



Pedestrian Travel Safety Study

on State Street + Seward County CSAP Update

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Continuing the efforts of Seward County's 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP), this project advances identified priorities for reducing fatal and serious-injury crashes and improving multimodal safety. It shifts the focus from planning to implementation through demonstration activities.

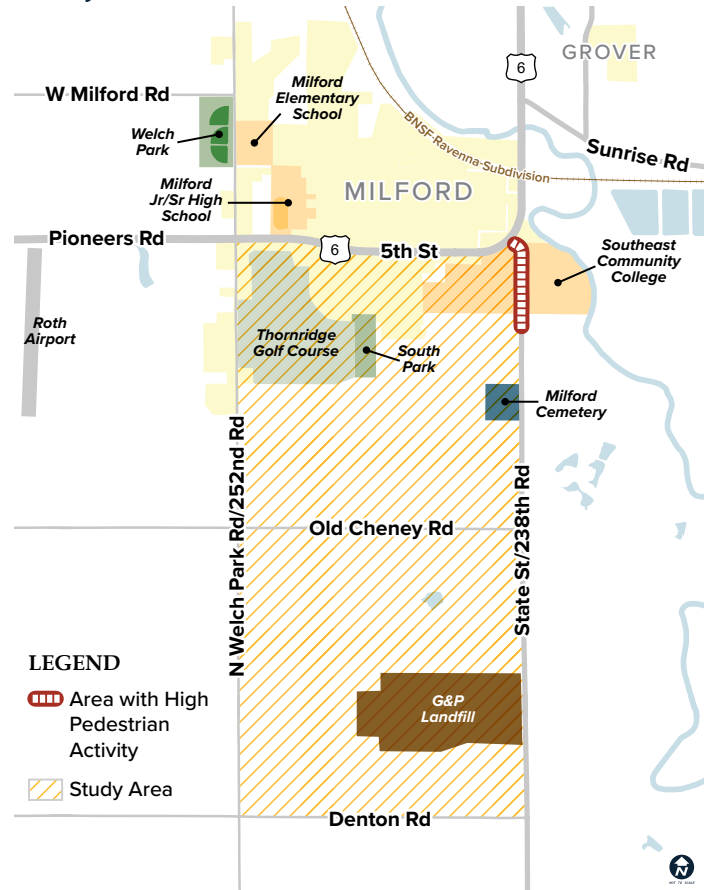
The proposed project is located along a portion of State Street from Southeast Community College Circle Drive to immediately north of the Blue Mound Cemetery and along portions of Old Cheney Road and N Welch Park Road, in Milford, Seward County, Nebraska.

What is Multimodal Safety?

Multimodal safety means providing safe travel conditions for all roadway users, including people walking, bicycling, driving, and other modes of transportation.

Seward County was awarded \$400,000 through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) SS4A Implementation Grant, with an additional \$100,000 local match provided through in-kind contributions such as staff time, equipment, and supplies, to implement and evaluate demonstration activities.

PROJECT LOCATION



PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to evaluate conditions along the State Street corridor through the Southeast Community College campus to identify measures to improve multimodal safety, reduce vehicle speeds, and implement and evaluate selected safety improvements.

The project is needed to address multimodal safety concerns along State Street through the Southeast Community College campus. A majority of these concerns are associated with high pedestrian activity, vehicle speeds, and a diverse mix of local and through traffic, including frequent heavy truck traffic.

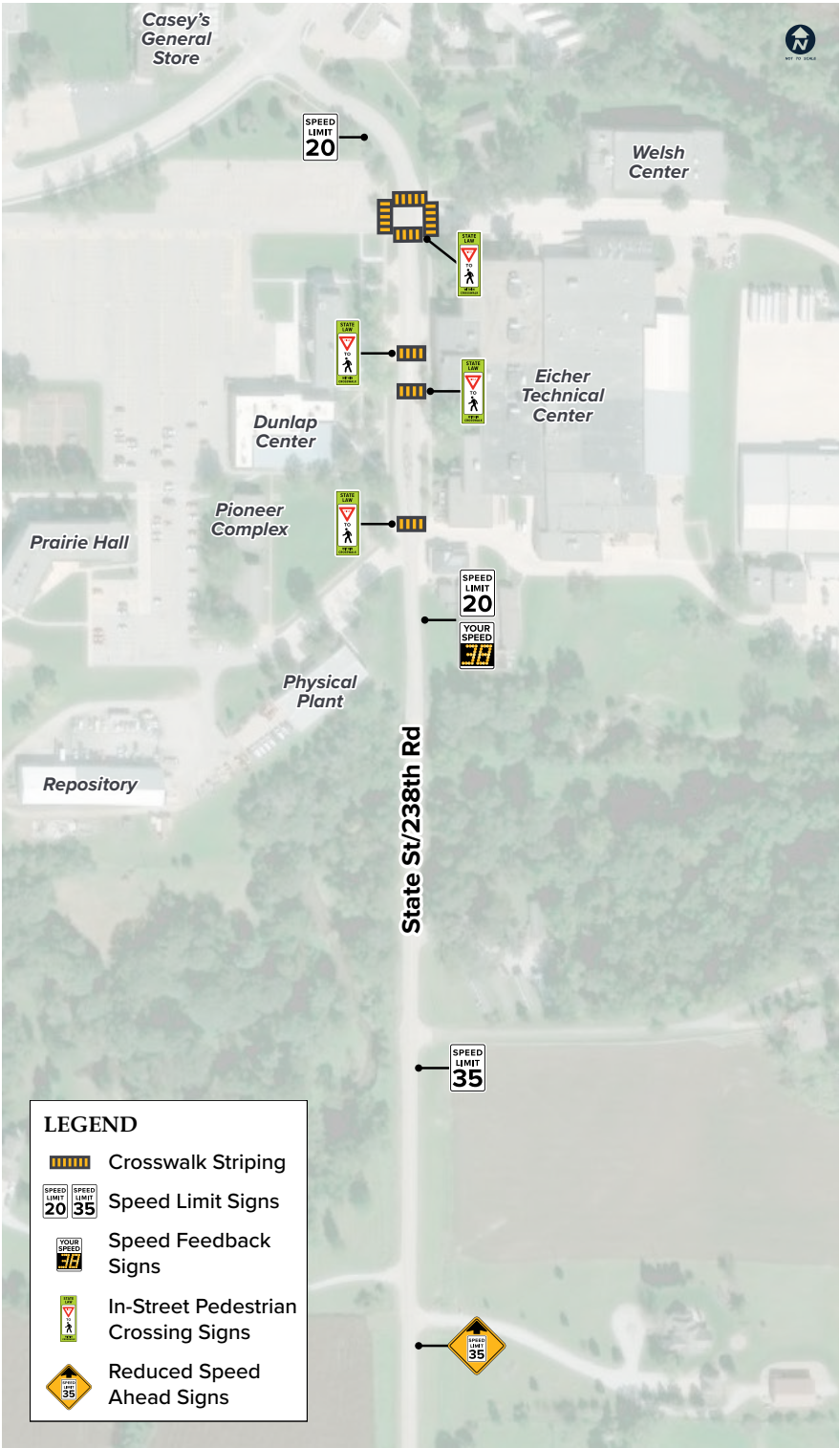
SPRING 2027 DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES

To address pedestrian safety and vehicle speeds along the project corridor, a series of quick-build infrastructure improvements will be implemented and evaluated.

These improvements include:

- Striping seven crosswalks within the Southeast Community College campus.
- Placing four In-Street Pedestrian Crossing signs at the south, north, and two mid-block crossing locations.
- Establishing a 20 mph speed limit zone through Southeast Community College campus.
- Replacing two existing signs south of campus with the current standard Reduced Speed Ahead sign and 35 mph Speed Limit sign.

These improvements are anticipated to be implemented and evaluated in spring 2027. Following the evaluation period, Seward County and project partners will assess the effectiveness of the demonstration activities and determine whether individual improvements should be maintained, modified, or removed.



FALL 2027 DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES

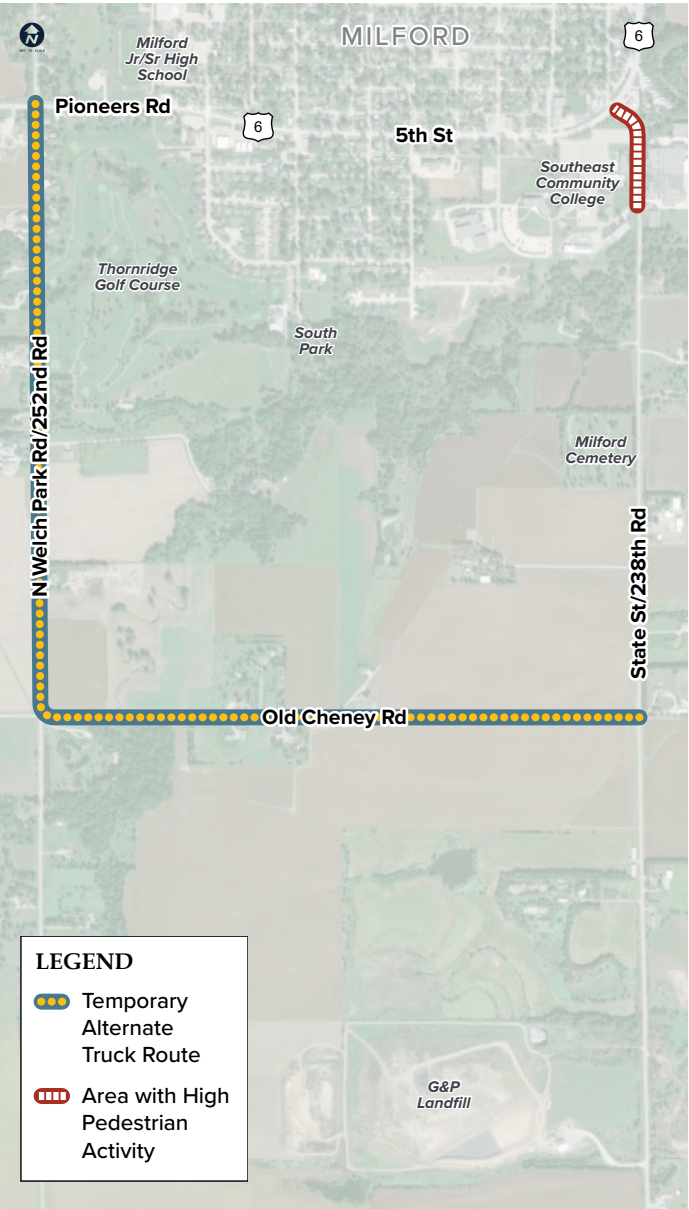
A temporary alternate truck route would be piloted to reduce agricultural and truck traffic traveling through Southeast Community College campus, an area with high pedestrian activity.

These improvements include:

- Piloting a temporary alternate truck route along approximately one mile of Old Cheney Road and one mile of N Welch Park Road so that trucks bypass State Street.
- Treating the existing gravel roadway with a stabilizer to minimize wear.
- Coordinating with G&P Landfill to encourage refuse haulers to use the temporary alternate truck route.

These improvements are anticipated to be implemented and evaluated in fall 2027. Following the evaluation period, Seward County will assess the viability of a long-term truck route to bypass State Street and determine whether the piloted bypass route should be programmed for future improvements, such as paving.

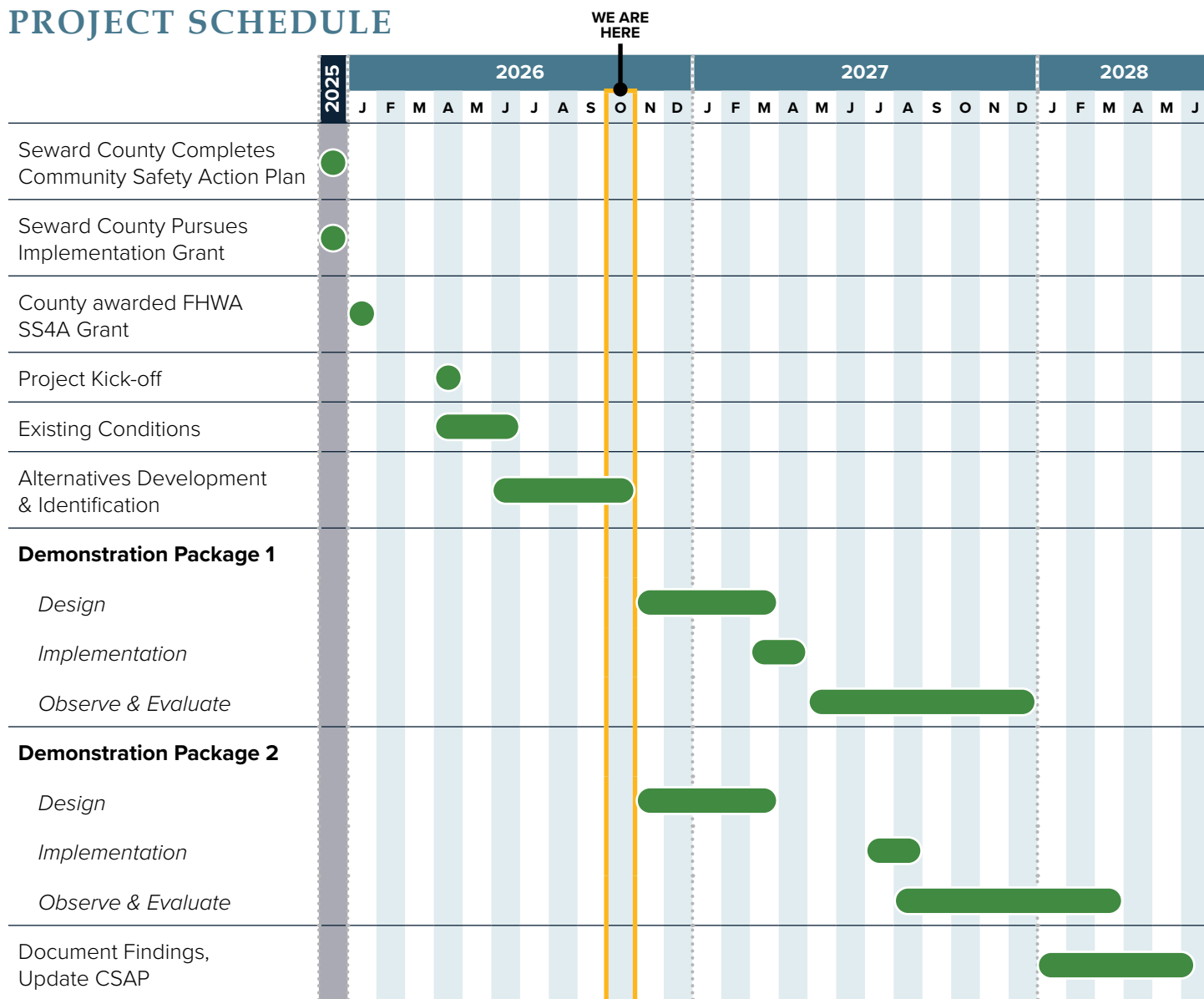
Additional information about the project schedule and coordination with adjacent property owners and residents will be shared as details become available.



What are Demonstration Activities?

Demonstration activities are infrastructure improvements that can be implemented with less time and investment than permanent improvements, providing a cost-effective way to evaluate the effectiveness of potential long-term solutions.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



*All dates after September 2026 tentative



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