

Lindbergh Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (March 2026)

About the School	
Number of Students ^a	Approximately 185
% Economically Disadvantaged	78%
% Non-white	79%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	8:25 AM / 2:00 PM (Mon) 8:25 AM / 3:20 PM (Tue-Fri)

^aStudent data source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Major Streets and Highways	Average Weekday Traffic (AWT) ^a
Kennedy Road	3,350
Northport Drive	26,100
School Road	2,000

^aSource: City of Madison Street Centerlines

Safety Concerns at Lindbergh

What we heard from the Principal

- Northport Drive is difficult and unsafe for students to cross due to high speeds, long crossing distances, and drivers not yielding when turning. South of Northport Drive is not in the school’s official attendance area, but there are a couple of Lindbergh students that live in the apartments south of Northport Drive.
- A fence is needed along the school’s edge along Kennedy Road to keep younger students from running into the street.
- Many students walk from the Kennedy Heights apartments at the corner of Kennedy Road and Northport Drive.

What we learned from the crossing guard

- The crossing guard places traffic cones by her crosswalk to improve visibility and create temporary “curb extensions” that prevent caregivers from dropping off and picking up in the crosswalk.

- The crossing guard noted that drivers sometimes make unsafe U-turns at Kennedy Road and Claremont Lane. She also said some caregivers park in bus zones during pick-up, creating safety risks and blocking buses.

Hazardous Transportation Busing

There are no areas designated as unusual hazards for Lindbergh Elementary School.

What we learned from surveys and other caregiver feedback

- As of June 2, 2025, no one from the Lindbergh community had provided input on either the survey or the interactive map.

Existing Conditions (and Previously-Planned Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	The consultant team observed arrival on Wednesday, May 17, 2025.
School Buses	At arrival, one school bus and one specialized transportation bus dropped off students in the designated drop-off zone at the front of the school.
Specialized Transportation	Before/Aftercare and specialized transportation vehicles dropped off & picked up students in front of the school on Kennedy Road.
Caregiver Vehicles	During arrival, caregivers drop off students near Doors 1 and 2 in designated areas, where school staff greet them before they head to class for breakfast.
School Staff Roles	- At arrival, school staff welcome students into the building. - At dismissal, six staff members escort students to designated pick-up locations based on their neighborhood of residence. - Staff also ensure 4K students are safely guided onto school buses and specialized transportation.
Adult Crossing Guards	A crossing guard is posted directly in front of the school on Kennedy Road.
Bike Rack Locations and Use	There is one bike rack located at the rear of the school on the west side of the building.
Students Walking and Biking	- Many students were observed walking and biking to school. - Many students were observed walking and biking northward to school on Kennedy Road from Kennedy Heights Apartments and surrounding neighborhoods.

Priority Recommendations at Lindbergh Elementary



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

Recommendations for School Leadership or MMSD Building Services

#	Location	Issue or Observation	Recommendations
1	Kennedy Road (in front of school)	• The crossing guard places traffic cones by her crosswalk to improve visibility and create temporary “curb extensions” that prevent caregivers from dropping off and picking up in the crosswalk. • Some caregivers stop in bus zones during pick-up, creating safety risks and blocking buses.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Set expectations for caregivers by sharing the traffic safety plan, which directs caregivers to drop off and pick up students south of the crosswalk, at the start of the year and at regular intervals.
6	Lindbergh Elementary campus	• The only bike rack is located in an inconvenient location behind the school.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Move bike racks to be located near the main entrance.

Recommendations for City of Madison

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1	Kennedy Road (in front of school)	- The crossing guard places traffic cones by her crosswalk to improve visibility and create temporary “curb extensions” that prevent caregivers from dropping off and picking up in the crosswalk. - Some caregivers stop in bus zones during pick-up, creating safety risks and blocking buses.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> Add a curb extension [or pedestrian refuge island] to shorten crossing distances and deter caregivers from blocking crosswalk.
2	Kennedy Road & Claremont Lane	- Caregivers were observed making U-turns in this intersection. There is already a No U-Turn (R3-2) sign posted by this intersection. - One curb ramp is missing on the school side of the street.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> Construct missing curb ramp.
3	Havey Road & Kennedy Road	- The existing crossing across Havey Road is not highly visible to drivers (no high visibility crosswalk markings or school crossing signs are present). - Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	<i>Immediate Priority</i> - Add high visibility crosswalk marking across Havey Road. - Install advance School Crossing Ahead sign (S1-1) on Havey Road. <i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> - Install new curb ramps that line up with the crosswalks.
4	Kennedy Road & Northport Drive	- Observed motor vehicle speeds appear to exceed speed limit. - Crosswalk markings are not high-visibility. - Northport Drive is difficult and unsafe for students to cross due to high speeds, long crossing distances, and drivers not yielding when turning. South of Northport Drive is not in the school’s official attendance area, but there are a couple of Lindbergh students that live in the apartments south of Northport Drive.	<i>Immediate Priority</i> - Add high-visibility crosswalk markings across Northport Drive and adequate night-time lighting levels. - Install driver speed feedback sign on both approaches to the intersection. <i>Medium Term (2-6 years)</i> - Consider narrowing lanes and widening pedestrian refuge islands. - Conduct speed study to consider speed management measures or other traffic calming modifications.

#	Location	Issue or Observation	Recommendations
5	Wheeler Rd & School Road	• No bicycle facilities are present. The initial All Ages and Abilities Bike Network published in the 2022 Madison Complete Green Streets Guide recommends a low-stress bicycle facility on School Road. • School Road is a 25 mph street with traffic volume of about 2,000 vehicles per day.	<i>Immediate Priority</i> • Install bike lanes on School Road. • Reduce the speed limit on School Road to 20 mph.

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