

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**

# San Miguel L St. Pop-Up Bike/Pedestrian Lane for Bike & Walk to School Week



**PROPOSED DATES: May 4-8, 2026**

L St looking south from 16<sup>th</sup> St



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Healthy Neighborhoods Priority

# A February 2025 SLOCOG Safety Walk in San Miguel recommended traffic calming and pedestrian improvements along L St.



## Summary & Recommendations

OTIS TRAFFIC SAFETY ROAD TO ZERO



### Summary:

Key destinations in San Miguel include Lillian Larsen School, Mission Market, and new housing near Verde Place. Walk audit observations revealed high-speed vehicle traffic, harsh braking, and a lack of sidewalks, creating discomfort and safety issues for pedestrians and bicyclists. Residents expressed the need for traffic calming measures such as road diets and speed humps, and shared concerns over flooding due to missing gutters and poor sight lines from overgrown vegetation. The community supports cost-effective, quick-build solutions to improve active transportation safety.



## Recommendations

OTIS TRAFFIC SAFETY ROAD TO ZERO

- Tier 1** Remove Severe Conflicts
  - Install continuous sidewalks and ADA ramps
  - Install buffered bike lanes in each direction on 14<sup>th</sup> Street/River Road
  - Install southbound bicycle lane on Mission Street with buffers
  - Install bicycles lanes in each direction with a parking lane buffer on L Street
  - Install pedestrian refuge islands at intersections on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and L Street
- Tier 2** Reduce Vehicle Speeds
  - Install curb extensions at crosswalks
  - Install raised crosswalks at intersections
  - Reduce automobile lane width
  - Install midblock speed humps
  - Reduce speed limit between N Street and Rio Vista Place from 35mph to 25mph
- Tier 3** Manage Conflicts in Time
  - Convert intersection at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and L Street to 4-way stop controlled
- Tier 4** Increase Attentiveness and Awareness
  - Trim vegetation obstructing sight distance
  - Paint crosswalk path markings
  - Paint high-visibility bicycle lane connections through intersections
  - Install crosswalk lighting
  - Install RRFB at Mission Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street and at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and L Street
  - Install 'Slower Speeds Ahead' signage at town entrance

- 1** River Road experiences frequent speeding and unsafe pedestrian crossing. To address this, it is recommended to install raised, painted crosswalks, midblock speed humps, and crosswalk lighting.
  - 2** Mission Street experiences higher demand for active travel modes yet offers limited supportive infrastructure. Sidewalks should be installed to add a pedestrian path connection between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. A Southbound bicycle lane should be added to provide cyclists with an accessible route in this direction. ADA ramps should be added at crosswalks where they are missing.
  - 3** A pedestrian refuge island, curb extension, and RRFB at the L Street intersection will slow automobiles and limit student exposure in the automobile lane. Traffic calming measures recommended include the installation of a mini roundabout, raised crosswalks, midblock speed humps, and reduction on automobile lane width.
  - 4** A sign labeling this roadway as a "School Route" should be displayed to clearly on L Street to convey that this route serves school traffic. All crosswalks along the roadway should have painted path markings and lighting. Bicycle lane connections across intersections should be clarified with high-visibility painted markings, and automobile lanes should be distinguished with a painted roadway median.
- Several sidewalk areas were identified as a recommended location for repaving due to cracks, holes, and other damage. The installation of gutters can be explored along the shoulders of roadways to decrease the flooding hazard during rainy conditions.

Note: Images shown are illustrative examples from other locations and not specific to the study area.



# SLOCOG Community Fact Sheets also identifies L Street (from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>) as a priority location.

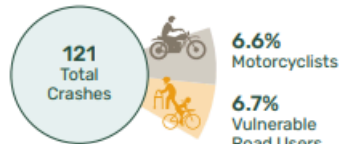
## San Miguel Advisory Council

District 1: Supervisor John Peschong

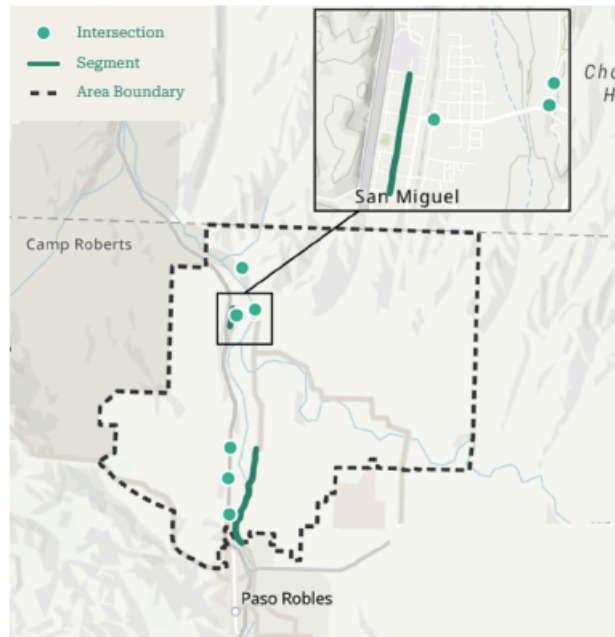
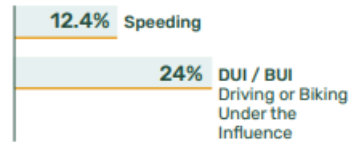
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### 2018-2022 Crash Statistics



### Regional Emphasis Area Primary Crash Factors



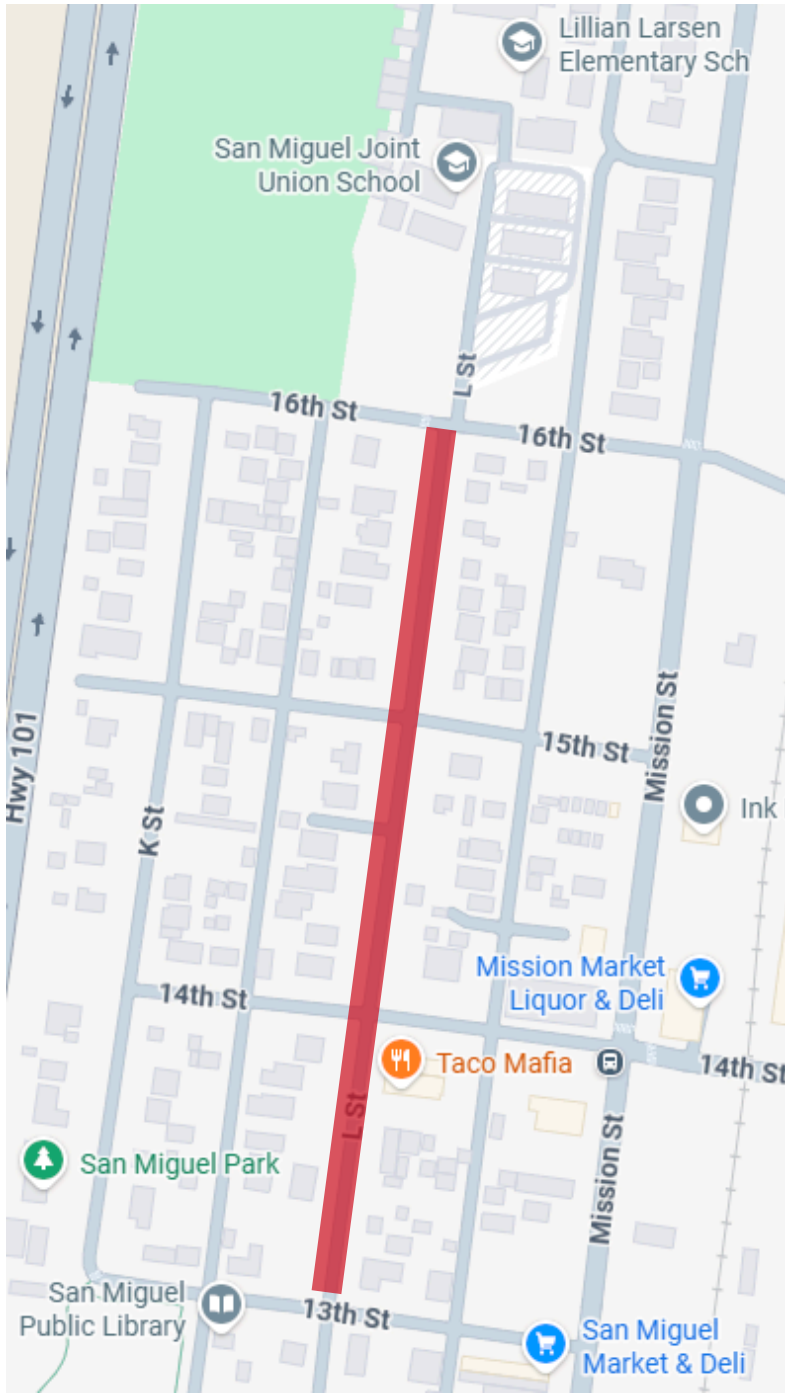
### Priority Locations

- » L Street from 10th St to 16th St
- » N St & River Rd
- » River Rd & Power Rd
- » Indian Valley Rd & Vineyard Canyon
- » Indian Valley Rd & Cross Canyons Rd
- » N Hwy 101 & Monterey Rd
- » S Hwy 101 & Exline Rd
- » N Hwy 101 & Wellsona Rd
- » N River Rd from Wellsona Rd to Clubhouse Dr

# San Miguel Pop-Up Project Vision

Location: L St between 13th-16th St

Inspiration:



# Required Supplies



Red Liquid  
Tempera Paint



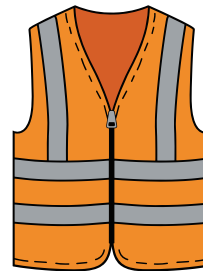
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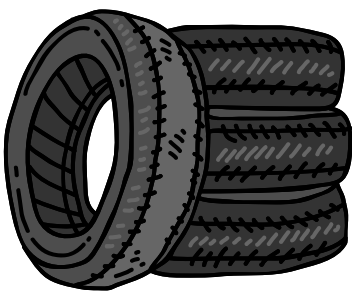
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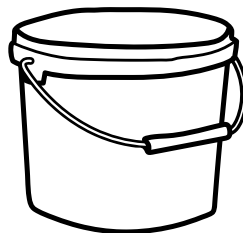
Pallets



Safety Vest



Used Tires



5gal Buckets



Treatment Sign

Separated bike and pedestrian lanes create more space between cars and pedestrians. They narrow the street, naturally slowing traffic and improving safety and comfort for everyone.

References:

[SCAG Go Human Safety Resources](#)

[AARP Pop-Up Placemaking Tool Kit](#)

# Anticipated Project Timeline

Initiation	Pre-Planning (Submission)	Planning (Pending Approval)	Execution	Closing
March	March	April	Early May	July-August
<p>Establish stakeholders</p> <p>Complete Application</p>	<p>Submit Application</p> <p><b>Deadline: March 25, 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Award Notification: April 9</b></p> <p>Initialize Encroachment Permit</p> <p>Procure Materials</p> <p>Organize Volunteers</p> <p>Finalize Plan w/ PW</p>	<p><b>Walk to School Week: May 4-8</b></p> <p><b>May 1</b> Collect Van &amp; Stripping Machine Rental</p> <p><b>May 3 &amp; 4</b> Complete temporary lane construction</p> <p><b>May 4</b> Host Lane Painting Party after school</p> <p><b>May 5-8</b> Lane Open</p> <p><b>May 6</b> Bike/ Walk to School Day Activities &amp; Surveys</p> <p><b>May 9 &amp; 10</b> Teardown &amp; Clean Up</p>	<p><b>Reporting Deadline: August 15</b></p>

# Key for concept sketch

● Green reflective stanchion cone. Used to improve visibility of the bike/pedestrian lane

■ Bollard-type object; (ex: pallet planter, tire planter) used to protect users from vehicles

\*materials on-hand

■ Red painted bike/pedestrian lane

\*red to indicate this a multi-modal path, not exclusively for bicycles, and to fit better with the non-urban landscape.

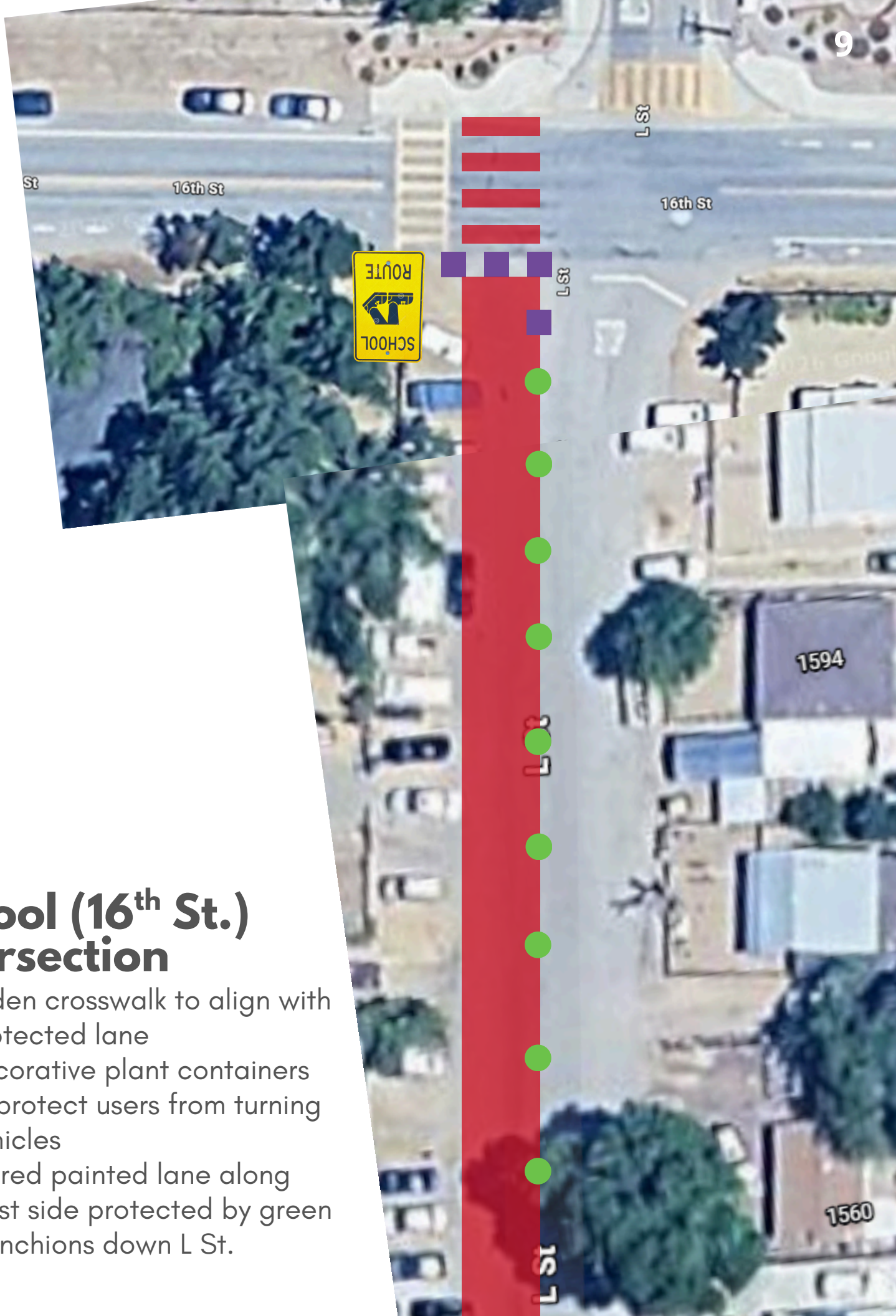
\*\*cones will be spaced to allow access to properties. Parking will continue on private property.

■ Lane crosses a street or paved driveway



**Video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cwYkWZhW6w>





## School (16<sup>th</sup> St.) Intersection

- widen crosswalk to align with protected lane
- decorative plant containers to protect users from turning vehicles
- 12' red painted lane along west side protected by green stanchions down L St.

L St

1516



15th St

15th S

### L St. & 15<sup>th</sup> St.

- add decorative bollards to slow traffic
- add clear signage to indicate school route
- paint crosswalk across 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- extend curb on E. 15th St with decorative tire planters to protect users
- Protected lane continues at 10' wide

## L St. & 14<sup>th</sup> St.

- add decorative bollards to slow traffic
- add clear signage to indicate school route
- paint crosswalk across 14<sup>th</sup> St. that connects to sidewalk
- extend curb on E. 14th St with decorative tire planters to protect users
- Protected lane continues at 6' wide



L St

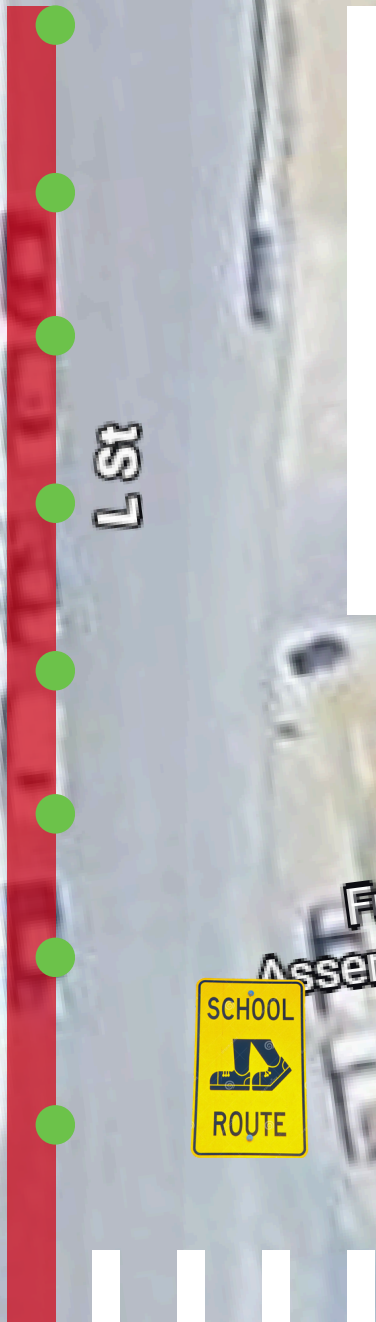
14th St

14th St

L St

# L St. & 13<sup>th</sup> St.

- add clear signage to indicate school route
- paint crosswalk across L St. at both N & S points
- extend curb on 13th St S. side with decorative tire planters to protect users and slow thru traffic and protect pedestrians on blin right turn onto 13<sup>th</sup> St



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Assembly of God Church



13th St

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