

Akira Toki Middle Safe Routes to School Plan (June 2026)

About the School

Number of Students ^a	Approximately 540
% Economically Disadvantaged	47%
% Non-white	59%
Arrival / Dismissal Times	9:00 AM / 2:45 PM (Mon) 9:00 AM / 4:25 PM (Tue-Fri)

^aStudent data source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Major Streets and Highways Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)^a

S Whitney Way	14,500
Raymond Road	12,850
Gilbert Road	1,550

^aSource: City of Madison Street Centerlines

Safety Concerns at Toki

What we heard from the Principal (or Designee)

- Toki Middle is located along a high traffic area street (Whitney Way) which poses safety risks for students who have to cross the street.
- Limited parking capacity (only 4-5) vehicle spaces available, caregivers who drive do not respect signage along Russett Rd.
- Bike rack at Door 2 is consistently full.
- Parking regulation signs along Russett Rd are confusing and overwhelming. Simplifying signs may increase compliance.
- The upcoming Phase 2 of the referendum could significantly impact infrastructure and traffic patterns around the school

Hazardous Transportation Busing

There are no areas designated as unusual hazards for Toki Middle School.

What we learned from surveys and other caregiver feedback

- Raymond Rd and S Whitney Way is a busy intersection in the morning and is a natural crossing point for many students.
- The S Whitney Way and Russett Rd crossing is just south of the designated vehicular drop-off/pick-up location, which results in increased traffic.
- The intersection of Hammersley Rd and Rae Ln has limited visibility for students crossing the street.
- Schroeder Rd has high traffic volumes, speeds, and is difficult for students to cross in many locations.

Existing Conditions (and Previously-Planned Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	The consultant team observed arrival on Tuesday, October 14.
School Buses	Buses dropped off students along the north side of Russett Rd east of Door 2.
Specialized Transportation	Specialized transportation vehicles dropped off students along the north side of Russett Rd.
Caregiver Vehicles	- During arrival, caregivers who drive dropped off students at the entrance or at the drop off zone along the east side of Whitney Way, north of Russett Rd. - The consultant team observed parents parking on the south side of Russett Rd (where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited), and crossing with students where there are no marked crosswalks. A few caregivers driving were observed making U-turns along Russett Rd, which is also prohibited.
School Staff Roles	- School staff were present at the entrance to greet students at arrival and support bus drop off. - Many staff are placed throughout the shared school grounds with Orchard Ridge Elementary to supervise arrival and dismissal.
Adult Crossing Guards	The City of Madison Adult School Crossing Guard Policy does not provide for crossing guards at middle schools.
Bike Rack Locations and Use	- There is one bike rack for Toki located to the right of Door 2. - There were about 20 bicycles and electric scooters parked at the bike racks on the day of observation.
Students Walking and Biking	- Many students were observed walking and biking to school. - Many students were observed crossing Whitney Way at Russett Rd to get to school.

Priority Recommendations at Toki Middle



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	Along Russett Rd from Whitney Way to Gilbert Rd	• 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.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Communicate expectations by sharing the school's Transportation Safety Brochure, which should encourage caregivers who drive to park along the north side of Russett Rd.

Recommendations for City of Madison

All recommendations are the same as Orchard Ridge Elementary SRTS Plan, except for #3 (Whitney Way at Raymond Rd)

#	Location	Issues or Observations	Recommendations
1	Along Russett Rd from Whitney Way to Gilbert Rd	- High density of signs along Russett Rd may lead to inconsistencies in parking restrictions and confusion for caregivers who drive. - Caregivers were observed stopping, standing, or parking along areas where this is prohibited.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Survey existing signage along Russett Rd to ensure consistency. If possible, reduce the density of signs along the street to avoid confusion for caregivers who drive. - Consider painting curbs yellow to further communicate no parking locations.
2	Whitney Way at Russett Rd	- The existing crossing lacks high visibility crosswalk markings on the west and east legs of the intersection - Existing single curb ramps at corners do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Add high visibility crosswalk markings to the west and east legs of the intersection. <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on all legs of the intersection.
3	Whitney Way at Raymond Rd	- The existing crossing 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. - Crossing distances are long and though there are medians, they do not extend through crosswalks and are not wide enough to be used as median crossing islands for pedestrians.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Add high visibility crosswalk markings to the south, west, and east legs of the intersection. <i>Medium Term (2-6 years)</i> - Extend the existing medians to provide a raised pedestrian refuge for pedestrians. <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on all legs of the intersection.
4	Gilbert Rd at Raymond Rd	- The existing crossing lacks high visibility crosswalk markings because of road patching work that occurred where the crosswalk is located. - Existing single curb ramps connecting to the south, north, and east legs of the intersection do not orient users directly into the crosswalk.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Re-do high visibility crosswalk markings on all legs of the intersection. <i>Medium Term (2-6 years)</i> - Extend the existing median to provide a raised pedestrian refuge for pedestrians. <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Install new curb ramps that line up with crosswalks on all legs of the intersection.

#	Location	Issues or Observations	Recommendations
5	Along Gilbert Rd from Barton Rd to Raymond Rd	• High density of signs along Gilbert Road may lead to inconsistencies in parking restrictions and confusion for caregivers who drive.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Survey existing signage along Gilbert Road to ensure consistency. If possible, reduce the density of signs along the street to avoid confusion for caregivers who drive.
6	Raymond Rd (east of Leland Dr to west of Gilbert Rd)	• Inconsistencies amongst School Speed Zones signs placed along this corridor.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> • Extend the reduced speed school zone so that it includes the intersection of Raymond Rd and Leland Dr, and the intersection of Raymond Rd and Gilbert Rd.

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