

Hamilton Middle Safe Routes to School Plan (June 2026)

About the School	
Grades	6-8
Number of Students ^a	Approximately 790
% Economically Disadvantaged	19%
% Non-white	36%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	9:00 AM / 2:45 PM (Mon) 9:00 AM / 4:25 PM (Tue-Fri)

^a Student data source: [MMSD 2024-25 State Report Cards](#)

Major Streets and Highways	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) ^b
S Midvale Boulevard	18,100 (2025)
S Segoe Road	5,400 (2019)
Regent Street	3,400 (2019)
Mineral Point Road	11,900 (2025)

^b Source: [City of Madison Traffic Count Map](#) and [WisDOT Traffic Counts TC Map](#)

Safety Concerns at Hamilton Middle

What we heard from the principal (or designee)

- Waukesha Street gets congested during arrival and dismissal and some caregivers park on the far side of the street, and students cross mid-block.
- U-Turns and lack of yielding to pedestrians are both common on Waukesha Street.
- Visibility of students using the crosswalk of Waukesha Street at Lafayette Drive is limited due to bus staging along Waukesha Street.
- Caregivers regularly stop in areas where they should not, including in travel lanes, to drop off or pick up students.

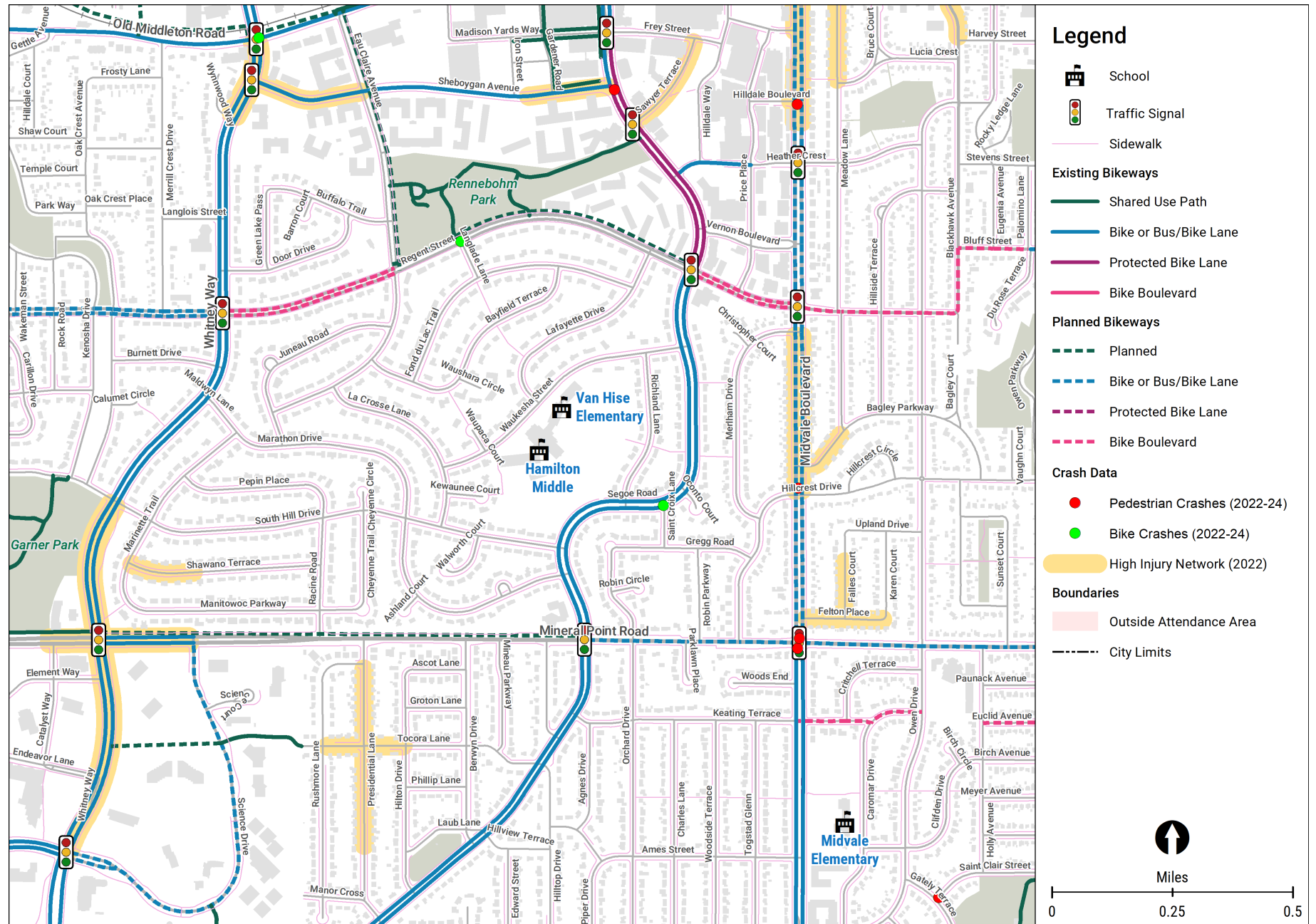
Hazardous Transportation Busing

There is no unusually hazardous transportation busing for students at Hamilton Middle School.

What we learned from caregiver feedback

- Anecdotally, speeding is common on N Eau Claire Avenue, S Segoe Road, and Mineral Point Road.
- Drivers frequently do not yield to pedestrians at the mid-block crossing of S Segoe Road, north of Oconto Court, even when the RRFB is active.
- Traffic turning from S Segoe Road onto S Hill Drive can be a hazard for students walking or bicycling along S Segoe Road.
- There are no sidewalks on parts of Tocora Lane, Hilltop Drive, and Hillview Terrace which forces students and other people to walk in the street.
- Drivers often crowd the northbound bike lane on S Segoe Road at Mineral Point Road.

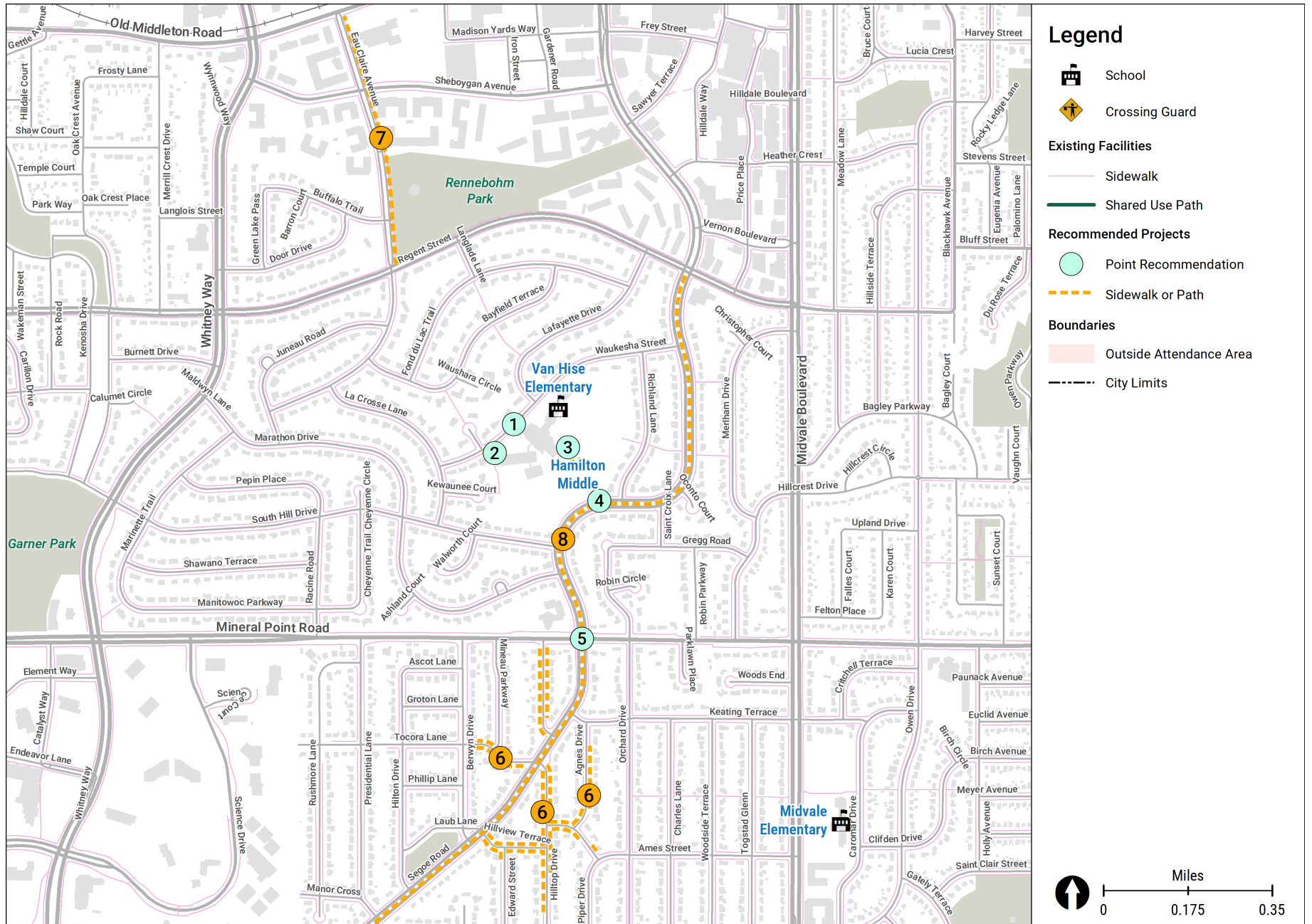
Existing Conditions (and Previously Planned Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	The consultant team observed afternoon dismissal on Thursday, October 23, 2025.
School Buses	Nine buses picked up students along Waukesha Drive.
Specialized Transportation	Specialized transportation vehicles picked up students in the parking lot off S Segoe Road.
Caregiver Vehicles	- During dismissal, most caregivers that drove parked along Waukesha Street, La Crosse Lane, and Waupaca Court. Students generally walked to meet caregivers at their vehicles. - During dismissal, some caregivers and students were observed parking on the non-school side of Waukesha Street and crossing midblock where no crosswalks are present. - A small number of caregivers parked along Segoe Road and students met them there.
School Staff Roles	- School staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal. - Staff are located at the driveway entrance on Waukesha Street to prevent caregivers from using the driveway.
Adult Crossing Guards	The City of Madison Adult School Crossing Guard only provides crossing guards for elementary schools.
Bike Rack Locations and Use	- Bike racks are located near the main door on Waukesha Street, at the west end of the school, and on the south side of the school. - The bike racks were heavily used on the day of observation. - The bike racks are not easily accessed from Waukesha Street, which appeared to be the direction many children with bikes came from. The bike racks between the school and the playground were old and do not support bikes at two points of contact.
Students Walking and Biking	- Large numbers of students were observed walking and biking to school from all directions. - It was unclear how many students walking from school were meeting caregivers parked nearby.

Priority Recommendations at Hamilton Middle



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	Waukesha Street in front of the school	- This street carries most caregiver vehicle traffic and all school buses 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. - Caregivers and students were observed crossing midblock from the far side of the street without using nearby marked crosswalks at Lafayette Drive and Waupaca Court. - Caregivers and students who bike were observed biking on the sidewalk and must walk their bikes down a steep grass hill to access much of the bike parking. - Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Transportation Safety Brochure, which should encourage: - Students should cross at marked crosswalks and not mid-block or between vehicles. - Students who bike to school should dismount and walk their bikes when getting on the sidewalk. (School leadership) <i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> - Install a curb extension on the school side of Waukesha Street at Lafayette Drive that is wide enough to cover both crosswalks to improve visibility of the crosswalks and crossing guard. (City of Madison) * - Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on the Lafayette Drive and Waupaca Court legs of the intersections with Waukesha Street. (City of Madison) *
2	School grounds at the northwest end of the school	- Bike parking racks are not easily accessible from Waukesha Street, are located in the grass, and were overcrowded. - The sidewalk connecting the bike parking area, the stairs to Waukesha Street, and Kewaunee Court is crowded during arrival and dismissal times.	<i>Short Term (1-2 years):</i> - Increase the number of bike parking spaces at this location and install a concrete pad to mount the bike racks on. (MMSD Building Services) <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Widen the sidewalk leading from Kewaunee Ct to the bike parking area to a minimum of 10, and preferably 12, feet wide. (MMSD Building Services)

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3	School parking lot accessed from S Segoe Road	- Students walking and bicycling to school from S Segoe Road must cross the school parking lot. - Sidewalks at the school connect to the parking lot, but do not connect to the sidewalk along the driveway to S Segoe Road.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Mark a high visibility crosswalk from the sidewalk along the driveway to the sidewalk along the southern edge of the school. (MMSD Building Services) <i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> - Construct a shared use path that connects the sidewalk along the driveway to existing sidewalks at the school that follows the edge of the parking lot. Construct a raised crossing of the driveway to connect the path to the sidewalk along the driveway. (MMSD Building Services)
4	S Segoe Road at school driveway	- The southbound Metro bus stop on S Segoe Road near Richmond Lane makes visibility of the school driveway challenging when a bus is at the stop. - The sidewalk along the driveway is narrow for use by pedestrians and bicyclists.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> - Shift the bus stop to the west side of the driveway. (City of Madison) * <i>Long Term (2-6 years):</i> - Replace the sidewalk with a shared use path that is a minimum of 10, and preferably 12, feet wide. (MMSD Building Services)
5	S Segoe Road at Mineral Point Road	Drivers often crowd the northbound bike lane on S Segoe Road at Mineral Point Road.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Mark the bike lane with a solid line instead of a dashed line as it approaches the intersection. (City of Madison) * <i>Short Term (1-2 years):</i> - Reconfigure the intersection of S Segoe Road and Mineral Point Road to provide a semi-protected intersection for bicyclists. (City of Madison) *
6	Tocora Lane, Hilltop Drive, Hillview Terrace, Agnes Drive	Several streets south of Mineral Point Road lack sidewalk, or have them on only one side, forcing students and others to walk in the street.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> Construct sidewalks along Tocora Lane, Hilltop Drive, Hillview Terrace, and Agnes Drive where they are not present. (City of Madison) *

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7	N Eau Claire Avenue	Vehicles appear to exceed the posted speed limit during school arrival and dismissal times.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Post a speed limit sign in the northbound direction, north of Sheboygan Avenue. (City of Madison) <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Replace the sidewalk along the east side of N Eau Claire Avenue with a shared use path between Regent Street and Old Middleton Road. (City of Madison)
8	S Segoe Rd	- Vehicles appear to exceed the posted speed limit during school arrival and dismissal times. - Drivers encroach into the buffered bicycle lanes.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> Convert the buffered bicycle lanes on S Segoe Road to parking protected bicycle lanes using precast or cast-in-place materials from Regent Street to Odana Road. (City of Madison)

* This recommendation also appears in the Van Hise Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan.

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