

## Walnut Street & Crocker Street

The Avoca visioning committee identified improved pedestrian safety as a key goal for the community. Survey respondents revealed Highway 59 (Walnut Street) to be the primary commuting corridor through town, due to the connection to Interstate 80 to the north and AHSTW Community Schools to the south. The highway challenges safe routes to school and bisects the community making it complicated for residents to safely access community assets, including parks and the swimming pool. By creating a designated intersection for safe pedestrian crossings, the walkability of Avoca can be significantly improved.

While evaluating viable intersections for pedestrian safety enhancements, it became apparent that the Highway 59/ Highway 83 crossing is a major commuter intersection, but the topography of the hill sloping to the south makes for poor visibility of pedestrians in a crosswalk. The unique angle of Highway 59's intersection with Highway 83 creates vehicular conflicts and does not connect directly to Avoca's downtown along Elm Street.

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