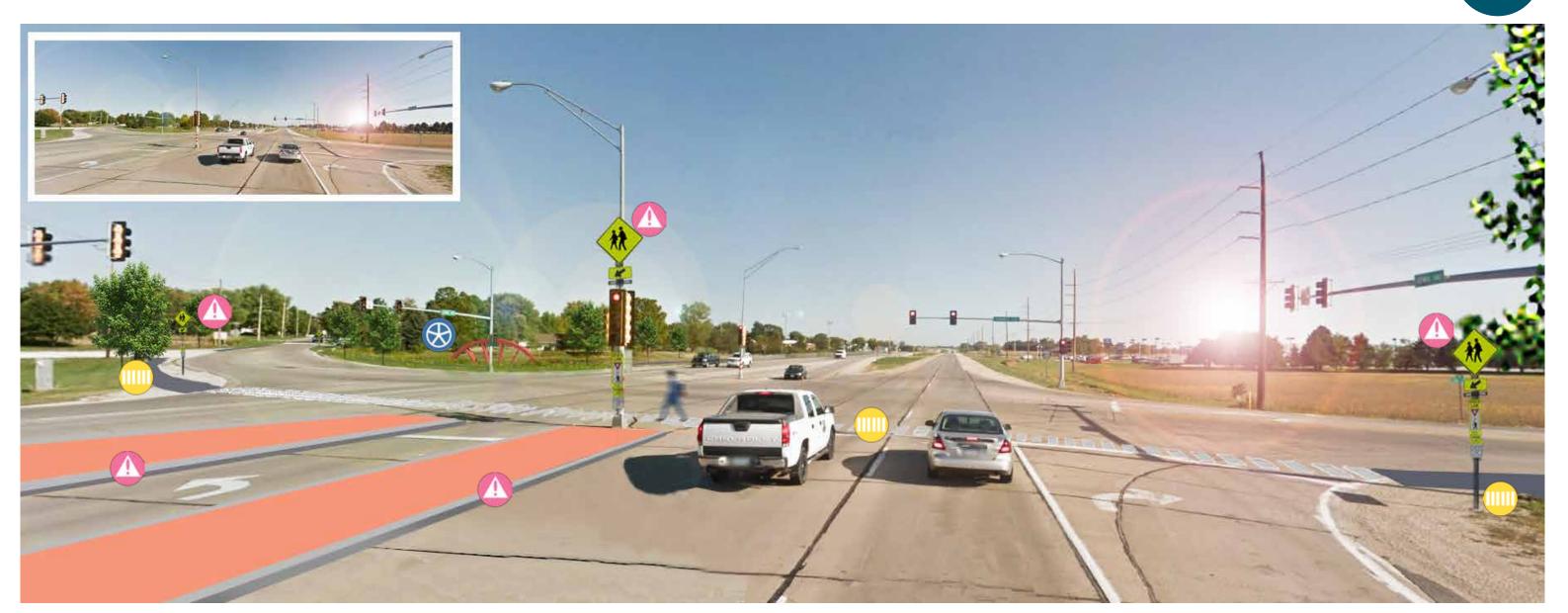


141 Crossing

Addressing safety concerns is a top priority for the Granger Community Visioning steering committee, especially for pedestrians attempting to cross Highway 141 at State Street/190th Street. The 141 Crossing project proposes strategies that both improve pedestrian safety and enhance aesthetic character along this busy, high-speed commuter route. The proposed local multipurpose trail extends along the highway right-of-way, wrapping around Centennial Park with a marked crossing at State Street, and continues west to cross this highway. At these crossings, pavement markings and two-sided pedestrian signs with push button-activated RRFBs are proposed to better alert drivers. Shade trees are positioned along the trail, and painted center medians on the highway are transformed into raised, colored concrete medians with curbs. These medians and roadside plantings can be effective traffic-calming devices, signifying to drivers a change in roadway character from the open, high-speed rural highway section to a slower, more restricted urban corridor. The raised medians act as "refuge islands", or a protected midpoint in the crosswalk. This breaks up the long crossing distance into two smaller more manageable crossings.

Granger 141 Crossing + Gateway



141 Crossing + Gateway Perspective



Gateway Perspective

Gateway Monument

To draw the attention of highway travelers and announce their arrival to Granger, a gateway monument is proposed at the northwest corner of Centennial Park. This playful sculptural monument takes the form of a spoked wheel, referencing the train and circus wagon wheels of the city's past, and marking the community as a hub for regional cycling. The steel structure will be accessible from the proposed multipurpose local trail and Centennial Park, and can serve as an interactive play structure and rest stop with the addition of swings, gravel surfacing, bike racks, and signage. Large in scale and painted an eye-catching, signature red color, the gateway monument will be visible to both directions of travel along Highway 141, and will become a landmark for commuters that invites passersby to stop and explore Granger.

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