

Lori Mann Carey Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (June 2026)

About the School	
Number of Students ^a	Approximately 360
% Economically Disadvantaged	73%
% Non-white	86%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	7:35 AM / 1:10 PM (Mon) 7:35 AM / 2:30 PM (Tue-Fri)

^a**Student data source:** Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Major Streets and Highways	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) ^a
Rimrock Road	16,500
Moorland Road	6,700
E Badger Road	4,300

^a**Source:** City of Madison Street Centerlines

Safety Concerns at Lori Mann Carey

What we heard from the Principal (or Designee)

- Students sometimes cross between the buses on E Badger Road to reach caregiver vehicles on the north side.
- Caregivers dropping off or picking up sometimes turn left in front of buses or make U-turns on E Badger Road.
- There is not enough room for all three buses to stop in front of the school when cars are parked in the (legal) on-street parking near the east parking lot.
- In 2024, the Walking School Bus (WSB) was led by a school social worker every day. The principal was concerned about his capacity to maintain this schedule and a lack of substitutes if he was unavailable. The WSB was no longer offered during the 2025-26 school year.
- The principal would prefer to have more parking spaces available for elementary school staff. Most staff currently park on Badger Road across from the school.

Hazardous Transportation Busing

The school district provides unusually hazardous transportation busing for students that live on the west side of Rimrock Road, and students living in the Highland Manor mobile home park off Moorland Road.

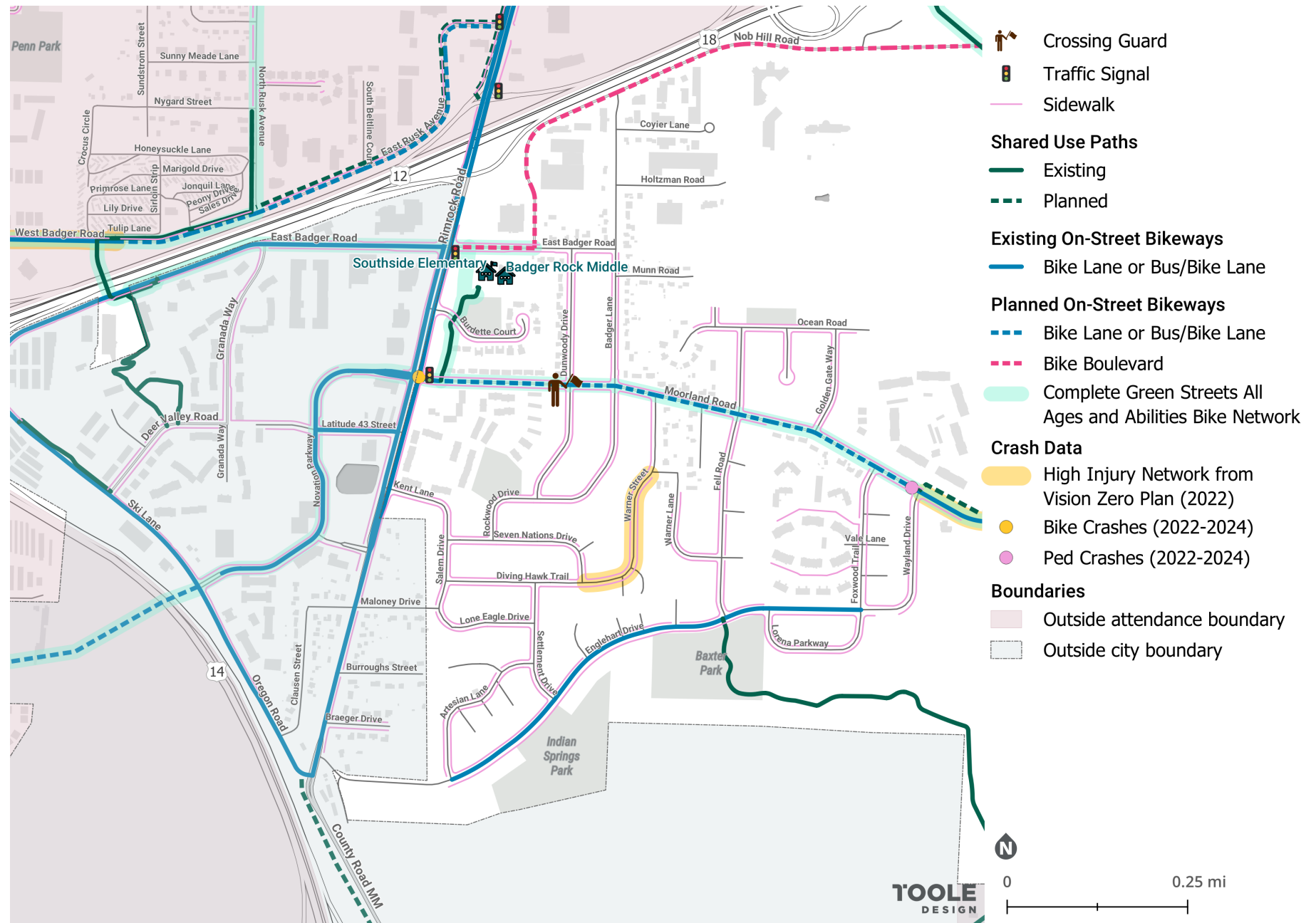
What we learned from the crossing guard

Some drivers speed and do not yield on Moorland Road; the crossing guard has nearly been hit on at least one occasion.

What we learned from surveys and other caregiver feedback

- About 50 percent of students are driven to Lori Mann Carey Elementary
- Rimrock Road is a wide street with fast-moving traffic and does not feel safe for bicycling.
- Traffic on Badger Road during arrival and dismissal feels chaotic and unsafe for people crossing the street and driving.
- Speeding is a concern on Moorland Road. The City reduced the speed limit to 25 recently, but some drivers drive much faster.
- There is no school zone speed limit or school zone crosswalk signage near the crossing guard.
- The intersection of Rimrock Road and Englehart Drive has poor sightlines and no sidewalks or crosswalk.
- The school should improve communication with parents around expectations for arrival and dismissal.
- There is no sidewalk next to the driveway to the east parking lot, which means the area is not cleared of snow in the winter. This creates challenges for students accessing specialized transportation vans.

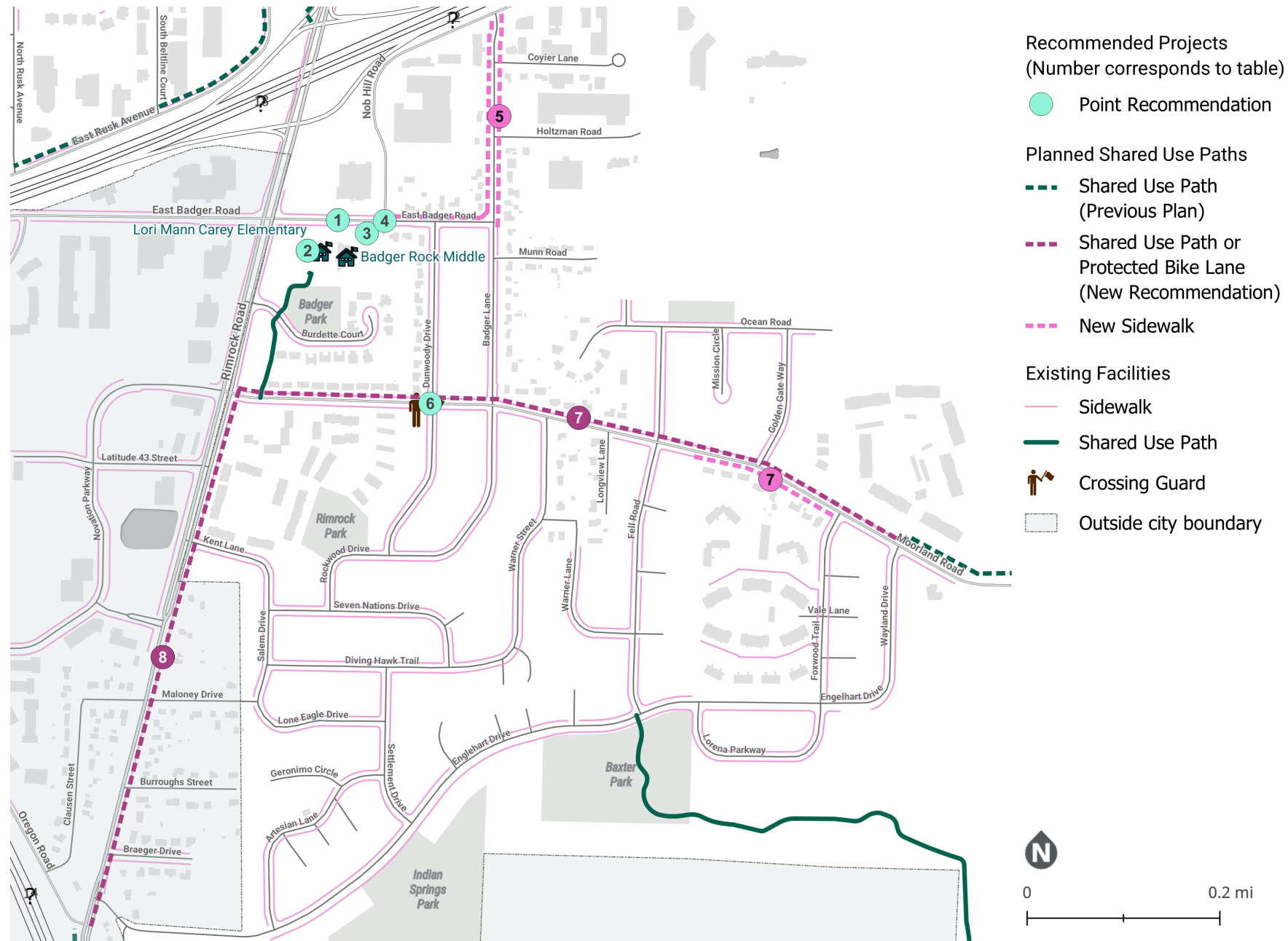
Existing Conditions (and Planned or in-Development Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	The consultant team observed arrival and dismissal on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.
School Buses	Three school buses lined up in front of the school on the south side of E Badger Road.
Specialized Transportation	Before/Aftercare and specialized transportation vehicles parked and dropped off and picked up students in the east parking lot.
Caregiver Vehicles	- During arrival, caregivers driving entered the west parking lot and dropped students off at the west door. School staff were there to greet and sign students in. - For dismissal, most families picked up students in the west parking lot, entering from E Badger Road. Caregivers in vehicles lined up and a school staff member recorded the order of caregiver arrival in an app. The information from this app is transmitted to staff inside the school who release children in the order of which their caregivers have arrived. The pick-up line extends along E Badger Road to Rimrock Road. - Some caregivers park on nearby streets, including the north side of E Badger Road and on Dunwoody Drive, and walk with their children to the entrance for drop-off and pick-up. At dismissal, some parents and students were observed crossing E Badger Road behind or through the buses to reach vehicles parked on the other side.
School Staff Roles	- School staff loaded students onto the correct buses at dismissal. - School staff were present at the parent gathering point for children walking to sign out students. - At dismissal, school staff record the order of caregiver vehicle arrival after school in an app. Additional school staff are inside the building to release students as their caregiver is pulling to the door. - Many staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal.
Adult Crossing Guards	A crossing guard is posted at Dunwoody Drive and Moorland Road.
Bike Rack Locations and Use	- There are three areas with bike racks around the school – one on the east side, one south of the building near the playground, and one on the north side of the building. - There were only a few bicycles parked at the bike racks on the day of observation. All of the bicycles were at the rack on the south side of the building near the playground.
Students Walking and Biking	- Overall, few students were observed walking and biking to school. - Some students were observed walking and biking to school on the path to the south of the school. - About 10 children walked home with the Walking School Bus (which was active at the time of observation).

Priority Recommendations at Lori Mann Carey 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	Issues or Observations	Recommendations
1	E Badger Road north of the school	- This street carries the 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. - Caregivers and students were observed crossing between the yellow school buses to reach vehicles parked on the other side of the street. - The parking restriction signs allow parking and stopping next to the school gymnasium, which means that the three buses cannot always pull completely forward to avoid blocking the entrance to the west parking lot.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Traffic Safety Plan, which should discourage caregivers from stopping or parking on the north side of the Badger Road, and encourage caregivers to use Burdette Court for drop off and pick up. - Encourage school staff to continue parking on the north side of the street, so that all parking spots on the north side are full during arrival and dismissal. This will keep caregivers from parking here and crossing between buses. - Place sandwich boards by the bus area that say BUSES ONLY.
2	West parking lot (vehicle drop off/pick up)	- Caregivers exit onto Badger Road when leaving the school parking lots. Left turns are marked as not allowed, but caregivers were observed making left turns. - During dismissal, there was traffic congestion to the west of the school as caregivers wait to turn into the driveway. Some drivers were seen crossing into oncoming traffic to go around parked vehicles.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Traffic Safety Plan. Remind caregivers not to turn left out of the parking lot. Encourage caregivers who drive to use Burdette Court. - Encourage more walking and biking to school to reduce the number of caregiver vehicles. - Re-establish the Walking School Bus and promote it through communications to parents and incentives for students. - Work with Bikes for Kids Wisconsin (located nearby) to ensure caregivers and students have access to bikes.
3	East parking lot (walker drop off/pick up)	- Specialized transportation vans use this area to park and drop off and pick up students. - There is no sidewalk next to the driveway to the east parking lot, which means the area is not cleared of snow in the winter and creates difficulties for students with mobility impairments accessing specialized transportation vehicles. - Caregivers driving use this parking lot to "skip" the traffic congestion in the west parking lot.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Place a (permanent) "STAFF ONLY" sign and/or a NO PICK UP/NO DROP OFF sandwich board at the entrance to the west parking lot. <i>Medium Term (2-6 years)</i> - Build a sidewalk next to the east parking lot driveway.

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8	Rimrock Road between Oregon Road and East Badger Road	• Students living west of Rimrock Road are bused to Southside due to the unusually hazardous crossing of Rimrock Road. • Rimrock Road is a high speed and high traffic street. The bike lanes along Rimrock Road do not provide a low-stress bicycle route.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Continue busing students who live west of Rimrock Road. • Alternatively, ask the City of Fitchburg to place an Adult School Crossing Guard at Rimrock Road and Moorland Road. Establish a daily Walking School Bus starting/ending at Southdale Park or the Artisan Village apartments to help families adjust to the change.

Recommendations for City of Madison or Dane County

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1	E Badger Road north of the school	The parking restriction signs allow parking and stopping next to the school gymnasium, which means that the three buses cannot always pull completely forward to avoid blocking the entrance to the west parking lot.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> Revise parking restrictions so that they are No Stopping, Standing, or Parking on school days for at least 160 feet (3 school bus lengths, plus 15 feet) between the driveways.
4	E Badger Road and Nob Hill Road	- Caregivers were observed parked on E Badger Road at the intersection to Nob Hill Road in areas where parking is prohibited. - A truck route turns from E Badger Road onto Nob Hill Road.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Continue to review traffic and parking patterns on E Badger Road and Nob Hill Road <i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> - Consider curb extensions on the east leg of this intersection and install pedestrian ramps with marked crosswalks around the intersection to slow turning traffic and increase visibility of crossing pedestrians.
5	E Badger Road and Badger Lane	- Missing sidewalks on the north side of E Badger Road between Nob Hill Road and Badger Lane present a barrier to walking to school. - Missing sidewalks and narrow existing sidewalks on Badger Lane present a barrier to walking to school, and to the nearby Holtzman Learning Center, which is the school's evacuation point.	<i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> Construct sidewalks on both sides of the street for the entire length of E Badger Road and Badger Lane. Reconstruct existing sidewalks on Badger Lane to meet City standards.
6	Moorland Road and Dunwoody Drive	- A crossing guard is posted at this intersection, primarily crossing students on the north and west sides of the intersection. - The west and east legs of the intersection have high-visibility crosswalk markings. The west leg of the intersection has a median island for traffic calming purposes. - There are no school zone speed limit signs posted along Moorland Road. - The crossing sign assemblies are the diamond-shaped pedestrian crossing sign (W11-2). - Vehicles appear to exceed the posted speed limit. - Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Designate a school zone that includes at least one block on either side of the intersection and install appropriate school zone signs. - Replace existing crossing signs with the five-sided school crossing sign (S1-1). - Install driver speed feedback sign on both approaches to the intersection. <i>Medium Term (2-6 years)</i> - Install an additional median island on the east leg of the intersection for traffic calming. <i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> - Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on the east and west legs of the intersection.

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7	Moorland Road between Rimrock Road and Manor Drive	• Moorland Road is a high traffic street, and drivers appear to exceed the posted speed limit (25 miles per hour). • Missing sidewalks on the south side of the street present a barrier to walking and biking to school. • The initial All Ages and Abilities Bike Network published in the 2022 Madison Complete Green Streets Guide recommends a low-stress bicycle facility on Moorland Road. A shared use path is in development as of June 2026.	<i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> • Construct new sidewalks on the where there are gaps on the south side of the street. • Install a sidepath on the north side of the street.
8	Rimrock Road between Oregon Road and East Badger Road	• Students living west of Rimrock Road are bused to Southside due to the unusually hazardous crossing of Rimrock Road. • Rimrock Road is a high speed and high traffic street. The bike lanes along Rimrock Road do not provide a low-stress bicycle route.	<i>Long Term (6+ years)</i> • Install a sidepath or protected bike lanes on Rimrock Road. (Dane County)

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