Huegel Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (November 2026)

About the School	
Grades	K4-5
Number of Students[a]	Approximately 417
% Economically Disadvantaged	38%
% Non-white	48%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	7:35 AM / 1:10 PM (Mon) 7:35 AM / 2:30 PM (Tue-Fri)

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

Major Streets and Highways	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)[b]
Prairie Rd	3,200 (2025)
Raymond Rd	11,900 (2025)
Williamsburg Way	2,000 (2021)

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

Safety Concerns at Huegel Elementary

What we heard from the principal (or designee)

- There are concerns about the safety of students crossing at the following intersections:
  - Pilgrim Rd/Prairie Rd: Drivers do not always come to a complete stop at the all-way stop and do not always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.
  - Jonquil Rd/Monticello Way: Heavy parking by parents dropping off or picking up students can limit crosswalk visibility.
  - Putnam Rd/ Prairie Rd: Drivers do not always yield to pedestrians crossing Prairie Rd.

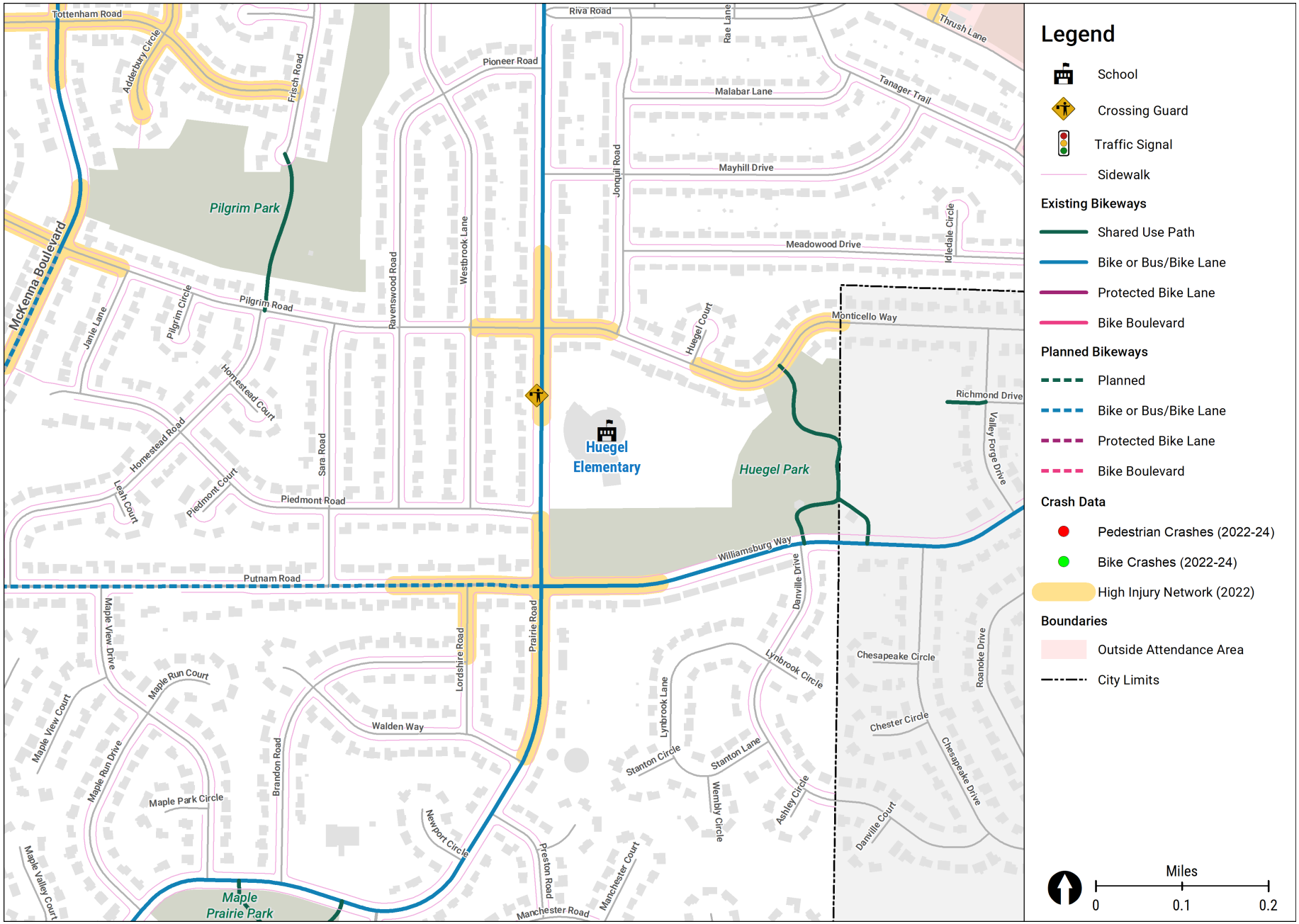
What we learned from the crossing guard

- Drivers do not always yield at the midblock crossing on Prairie Rd, even when they are in the street with their stop paddle raised.
- Speeding can be an issue when not congested due to school traffic.

What we learned from caregiver feedback

- Traffic does not always come to a full stop at the intersection of Prairie Road and Pilgrim Road/Monticello Way.
- Traffic can get very congested with caregiver vehicles on Monticello Way and Jonquil Road.

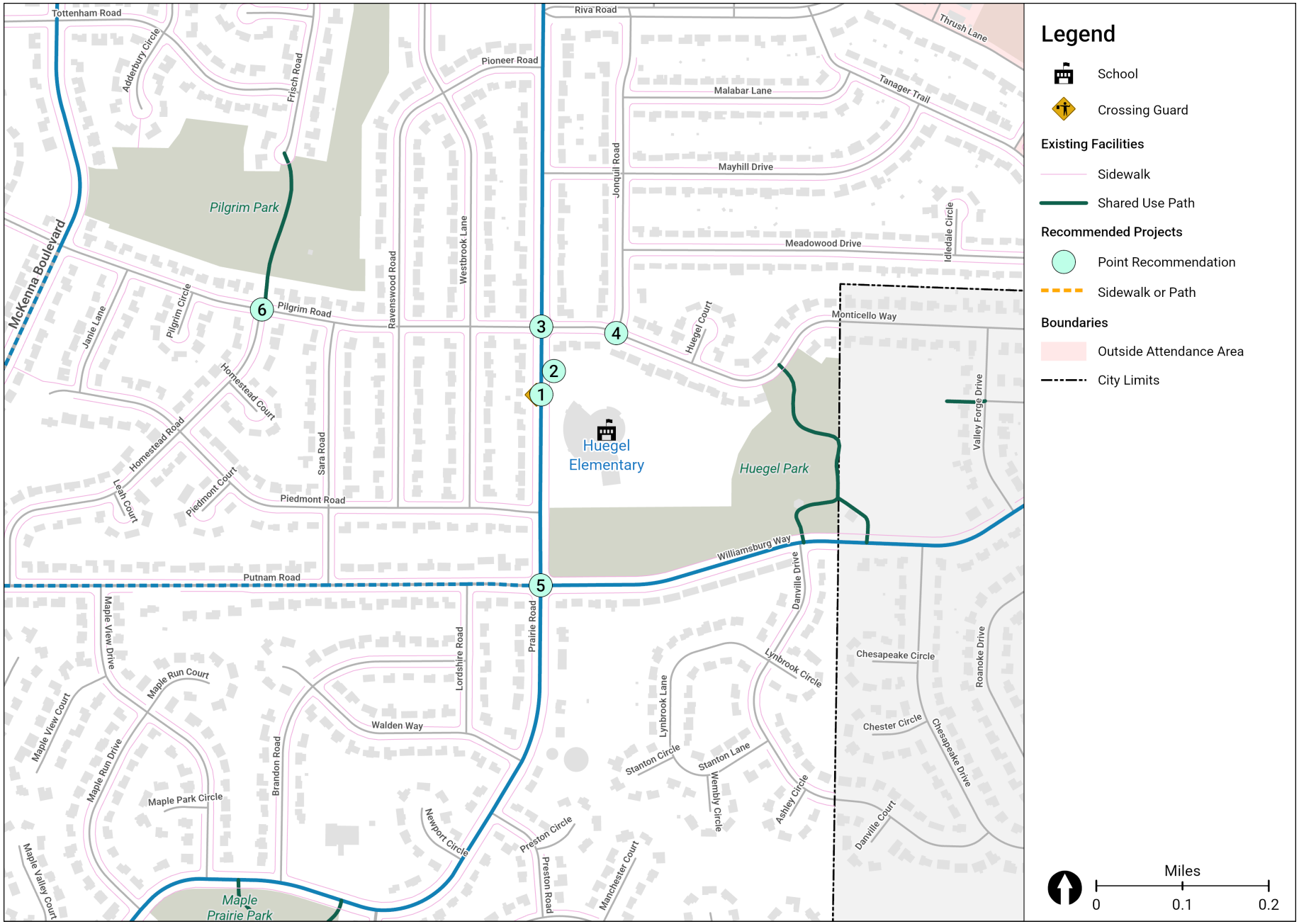
Existing Conditions (and Previously-Planned Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	• The consultant team observed afternoon dismissal on Thursday, October 23, 2025.
School Buses	• School buses stop in front of the school on Prairie Road to drop off and pick up students.
Specialized Transportation	• Specialized transportation vehicles stop in front of the school on Prairie Road to drop off and pick up students.
Caregiver Vehicles	• Many caregivers meet their students on Monticello Way, which can get congested. • Limited caregiver pickup and drop off occurs on Prairie Road • Some caregivers and students were observed parking on the non-school sides of Prairie Road and Monticello Way and crossing midblock where no crosswalks are present.
School Staff Roles	• School staff escort students across the parking lot to the sidewalk that leads to Monticello Way. • Staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal.
Adult Crossing Guards	• An adult crossing guard is posted at: ○ Midblock on Prairie Road immediately in front of the school
Bike Rack Locations and Use	• Bike racks are located on a concrete pad to the north of the staff parking lot. The bike racks are old, do not support bikes at two points of contact, makes locking securely to the racks challenging, and risks damaging bikes. • The bike racks were moderately used on the day of observation.
Students Walking and Biking	• Students were observed walking and biking to school from all directions, with the largest numbers coming from north of the school. • Many students leave the school via the sidewalk that cuts between homes from the school to Monticello Way. Some of these students walk or bike home using this route, but many meet caregivers who have parked on Monticello Way or Jonquil Rd.

Priority Recommendations at Huegel Elementary



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

- Consider all-way stop at Prairie/Williamsburg

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1	Prairie Rd in front of the school	• This street carries substantial caregiver vehicle traffic and can get congested during arrival and dismissal. The congestion itself is not a safety concern, but it does limit visibility for people crossing the street. • 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 to the east of Lafayette Dr. • Drivers do not always yield at the crossing on Prairie Rd in front of the school, even when the crossing guard is in the street with their stop paddle raised. • Speeding can be an issue when not congested due to school traffic.	*Immediate Priority:* • Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Transportation Safety Brochure, which should encourage: ○ 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. **(School leadership)** *Short Term (1-2 years):* • Install a driver speed feedback sign in advance of the mid-block crosswalk in the northbound direction. **(City of Madison)** *Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Install a RRFB and/or raised crosswalk at the mid-block crossing where the crossing guard is stationed. **(City of Madison)**
2	Bike parking area north of the school parking lot	• 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):* • Replace the existing bike racks with new racks that support the bike frame in at least two places and that enable secure locking. **(MMSD Building Services)**
3	Prairie Rd at Pilgrim Rd/Monticello Way	• Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk. • Drivers do not always come to a complete stop at the all-way stop and do not always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.	*Short Term (1-2 years):* • Remark the southern crosswalk across Prairie Rd with high visibility crosswalk markings. **(City of Madison)** *Long Term (6+ years):* • Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on all legs of the intersection. **(City of Madison)**

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4	Monticello Way at Jonquil Rd	• Crosswalk visibility is limited by caregivers parking in the area and the curve of the street.	*Short Term (1-2 years):* • Remark the crosswalk across Monticello Way with high visibility crosswalk markings. **(City of Madison)** *Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Consider installing a RRFB at the Monticello Way crosswalk if crossing visibility continues to be a concern. **(City of Madison)**
5	Prairie Rd at Putnam Rd/Williamsburg Way	• Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk. • Drivers do not always yield to pedestrians crossing Prairie Rd.	*Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Evaluate making this intersection an all way stop or adding a RRFB for the crossing of the northern leg of Prairie Rd. **(City of Madison)** *Long Term (6+ years):* • Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on all legs of the intersection. **(City of Madison)**
6	Pilgrim Rd at Pilgrim Park Path/Homestead Rd	• Path intersection is not highly visible from the street.	*Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Mark the path crosswalk across Pilgrim Rd with high visibility crosswalk markings. **(City of Madison)**

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