Roberto G. Sánchez Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (November 2026)

About the School	
Grades	K4-5
Number of Students[a]	Approximately 631
% Economically Disadvantaged	32%
% Non-white	53%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	8:25 AM / 2:00 PM (Mon) 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]
Maple Grove Dr	5,800 (2025)
McKee Rd	11,600 (2021)
Cross Country Rd	5,200 (2025)

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

Safety Concerns at Sánchez Elementary

What we heard from the principal (or designee)

- Principal works to be proactive in communications with caregivers about arrival and dismissal procedures.
- Drivers—both caregivers and people not connected to the school—are not always paying attention, which can lead to close calls with students walking and bicycling.
- The far end of walk zone is a very long walk, particularly for younger elementary school students. The principal has tried to encourage carpooling.
- A crossing guard would be helpful at Maple Grove Dr and Rockstream Dr to supplement the crossing guard at Maple Grove Dr and Keswik Ct.

What we learned from the crossing guard

- Traffic is sometimes fast on Maple Grove.

Hazardous Transportation Busing

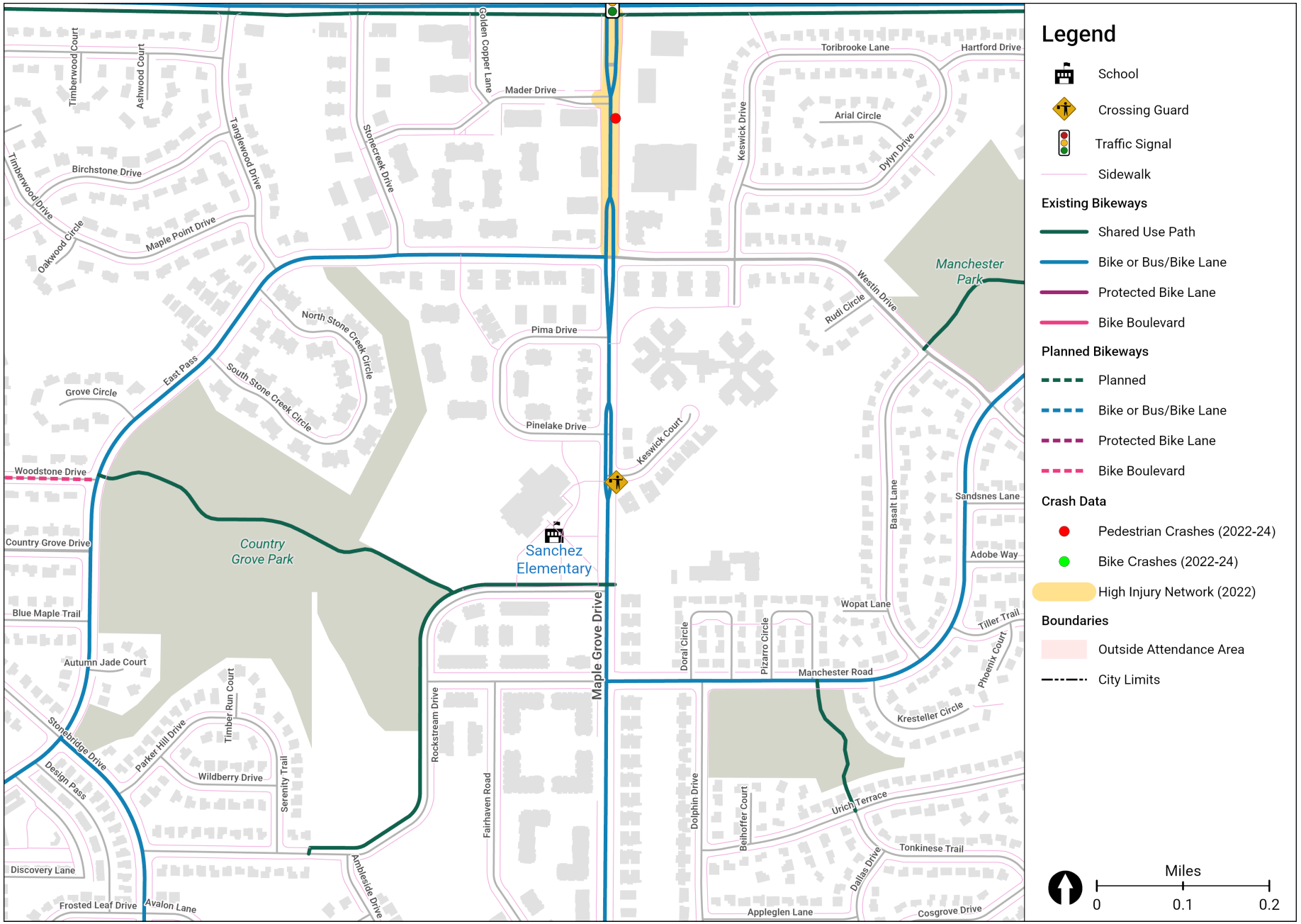
There are no unusually hazardous transportation busing areas within the Sánchez Elementary enrollment area.

What we learned from caregiver feedback

- The crosswalk across East Pass at Woodstone Drive where the path through Country Grove Park connects is not highly visible due to the curve in the street.
- Street lighting on Maple Grove Drive seems inadequate and makes walking or bicycling with children uncomfortable during the winter when it is darker in the morning.
- The intersection of Dolphin Drive and Manchester Road is uncontrolled, and drivers do not always properly look for people walking and bicycling.

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Existing Conditions (and Previously-Planned Bikeways and Paths)

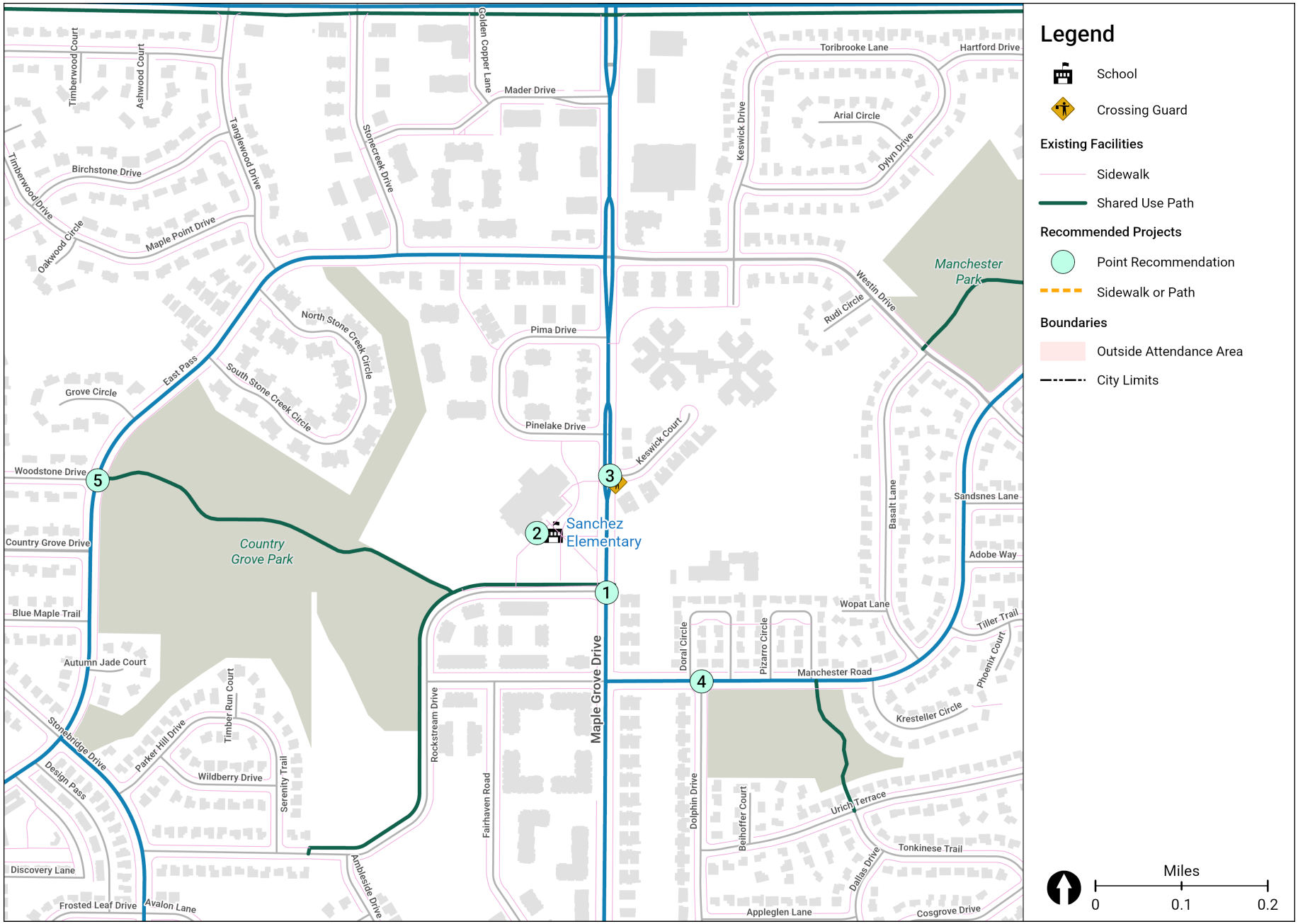


Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	• The consultant team observed morning arrival on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.
School Buses	• School buses use the bus lane to drop off and pick up students.
Specialized Transportation	• Specialized transportation vehicles use the bus lane to drop off and pick up students.
Caregiver Vehicles	• Most caregivers driving use the drop-off loop through the parking lot off Rockstream Dr. ○ School staff deploy traffic cones on Rockstream Dr to block left turns onto Maple Grove Dr; this helps keep traffic from backing up past the arrival/dropoff loop. • Some caregivers utilize drop-off/pick-up zones along Maple Grove Dr, although those are less used than the parking lot loop. • Some caregivers and students were observed parking on the non-school side of Maple Grove Dr and crossing midblock where no crosswalks are present.
School Staff Roles	• School staff are present to greet children at arrival and assist with dismissal. • School staff monitor the drop off loop to keep traffic moving and assist students in that area. • Many staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal.
Adult Crossing Guards	• An adult crossing guard is posted at: ○ Maple Grove Drive at Keswick Court in front of the school.
Bike Rack Locations and Use	• Bike racks are located near the front door. • The bike racks were heavily used on the day of observation. • The bike racks are on a paved surface, but are an older style and do not support bikes at two points of contact.
Students Walking and Biking	• Students were observed walking and biking to school from all directions. • The path running from school grounds to the west has significant student bicycle traffic. • A few students arrived on caregiver's cargo bikes or in bike trailers and a number of caregivers bicycled with their children.

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Priority Recommendations at Sánchez 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)

1	Maple Grove Dr at Rockstream Dr	• This intersection carries most caregiver vehicle traffic and can get congested during arrival and dismissal.
		• School staff deploy traffic cones to keep caregivers leaving the arrival/dropoff loop from turning left onto Maple Grove Dr.
		• Some caregivers and students were observed crossing Maple Grove Dr.
		• Caregivers and students who bike were observed riding on the sidewalk and must walk their bikes down a grass hill to access the school drop off location and bike parking.
			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.
			  ○ Caregivers leaving the traffic loop should not turn left onto Maple Grove Dr. **(School leadership)**
			Medium Term (2-6 years):
			• Install median island at the northern crosswalk across Maple Grove Dr at Rockstream Dr. **(City of Madison)**
			• Consider if a crossing guard study should be undertaken for the intersection of Maple Grove Dr and Rockstream Dr. **(City of Madison)**

2	School grounds at the primary school entrance	• 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	Maple Grove Dr at Keswick Ct	• Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	*Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on the east leg of the intersection. **(City of Madison)**
4	Manchester Rd at Dolphin Dr	• The intersection of Dolphin Drive and Manchester Road is uncontrolled, and drivers do not always properly look for people walking and bicycling.	*Short Term (1-2 years):* • Consider if any stop controls are warranted at this intersection, and if so, install them. **(City of Madison)** *Medium Term (2-6 years):* • Install curb extensions and a high visibility crosswalk at the eastern crosswalk across Manchester Rd. **(City of Madison)**

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5	East Pass at Woodstone Dr	• The crosswalk across East Pass at Woodstone Drive where the path through Country Grove Park connects is not highly visible due to the curve in the street.	*Short Term (1-2 years):* • Install pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk and advance warning signs ahead of the crosswalk on both approaches. **(City of Madison)**

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