822,800.00</b>

# Appendix B

Student Tally Results (October 2020)  
Parent Surveys (October 2020)

# Parent Survey Report: One School in One Data Collection Period

**School Name:** Council Grove Elementary

**Set ID:** 19632

**School Group:** Council Grove SRTS

**Month and Year Collected:** October 2020

**School Enrollment:** 0

**Date Report Generated:** 10/29/2020

**% Range of Students Involved in SRTS:** Don't Know

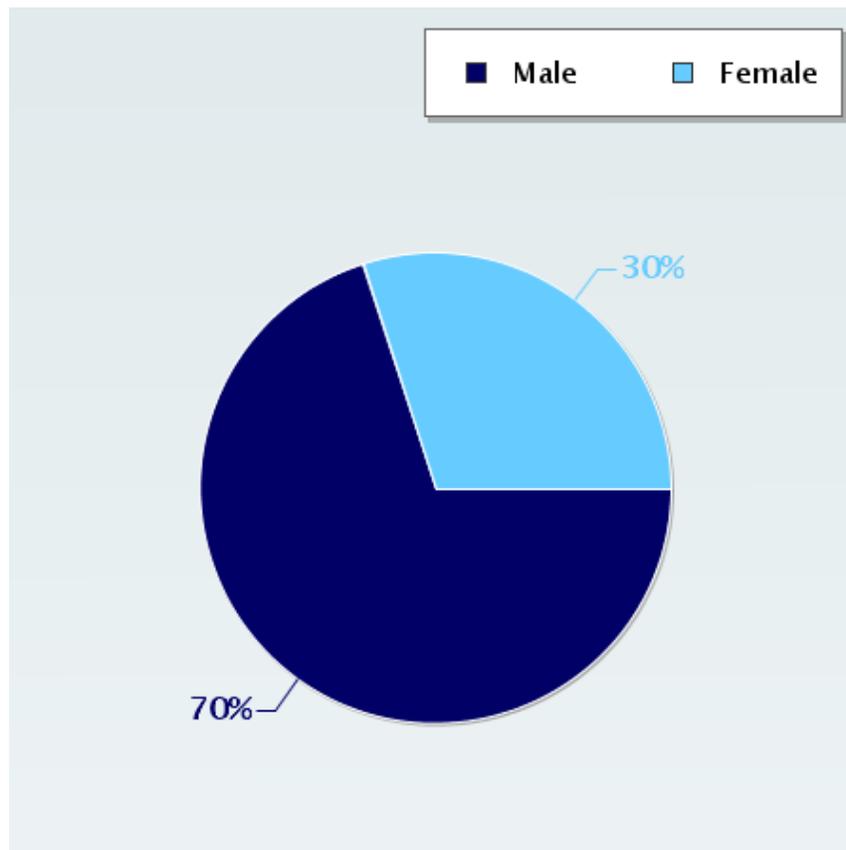
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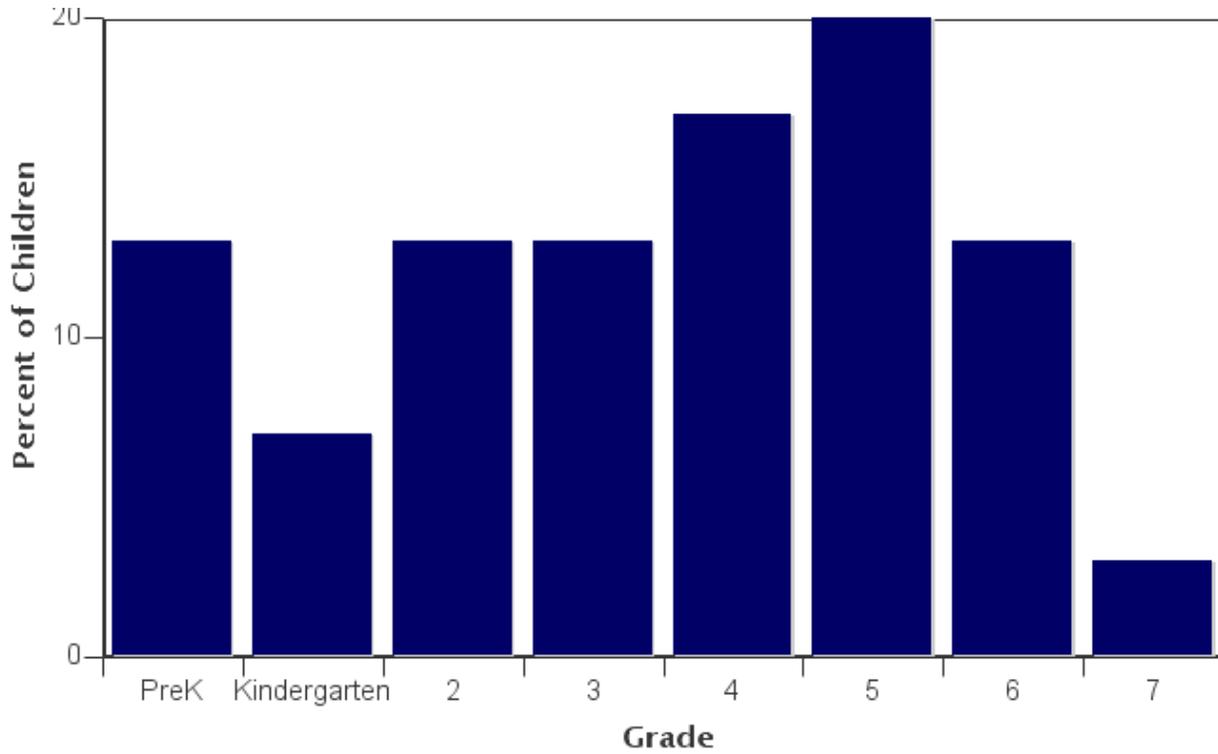
**Number of Questionnaires Analyzed for Report:** 30

This report contains information from parents about their children's trip to and from school. The report also reflects parents' perceptions regarding whether walking and bicycling to school is appropriate for their child. The data used in this report were collected using the Survey about Walking and Biking to School for Parents form from the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Sex of children for parents that provided information



Grade levels of children represented in survey



Grade levels of children represented in survey

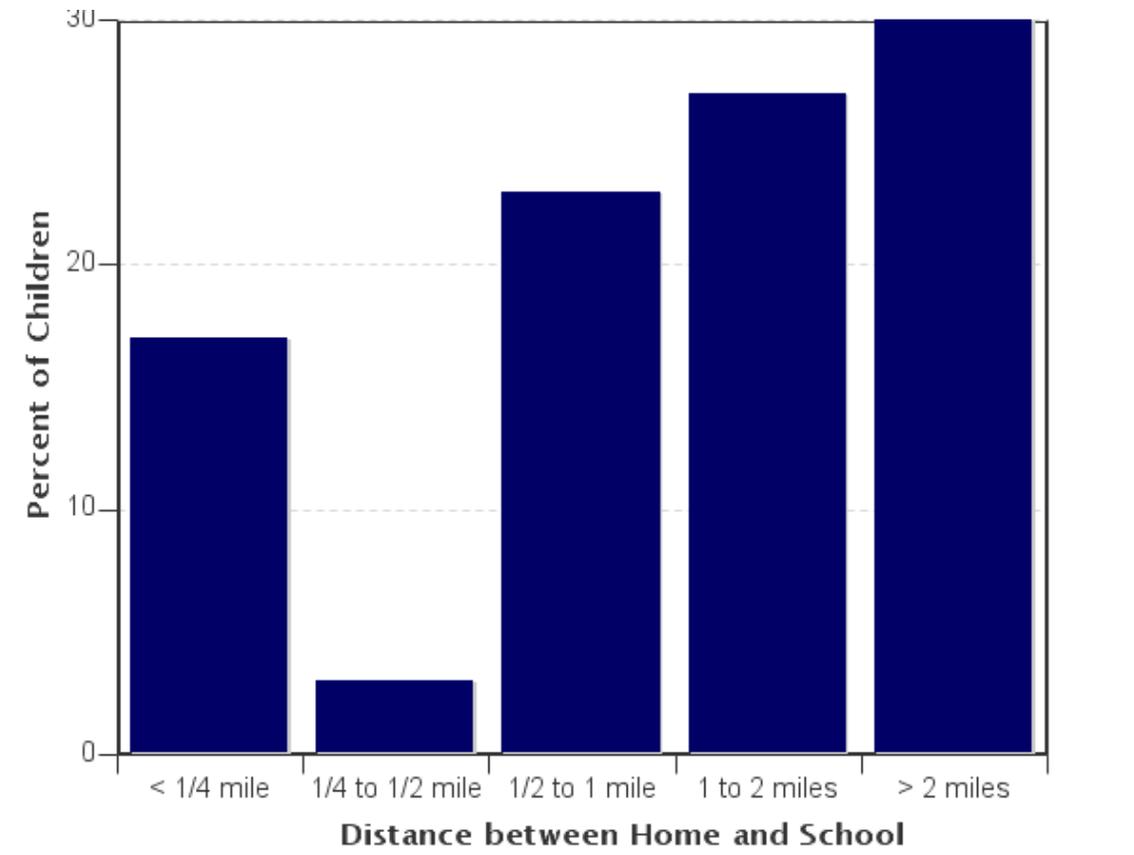
Grade in School	Responses per grade	
	Number	Percent
PreK	4	13%
Kindergarten	2	7%
2	4	13%
3	4	13%
4	5	17%
5	6	20%
6	4	13%
7	1	3%

No response: 0

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Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

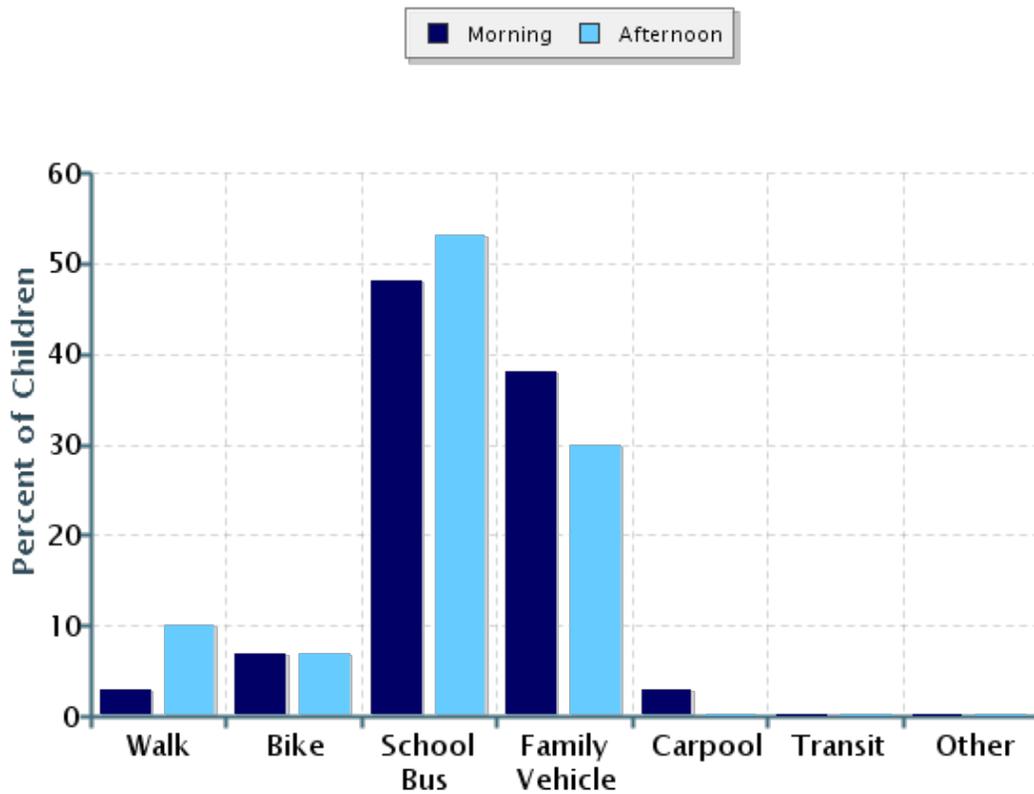


Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

Distance between home and school	Number of children	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	5	17%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1	3%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	23%
1 mile up to 2 miles	8	27%
More than 2 miles	9	30%

Don't know or No response: 0  
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### Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school



### Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school

Time of Trip	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	29	3%	7%	48%	38%	3%	0%	0%
Afternoon	30	10%	7%	53%	30%	0%	0%	0%

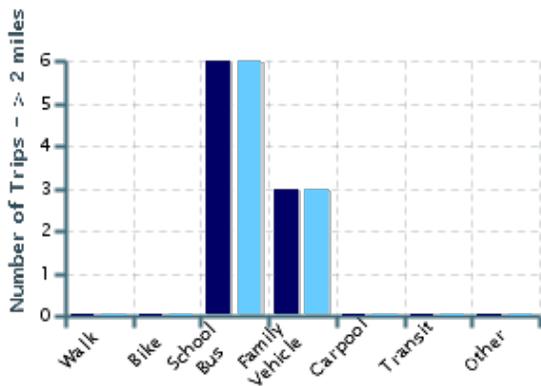
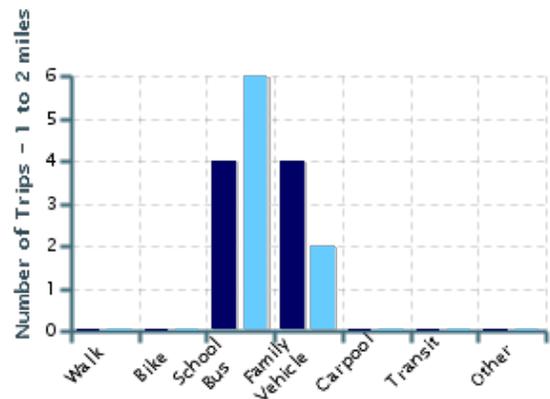
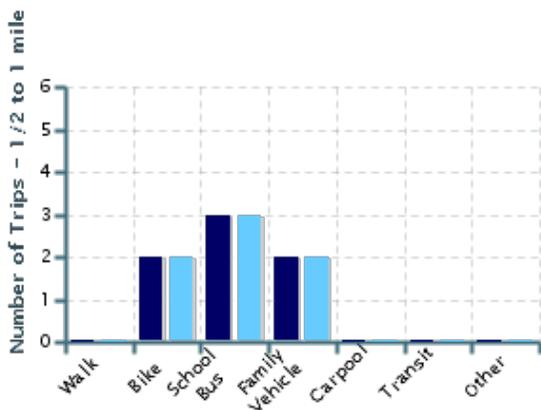
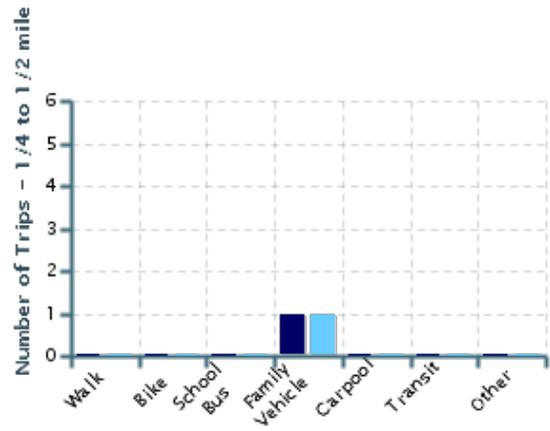
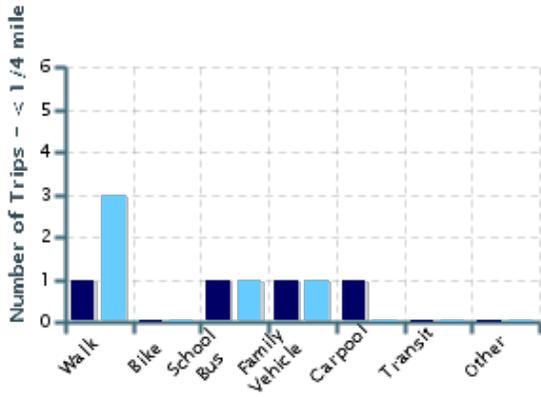
No Response Morning: 1

No Response Afternoon: 0

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# Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school

■ Morning      ■ Afternoon



## Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school

### School Arrival

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
1 mile up to 2 miles	8	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
More than 2 miles	9	0	0	6	3	0	0	0

Don't know or No response: 1

Numbers rather than percents are displayed because the number of respondents for this question was less than 30.

### School Departure

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
1 mile up to 2 miles	8	0	0	6	2	0	0	0
More than 2 miles	9	0	0	6	3	0	0	0

Don't know or No response: 0

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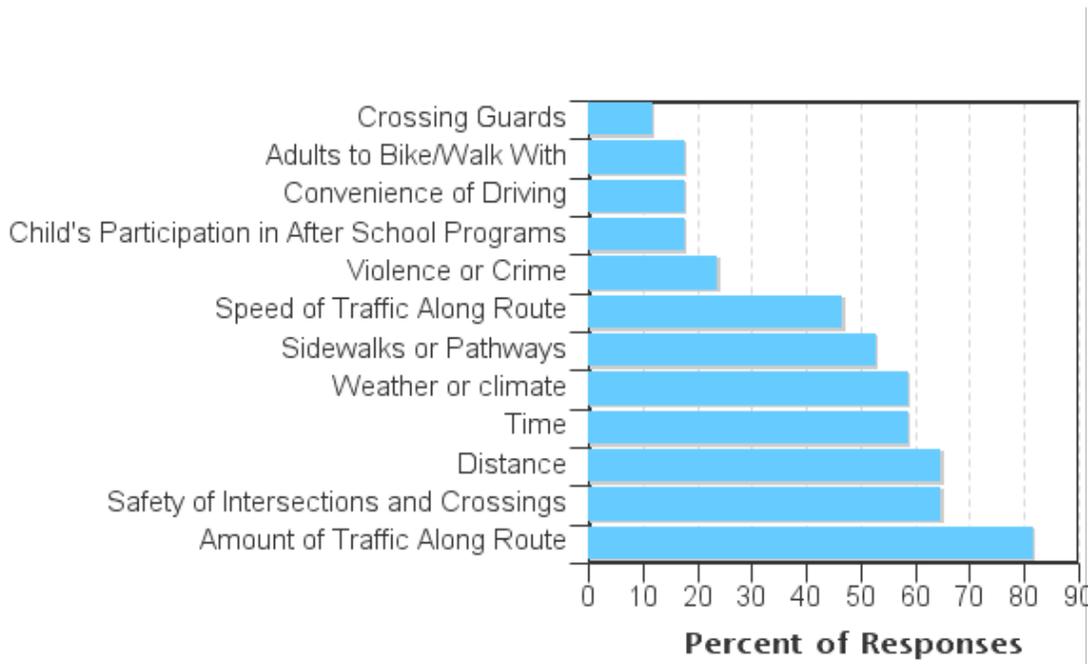
Percent of children who have asked for permission to walk or bike to/from school by distance they live from school

Asked Permission?	Number of Children	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Yes	16	80%	0%	71%	50%	33%
No	14	20%	100%	29%	50%	67%

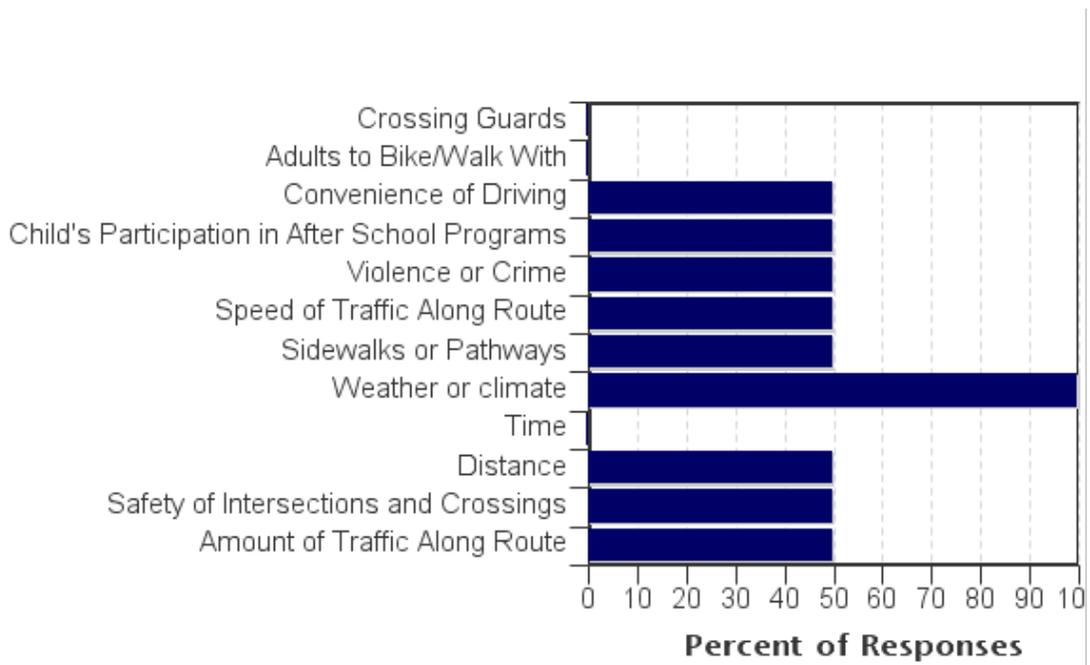
Don't know or No response: 0

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Issues reported to affect the decision to not allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who do not walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school

Issue	Child does not walk/bike to school	Child walks/bikes to school
Amount of Traffic Along Route	82%	50%
Safety of Intersections and Crossings	65%	50%
Distance	65%	50%
Time	59%	0%
Weather or climate	59%	100%
Sidewalks or Pathways	53%	50%
Speed of Traffic Along Route	47%	50%
Violence or Crime	24%	50%
Child's Participation in After School Programs	18%	50%
Convenience of Driving	18%	50%
Adults to Bike/Walk With	18%	0%
Crossing Guards	12%	0%
<b>Number of Respondents per Category</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

No response: 11

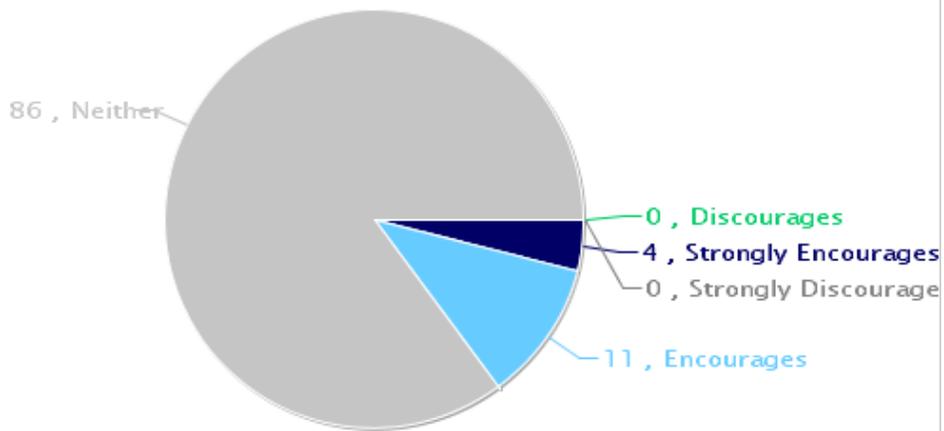
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--Factors are listed from most to least influential for the 'Child does not walk/bike to school' group.

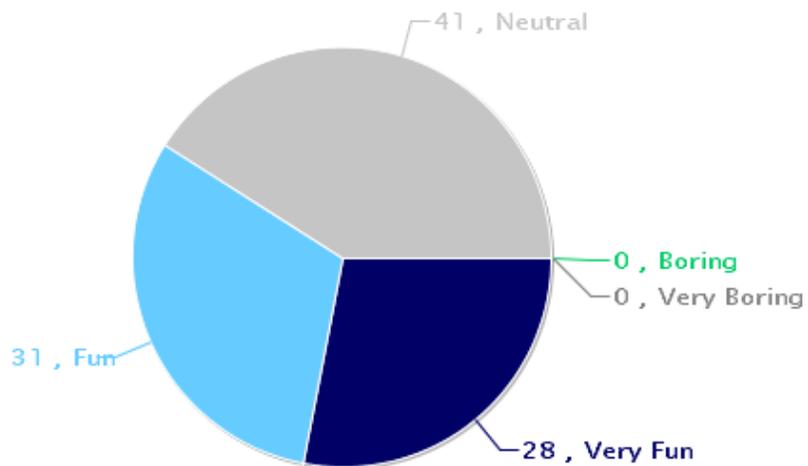
--Each column may sum to > 100% because respondent could select more than issue

--The calculation used to determine the percentage for each issue is based on the 'Number of Respondents per Category' within the respective columns (Child does not walk/bike to school and Child walks/bikes to school.) If comparing percentages between the two columns, please pay particular attention to each column's number of respondents because the two numbers can differ dramatically.

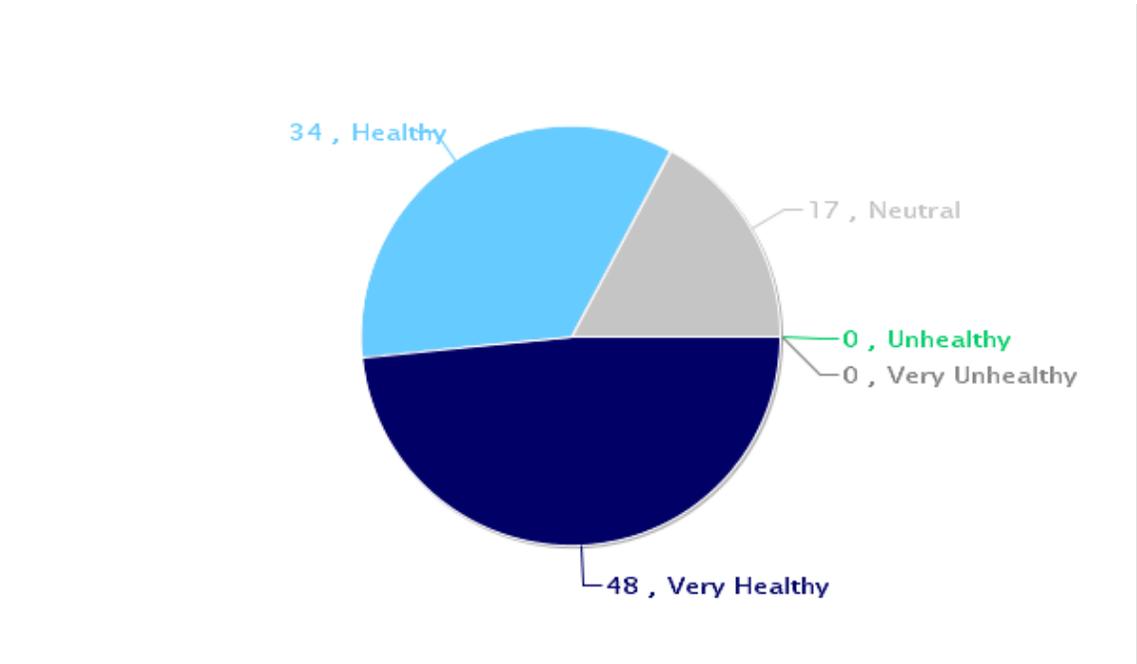
Parents' opinions about how much their child's school encourages or discourages walking and biking to/from school



Parents' opinions about how much fun walking and biking to/from school is for their child



Parents' opinions about how healthy walking and biking to/from school is for their child



## Comments Section

SurveyID	Comment
1704690	Unfortunately, we live out in the country so my children will not have the opportunity to walk and/or ride a bike to school. However, if we lived close enough, I would absolutely encourage it!
1704797	My son enjoys riding his bike to school, but it does make me nervous since the sidewalks aren't the best and some blocks don't have any.
1704820	There's a section that doesn't even have a sidewalk for my kids to utilize!! This is on Union, Market doesn't have sidewalks at all.
1704742	I would love to see more sidewalks and repaired sidewalks in our town for kids to travel on to and from school and for other times when walking and biking are options for socialization and health activities.
1704819	We live in the country, but after-school activities when he is older will be walked to.
1704725	They typically walk with their teenage brother who catches a bus to the high school. Currently remote learning, so not entirely applicable now.
1704744	We have 3 children living in our household. Two of the children attend CGJHS. We only live 1 block from the Jr High School so this form doesn't really apply to them. I filled this form for a 5th grade male that currently rides the bus from the corner of Hockaday and the Courthouse. We would allow him to walk or ride a bike during the warm weather if he wanted to.
1704716	We live too far from town for the kids to bike/walk, but they often ask to go to the park after school. I would let them when they are older.

# Student Travel Tally Report: One School in One Data Collection Period

**School Name:** Council Grove Elementary

**Set ID:** 31348

**School Group:** SRTS

**Month and Year Collected:** October 2020

**School Enrollment:** 0

**Date Report Generated:** 10/27/2020

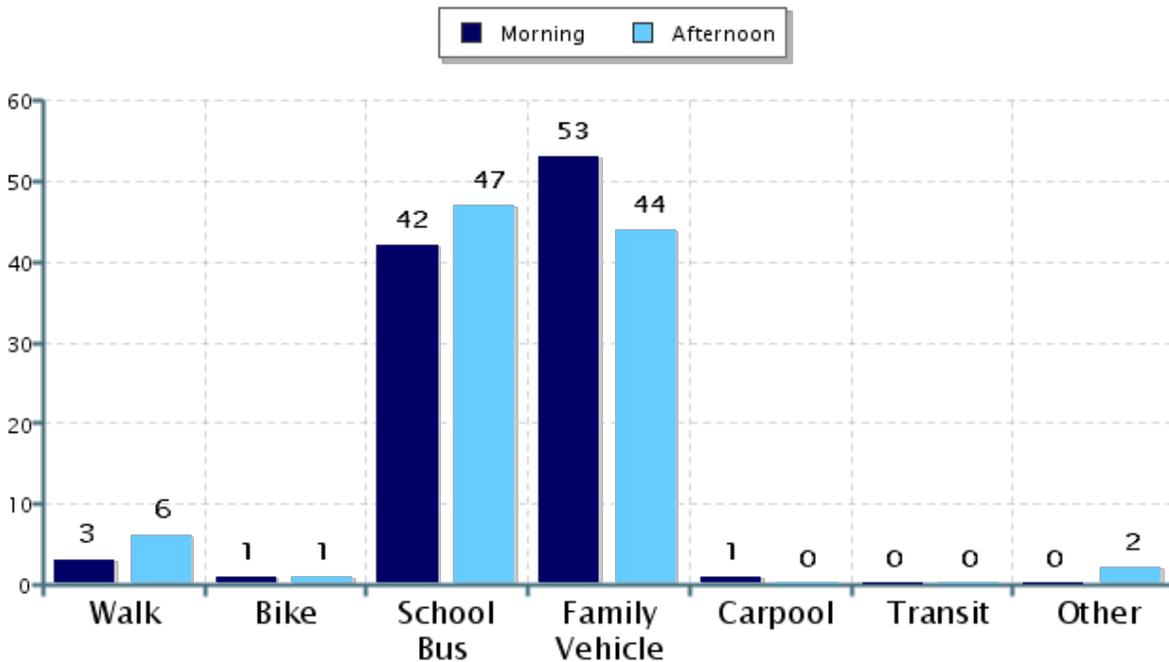
**% of Students reached by SRTS activities:**

**Tags:**

**Number of Classrooms  
Included in Report:** 15

This report contains information from your school's classrooms about students' trip to and from school. The data used in this report were collected using the in-class Student Travel Tally questionnaire from the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

## Morning and Afternoon Travel Mode Comparison



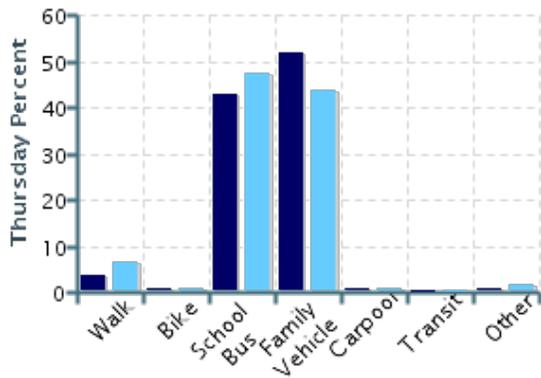
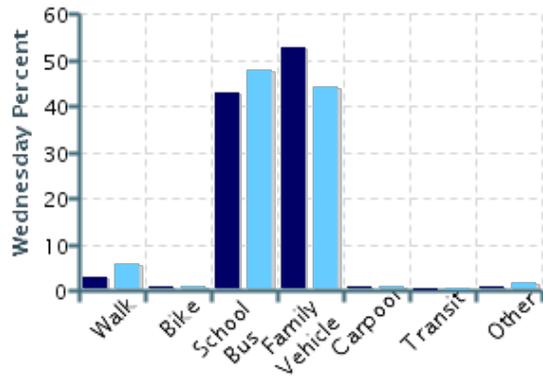
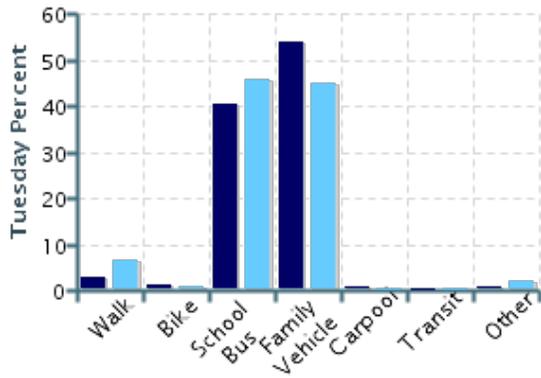
## Morning and Afternoon Travel Mode Comparison

	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	693	3%	0.7%	42%	53%	0.9%	0%	0.4%
Afternoon	682	6%	0.6%	47%	44%	0.3%	0%	2%

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## Morning and Afternoon Travel Mode Comparison by Day

■ Morning ■ Afternoon

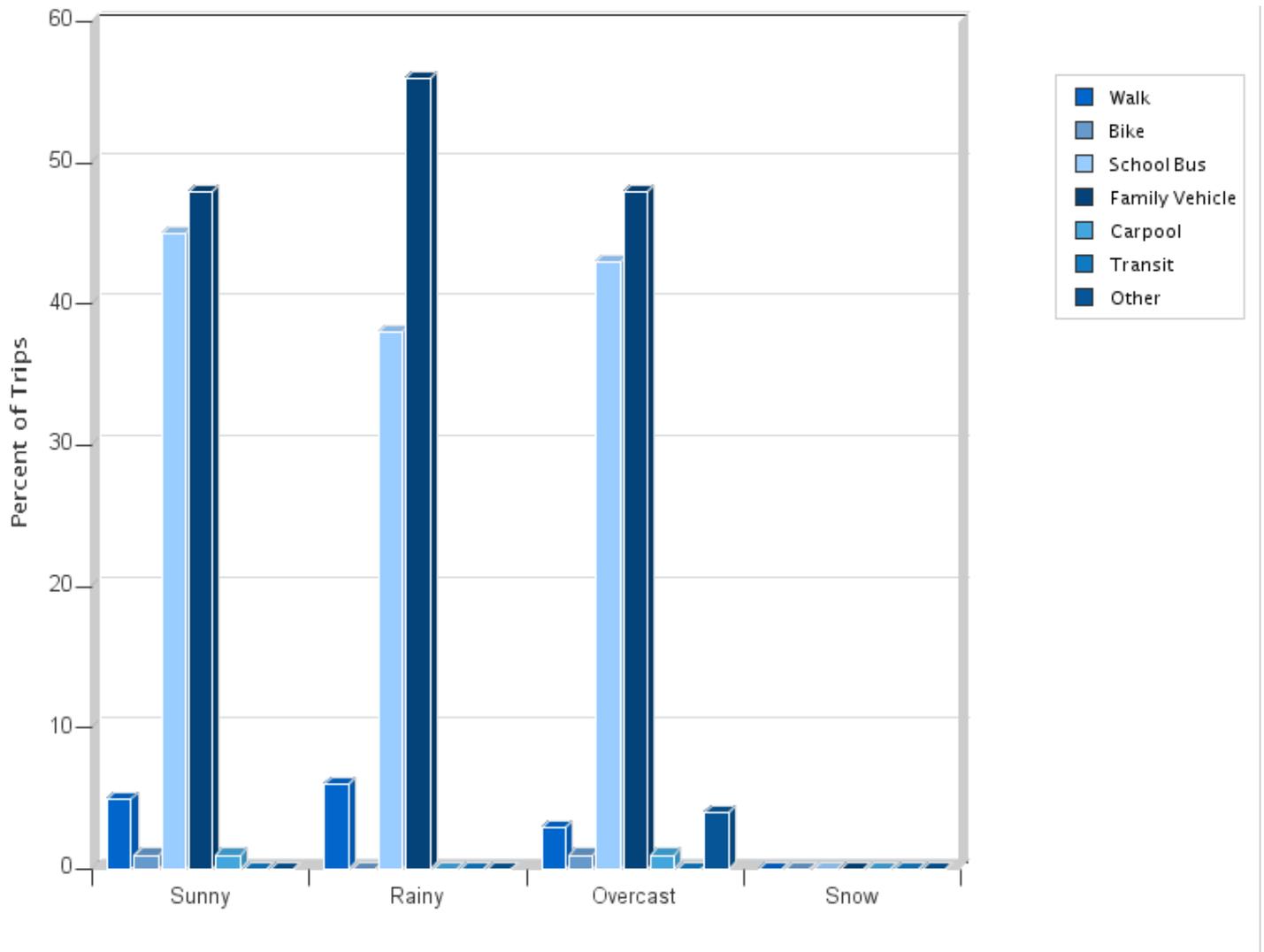


## Morning and Afternoon Travel Mode Comparison by Day

	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Tuesday AM	210	3%	1%	40%	54%	1.0%	0%	0.5%
Tuesday PM	212	7%	0.9%	46%	45%	0%	0%	2%
Wednesday AM	240	3%	0.4%	43%	53%	0.8%	0%	0.4%
Wednesday PM	239	6%	0.4%	48%	44%	0.4%	0%	2%
Thursday AM	243	4%	0.4%	43%	52%	0.8%	0%	0.4%
Thursday PM	231	6%	0.4%	47%	44%	0.4%	0%	2%

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Travel Mode by Weather Conditions



Travel Mode by Weather Condition

Weather Condition	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Sunny	1008	5%	0.7%	45%	48%	0.6%	0%	0%
Rainy	16	6%	0%	38%	56%	0%	0%	0%
Overcast	351	3%	0.6%	43%	48%	0.6%	0%	4%
Snow	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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# Appendix C

Letters of Support



August 29, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: TA GRANT Submission

Dear Sir:

The Council Grove City Lake Association (CGCLA) is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove *TA Grant* submission. As an organization, the CGCLA is constantly looking for ways to improve the quality of life throughout the community of Council Grove, including those residents at the City Lake. Recreational opportunities, healthy lifestyle benefits and general enjoyment of the outdoors would be a huge benefit to those in our community.

The City has done a masterful job of providing many of the benefits listed above and to further expand the opportunities would be a tremendous asset to young and older citizens alike. The chance to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the *TA Grant* will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long-lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth now and far into the future. We appreciate your consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

Robert Herbig

Robert Herbig, President  
CGCLA

**A not-for-profit organization of volunteers serving our membership---  
Striving to grow Council Grove, the Business Community and the Lake Community---together.**



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Heather Honas, Principal  
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Council Grove, KS 66846  
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**Prairie Heights Elementary School**  
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**District Office**

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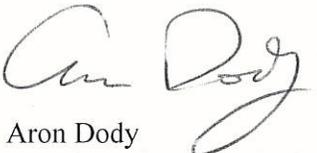
9/7/2018

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I type this letter of support for the Safe Route to Schools and Trails proposed project by the City of Council Grove. USD 417 has approximately 250 kids that walk to school at some point district wide. Opportunities like this proposal and partnerships between local and state governmental agencies only strengthen our communities and provide safe means of transportation for our youth.

The USD 417 board of education and the staff of USD 417 is in full support of this proposed project. We are excited, fully support, and look forward to the potential opportunity to partner with the City of Council Grove and the State of Kansas for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

  
Aron Dody  
Superintendent of Schools  
USD 417





# Quality Profile Services, Inc.

701 Donnon St. - P.O. Box 256 - Council Grove, KS 66846  
620-767-6757 – FAX 620-767-6079

To Whom it May Concern,

Quality Profile Services Inc. is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. The proposed expansion would also provide a much safer access route for students and the public. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Shepard", written in a cursive style.

Steve Shepard  
Business Development Manager / V.P. Board of Directors



August 31, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

*White Memorial "Camp Inc. is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents. The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth.*

*White Memorial Camp is a place lives are changed. We are passionate about creating innovative outdoor experiences where kids and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities flourish and are empowered. Our mission experiencing god's love enriching lives and creating a supportive environment surrounded by the beauty of the Flint Hills. We appreciate your consideration.*

Sincerely ,

Justin Whittaker  
Director

To Whom it May Concern

I am the state representative for the 68<sup>th</sup> District of Kansas which includes Morris County and the city of Council Grove, requesting your help on the TA Grant submission for the city. The Riverwalk area in Council Grove is a feature attraction located in the center of the community and the intersection of two main US highways. The Flinthills Nature Trail passes through this area and it has recently become a state park with many groups participating in the development. The TA Grant will provide sidewalks that benefit students, businesses and walkers for many years to come. This investment in the community will provide dividends for many years. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and "B".

Representative Dave Baker 68<sup>th</sup> District of Kansas

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*As owner, and operator of Rerun Consignments I am writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.*

*The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.*

Dale & Darla Webster



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August 30, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

TCT- Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. would like to submit this letter in support of the City of Council Grove's TA Grant submission.

TCT has invested in the community with a fiber optic broadband communications network, and in various other areas. It is our belief that this community is valuable and a good investment. We see the expansion of the Riverwalk to join the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses as very worthwhile for our community.

The proposed trail expansion and addition that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the positive steps the community has already taken to develop an amenity that will keep the town robust and strong; as well as help attract visitors and residents. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dale Jones, C.E.O. Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc.



To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written in support of the TA Grant submitted by the City of Council Grove to tie in and expand the Riverwalk sidewalk access. This expanded trail will connect students, citizens and visitors to our community and will aid substantially to our economic wellbeing, helping us thrive and grow.

Thank you in advance for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Debi Schwerdtfeger, Mayor, City of Council Grove



# HARTMAN MASONRY, L.C.

e-mail [hartman@tctelco.net](mailto:hartman@tctelco.net)

204 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Council Grove, KS 66846

August 28, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter as President of Hartman Masonry, LC to support the City of Council Grove's TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long-lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hartman, President



**COUNCIL GROVE/MORRIS COUNTY**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM**

207 West Main Street – Council Grove, KS 66846

PH: 620-767-5413

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August 28, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

The Council Grove/Morris County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission.

When granted, the TA Grant will help ensure the vitality of this county seat town which works every day to be the best it can be for its residents and tourists far and wide. In addition to lake recreation and the town's 25 historic sites, the existing Riverwalk has been a major attraction for town guests since its completion. It ties into the Flint Hills Trail Kansas State Park that bicyclists and walkers frequent.

The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our resident's safety. This is an appropriate project, supporting transportation alternatives, which aligns with the grant purpose.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Monica Simecka, President

To Whom it May Concern,

DocuManage, a paperless office scanning platform, is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

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Sincerely,

Kelley Judd

President - DocuManage

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*Pizza Hut is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.*

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*Thank You*

Ann Wodke

RGM - Pizza Hut

Council Grove, Ks

Staab Management Company

To Whom it may concern,

As a business in Council Grove, Ks, Schwerdtfeger Auto Sales, I would like to show support for the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. Expanding the Riverwalk by joining the current sidewalk will give access to our Schools, businesses and community, which will have a positive impact on our community. With this expansion the TA Grant will provide future growth for Council Grove and give us an opportunity as a rural community to be relevant with our neighboring towns. I would encourage those who have a say in this TA Grant to vote yes and give Council Grove this opportunity for growth in the coming years. Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

Rick Schwerdtfeger, owner

Schwerdtfeger Auto Sales

511 East Main

Council Grove, Ks 66846

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*We are writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and sidewalk access to benefit our school children, patrons and guests will be very beneficial to all who use it and the community's growth as well.*

*The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. The first mode of transportation were trails. This modern day trail will accommodate people moving and connecting whatever their purpose. We appreciate your consideration.*

*Mark and Kayla Queen  
Qvines, LLC  
Council Grove, KS*

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*Cheerie Baker is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.*

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*Sincerely*





# FARMERS & DROVERS BANK

August 28, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission for funds to expand the Riverwalk and trail system through town.

Farmers & Drovers Bank wants to do everything possible to keep our community vibrant and attractive to our residents, visitors, future residents and tourists. Trails are an important part of economic development as they attract businesses and residents by improving both quality of life and economic growth. It is important for us to provide safe routes to school for students in our community.

The trail expansion project will assure students have a safe route to walk to schools and recreational facilities throughout Council Grove. The new trails will connect existing trails and make all trails more accessible for use.

We are confident that the new trails will provide an outstanding recreational opportunity that will be enjoyed by many generations to come. Please join me in supporting this application for funding.

Sincerely,

Julie D. Hower  
President and CEO



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www.rexmaterials.com

To Whom it May Concern,

Rex Materials Group of Kansas is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant Submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

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Sincerely,

*Brad Valentine*

**Brad Valentine**

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# HARTMAN MASONRY, L.C.

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Council Grove, KS 66846

August 28, 2018

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Sincerely,



Sandra Hartman, President

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"INSURANCE FOR THE HEARTLAND"

**INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**

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To Whom it May Concern,

Tyner Insurance Group, Inc. is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission.

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We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely

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Tim Tyner, President  
Tyner Insurance Group, Inc.

***HAYS HOUSE RESTAURANT***  
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To Whom it May Concern,

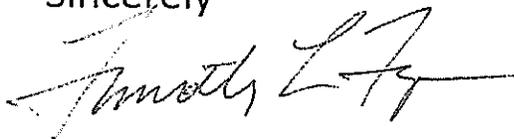
The Hays House Restaurant is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission.

The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely



Tim Tyner, President

Flint Hills Investors, LLC dba Hays House Restaurant

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*112 W Main Street, Council Grove, KS. 66846*

## Storage Plus

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**From:** Diane Wolfe <diane@councilgrove.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** Nick Jones; 'Storage Plus'  
**Subject:** FW: letter

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**From:** Pizza Hut Council Grove [<mailto:councilgroveph@staabmgt.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 2:32 PM  
**To:** Diane Wolfe <[diane@councilgrove.com](mailto:diane@councilgrove.com)>  
**Cc:** James Bolieu <[jbolieu@staabmgt.com](mailto:jbolieu@staabmgt.com)>  
**Subject:** letter

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*Pizza Hut is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.*

*The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.*

*Thank You*

Ann Wodke  
RGM - Pizza Hut  
Council Grove, Ks  
Staab Management Company



August 28, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support of the City of Council Grove's application for a TA Grant to improve and extend the trail on the Riverwalk east of downtown Council Grove.

The Riverwalk has become an asset for the community, not only by bringing visitors to Council Grove, but also enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Council Grove.

This grant would allow the current trail to tie into Council Grove High School's pedestrian system and would give students safe and convenient access to the walking trail.

These type of infrastructure improvements enriches the community immeasurably. I strongly support the City of Council Grove's application for a TA Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Marty Wright", is written over the typed name.

Howard M. "Marty" Wright  
Owner/Broker  
Council Grove Realty  
300 W Main St.  
Council Grove KS 66846

## COFFIN INSURANCE AGENCY

14 West Main, P. O. Box 294  
Council Grove, Kansas 66846  
Manager, Norma Rooks  
620-767-5133  
August 28, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

The Coffin Insurance Agency is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the school and business will be very beneficial to our students and residents.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Coffin Insurance Agency



# COUNCIL GROVE/MORRIS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

207 West Main Street – Council Grove, KS 66846

PH: 620-767-5413

Email: [chamber@councilgrove.com](mailto:chamber@councilgrove.com) Website: [www.councilgrove.com](http://www.councilgrove.com)

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August 28, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

The Council Grove/Morris County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission.

When granted, the TA Grant will help ensure the vitality of this county seat town which works every day to be the best it can be for its residents and tourists far and wide. In addition to lake recreation and the town's 25 historic sites, the existing Riverwalk has been a major attraction for town guests since its completion. It ties into the Flint Hills Trail Kansas State Park that bicyclists and walkers frequent.

The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our resident's safety. This is an appropriate project, supporting transportation alternatives, which aligns with the grant purpose.

The proposed expanded/additional trail that the TA Grant will help fund will continue the momentum to provide a long lasting community amenity that will keep the town vibrant and alive for future growth. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Simecka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Simecka, President

## Storage Plus

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**From:** Diane Wolfe <diane@councilgrove.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Storage Plus'; Nick Jones  
**Subject:** FW: TA Grant

This has been received as a letter of support.

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**From:** Kelley Judd [<mailto:kj@kjudd.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Diane Wolfe <[diane@councilgrove.com](mailto:diane@councilgrove.com)>  
**Subject:** TA Grant

To Whom it May Concern,

DocuManage, a paperless office scanning platform, is writing this letter in support of the City of Council Grove TA Grant submission. The opportunity to expand the Riverwalk and tying in the current sidewalk access to the schools and businesses will be very beneficial to our students and to our residents.

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Sincerely,

Kelley Judd

President - DocuManage



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To whom it may concern,

8-28-18

It came to my attention today that there is a State grant match program helping to add sidewalks and walkways to needy community areas. I would just like to share how in favor I am of this for Council Grove. I believe initiatives like this are critical for promoting wellness to the overall community, safety for our kids as they go to school, and a huge benefit to maintaining and growing the quality of life here in Council Grove.

Council Grove has a good foundation with the Riverwalk to help beautify and offer historic reference to our heritage. Tying additional travel and trails to connect schools, parks, lakes, existing trailheads and thoroughfares just makes tremendous sense. In addition, as a local corporation continuing to expand and try and attract new talent and families, recreational trail systems and safe travel are important competitive facilities this community needs to provide. It's exciting to know that not only can we provide these, but do it in a way that is truly unique and fits with what is already here.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Kirk", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Kirk

C.E.O.

t3 Broadband

[dave.kirk@t3broadband.com](mailto:dave.kirk@t3broadband.com)

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