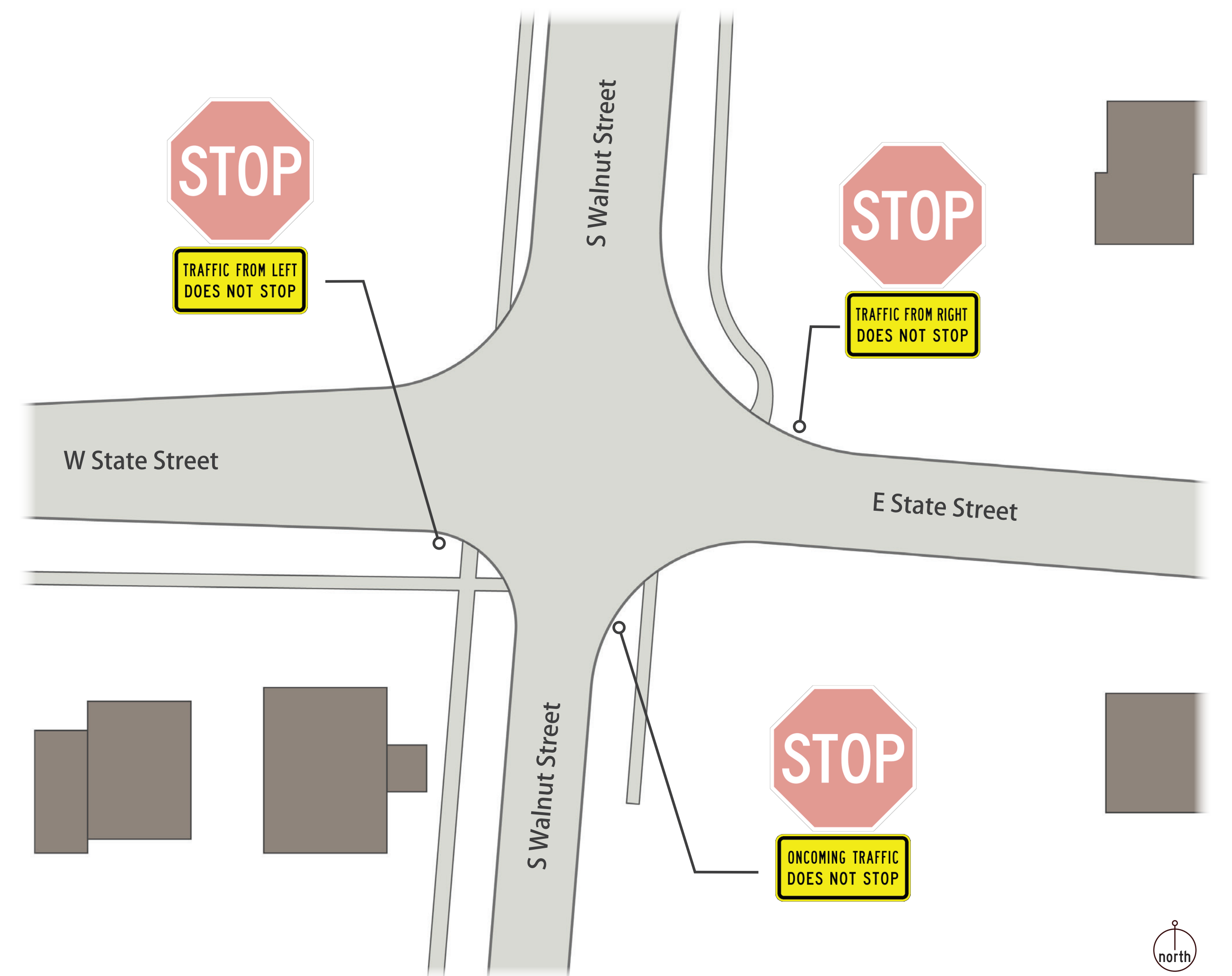




Proposed pedestrian crossing across West State Street (F48), looking east



Before



State Street and Walnut Street intersection signage improvements

## Pedestrian Safety

The steering committee pointed out that currently many pedestrians cross F48 to reach the soccer fields to the north, but don't have a designated crosswalk. The design team is proposing a new crossing that would lead pedestrians from the parking area on the south side of the roadway, across the street and down to the fields. The crossing would be marked with motion detecting flashing lights to alert vehicles of the pedestrians in the roadway. This allows a safer crossing for pedestrians and does not prevent traffic flow when no one is using the crosswalk. If the parking lot on the south side of the roadway was improved to be ADA compliant, this crossing and sidewalk to the soccer fields would need to be designed to allow ADA access as well. Providing a sidewalk that connects this area to an improved network of sidewalks throughout town would help

immensely with pedestrian connectivity and the overall walkability of Colfax.

## Vehicular Safety

Another part of town that both survey respondents and steering committee members perceive as unsafe for pedestrians and motorists is the intersection of F48 (State Street) and Highway 117 (Walnut Street). This intersection is rare in that traffic comes from four directions, but only three of those directions have a stop sign (traffic traveling south on Walnut Street is not required to stop). The purpose of this configuration is to ensure that winter traffic can fully make it through the intersection, which is on a hill. This creates a potentially hazardous scenario for motorists, especially those who are unfamiliar with the intersection.

The design team proposes installing additional Iowa Department of Transportation-approved signage under each of the existing stop signs in order to better display the requirements of this intersection. These simple signs will improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians alike for a minimal cost. Each of these signs and their official titles can be found in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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