# Milele Chikasa Anana Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (November 2026)

| About the School | |
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| Grades | K4-5 |
| Number of Students[a] | Approximately 455 |
| % Economically Disadvantaged | 51% |
| % Non-white | 65% |
| Arrival / Dismissal Times | 8:25 AM / 2:00 PM (Mon)<br>8:25 AM / 3:20 PM (Tue-Fri) |

[a] *Student data source: MMSD 2024-25 State Report Cards*

| Major Streets and Highways | Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)[b] |
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| S Whitney Way | 12,000 (2025) |
| Raymond Rd | 11,900 (2025) |
| McKenna Blvd | 13,900 (2025) |
| Schroeder Rd | 12,600 (2019) |

[b] *Source: City of Madison Traffic Count Map and WisDOT Traffic Counts TC Map*

## Safety Concerns at Anana Elementary

### What we heard from the principal (or designee)

- There is concern about students who walk from north of Schroeder Rd due to crossing the busy street. As of 2025-26 school year, these students are now bused.
- There have been reports to school staff that RRFB at Schroeder/Hathaway is not always working.

### What we learned from the crossing guard

- The crossing guard on Woodington Way reported that it is frequently congested in front of the school, which combined with the curve in the street makes visibility challenging.

### Hazardous Transportation Busing

The school district provides unusually hazardous transportation busing for students who live:

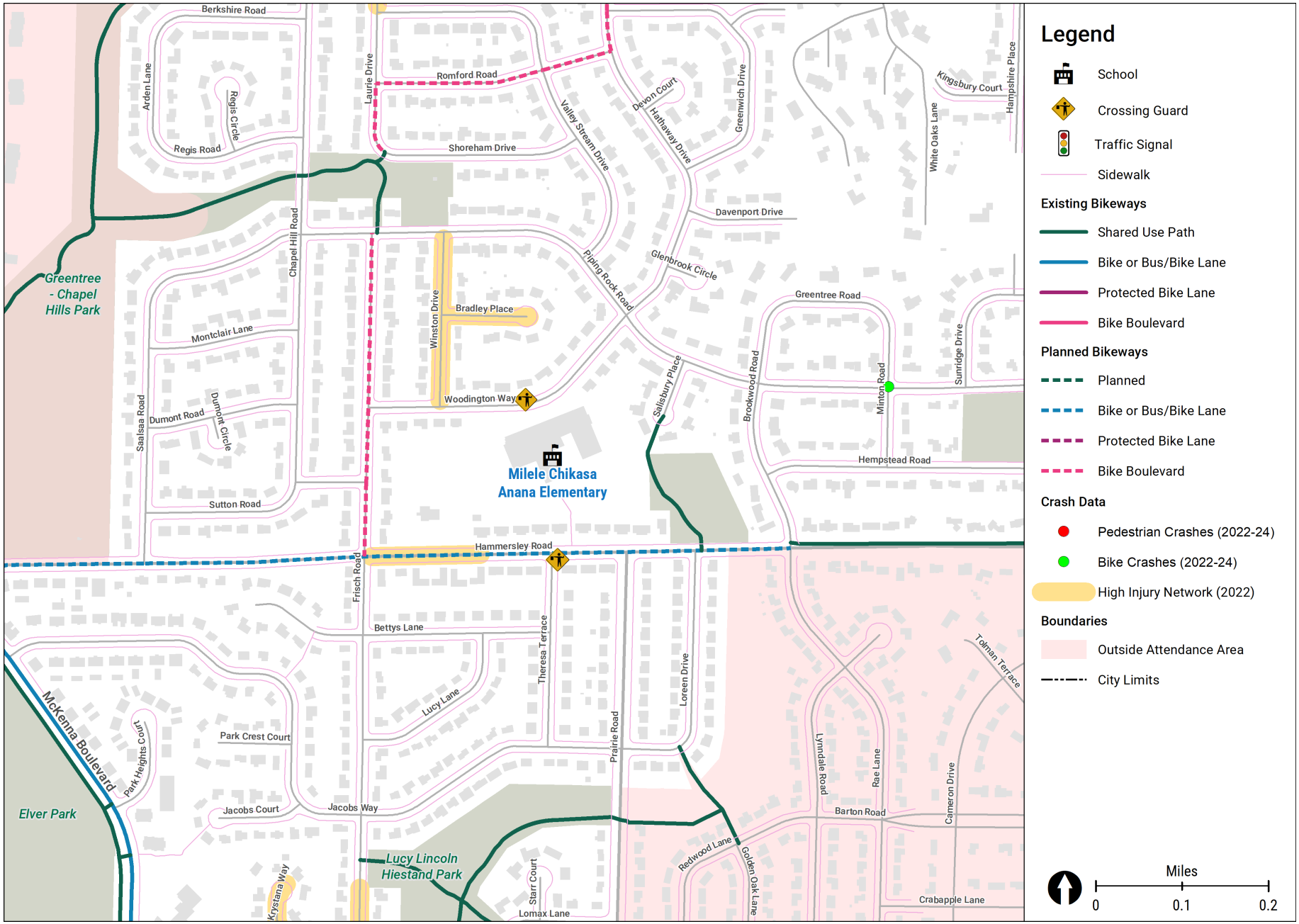
- North of Schroeder Rd
- West of McKenna Blvd

### What we learned from caregiver feedback

- Woodington Way gets very congested during arrival and dismissal in front of the school, particularly when snow has narrowed the street.
- Schroeder Road carries a lot of traffic and is challenging for children to cross. Traffic calming and improved crossings are desirable. *(Note: Since this comment was made, MMSD began providing a bus for students who live north of Schroeder Rd).*
- Crossings of Hammersley Rd at Frisch Rd and Brookwood Rd are challenging for students to cross.

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## Existing Conditions (and Previously-Planned Bikeways and Paths)

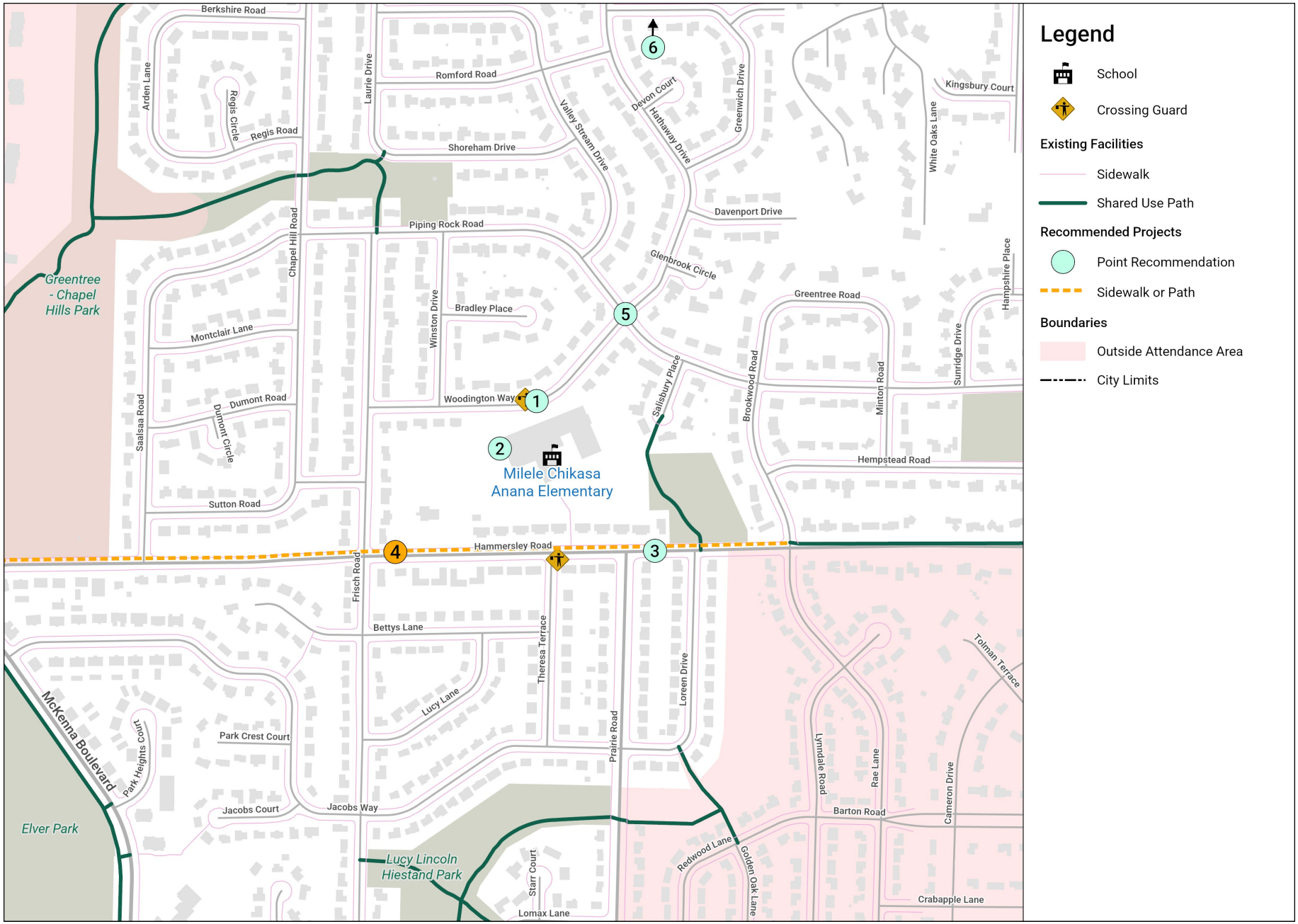


## Arrival and Dismissal Observations

| Observation Details | |
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| **Observation Date** | • The consultant team observed afternoon dismissal on Thursday, October 23, 2025. |
| **School Buses** | • School buses line up along Woodington Way in front of the school. |
| **Specialized Transportation** | • Specialized transportation vehicles picked up students in the staff parking lot. |
| **Caregiver Vehicles** | • Most caregivers driving parked along Woodington Way. Additional parking for caregivers is available on Winston Dr, Frisch Rd, Hammersley Rd, and Piping Rock Rd, but is not as heavily utilized.<br>• Some caregivers and students were observed parking on the non-school side of Woodington Way and crossing either midblock where no crosswalks are present. |
| **School Staff Roles** | • School staff are present in front of the school to greet students.<br>• Teachers escort their students outside following school to board the bus or meet caregivers.<br>• Staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal. |
| **Adult Crossing Guards** | • Adult crossing guards are posted at:<br>  ○ Woodington Way in front of the school<br>  ○ Hammersley Rd at Theresa Terrace south of the school |
| **Bike Rack Locations and Use** | • Bike racks are located near the main door the parking lot and between the school and the playground.<br>• There was a handful of bikes parked at the bike racks on the day of observation. |
| **Students Walking and Biking** | • Students were observed walking and biking to school from all directions; some students exit school grounds across the playground to head to the south.<br>• Approximately 80% of students live in the walk zone. |

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# Priority Recommendations at Anana Elementary



The numbered issues and recommendations in the table correspond to the points in the Recommendations Map (shown on previous page).

| # | Location | Issues or Observations | Recommendations (Responsible Party) |
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| **1** | Woodington Way in front of the school | • This street carries most caregiver vehicle traffic and gets congested during arrival and dismissal. The congestion itself is not a safety concern, but it does limit visibility for people crossing the street.<br>• Caregivers and students were observed crossing with the crossing guard at this intersection, as well as midblock from the far side of the street without using nearby marked crosswalks or the crossing guard. | *Immediate Priority:*<br>• Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Transportation Safety Brochure, which should encourage:<br>  ○ Caregivers that park on the non-school side of a street should cross with their students at marked crosswalk, and not mid-block or between vehicles.<br>  ○ Caregivers and students who bike to school should dismount and walk their bikes when getting on the sidewalk. **(School leadership)**<br>*Medium Term (2-6 years):*<br>• Consider installing a curb extension on the school side of Woodington Way at the school front crosswalk to improve visibility of the crosswalk and crossing guard. **(City of Madison)** |
| **2** | Bike racks | • Existing bicycle racks can result in damaged bikes and can make it difficult to securely lock a variety of different types of bicycles. | *Short Term (1-2 years):*<br>• Replace existing bike racks with racks that allow bicycles to be securely locked without potential damage. Ensure that adequate bike parking is provided to meet demand. **(MMSD Building Services)** |
| **3** | Hammersley Rd | • Crossings of Hammersley Rd at Frisch Rd and Brookwood Rd are challenging for students to cross. | *Immediate Priority:*<br>• Encourage students who cross Hammersley Rd to use the crossing guard at Theresa Terrace rather than other nearby crossings. **(School leadership)** |
| **4** | Hammersley Rd | • Hammersley Rd does not have an All Ages and Abilities bicycle facility. | *Long Term (6+ years):*<br>• Extend the Hammersley Rd path that ends at Brookwood Rd west to McKenna Blvd. Include narrowed street crossings to improve pedestrian crossings. **(City of Madison)** |

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| **5** | Woodington Way at Piping Rock Rd | • The two-way stop can be chaotic, and drivers do not always yield to pedestrians crossing Woodington Way.<br>• Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk. | *Short Term (1-2 years):*<br>• Mark both crosswalks across Woodington Way with high visibility markings. **(City of Madison)**<br>• Add school crossing signs to the intersection. **(City of Madison)**<br>• Consider converting the intersection to an all-way stop. **(City of Madison**<br><br>*Medium Term (2-6 years):*<br>• Install new Type 2 curb ramps that line up with crosswalks. **(City of Madison)** |
| **6** | Schroeder Rd | • Busier street with challenging crossings for students. | *Immediate Priority:*<br>• Consider student access to Anana Elementary as part of the Schroeder Road Corridor Study that will begin in 2026. **(City of Madison)**<br>*Short Term (1-2 years):*<br>• Implement recommendations from the Schroeder Road Corridor Study that will improve walking conditions and safety for students. **(City of Madison)** |

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