

Van Hise Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan (June 2026)

About the School	
Grades	K-5
Number of Students ^a	Approximately 396
% Economically Disadvantaged	17%
% Non-white	41%
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
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 Van Hise Elementary

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 cross mid-block with their students.
- U-Turns and lack of yielding to pedestrians are both common on Waukesha Street.
- Bike racks are not conveniently located for the directions that students arrive from and are in poor condition.

What we learned from the crossing guard

- The crossing guard at Waukesha Street and Lafayette Drive reported that drivers sometimes do not yield when she is in the street and that the street can get very congested, especially when it is rainy or snowy.
- The crossing guard at S Segoe Road and Richland Lane reported that U-turns and speeding are both issues near her post.
- 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.

Hazardous Transportation Busing

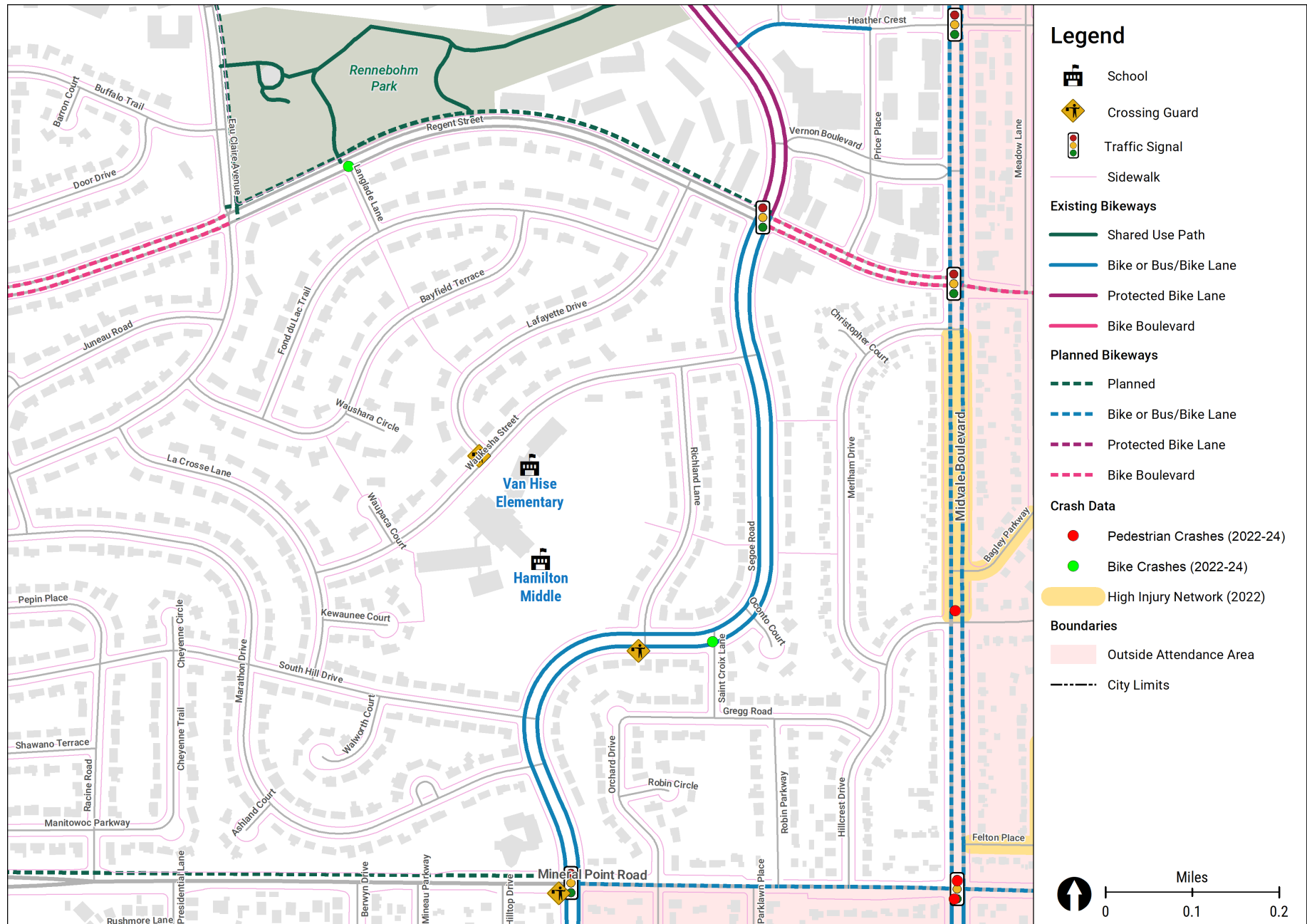
The school district provides unusually hazardous transportation busing for students who live:

- South of Tokay Boulevard and west of S Segoe Road
- South of Shorewood Road

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.

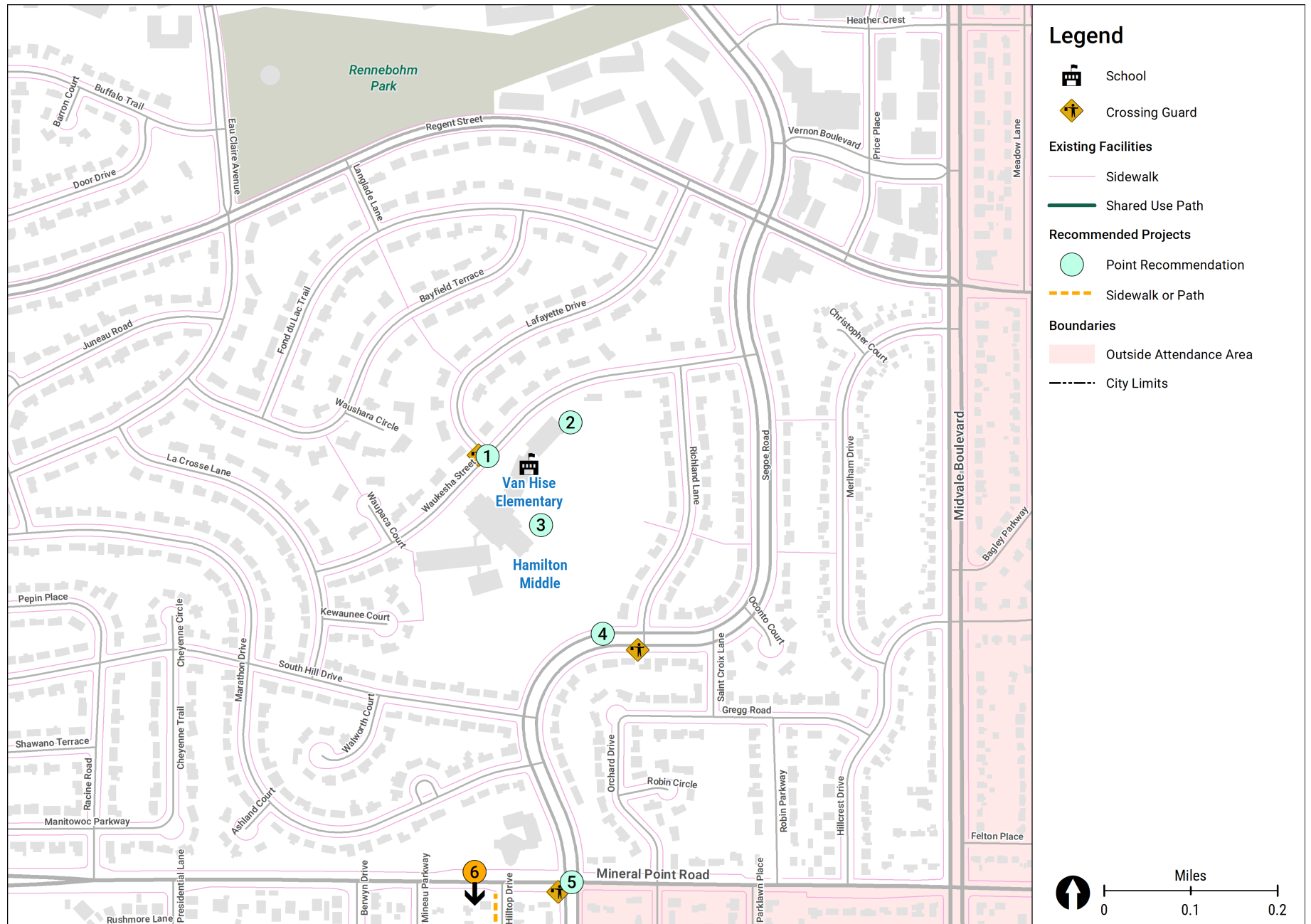
Existing Conditions (and Previously Planned Bikeways and Paths)



Arrival and Dismissal Observations

Observation Details	
Observation Date	The consultant team observed afternoon dismissal on Thursday, October 23, 2025.
School Buses	One bus picked up students in front of the school in the parking lot off S Segoe Rd.
Specialized Transportation	One specialized transportation vehicle picked up students in the parking lot off S Segoe Rd.
Caregiver Vehicles	- During dismissal, most caregivers that drove parked along Waukesha Street and walked to the playground blacktop behind the school to meet their children, while some older students walked to meet caregivers at their vehicles. - During dismissal, some caregivers were observed parking on the non-school side of Waukesha Street, with students and caregivers crossing midblock where no crosswalks are present. - A small number of caregivers parked along S Segoe Road and walked to the playground to meet their children.
School Staff Roles	- School staff escort younger children (K-1) to the school bus and then to the playground blacktop to meet caregivers. - School staff were present at on the playground blacktop and along the sidewalk on Waukesha Street to assist children at dismissal. - Many staff are placed throughout the school grounds to supervise arrival and dismissal.
Adult Crossing Guards	- Adult crossing guards are posted at: - S Segoe Road and Mineral Point Road south of the school - S Segoe Road and Richland Lane immediately south of the school - Waukesha Road and Lafayette Drive in the back of the school
Bike Rack Locations and Use	- Bike racks are located near the main door (Door 6) and the parking lot and between the school and the playground. - 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 are old 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, with the largest numbers coming from north and west of the school. - A few students arrived on caregivers' cargo bikes or in bike trailers.

Priority Recommendations at Van Hise 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	Waukesha Street at Lafayette Drive	- This street carries 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 with the crossing guard at this intersection, as well as midblock from the far side of the street without using nearby marked crosswalks to the east of Lafayette Drive. - 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. - 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: - 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 and 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 leg of the intersection. (City of Madison) * - Consider having the crossing guard utilize the east crosswalk to cross Waukesha Street instead of the west crosswalk to improve visibility. (City of Madison)
2	School grounds at the northeast end of the school and playground	- Existing bicycle racks can result in damaged bikes and can make it difficult to securely lock a variety of different types of bicycles. - Bike parking areas are not easily accessible from Waukesha Street.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> - Add a new bike parking area at the northeast end of the school near the sidewalk connecting Waukesha Street to the playground. (MMSD Building Services) <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Construct an ADA-accessible path that connects Waukesha Street to the playground and bike parking areas. (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.	<i>Immediate Priority:</i> - Remark the crosswalks connecting the sidewalk along the school driveway to the front of the school with high visibility crosswalk markings. (MMSD Building Services) <i>Long Term (6+ years):</i> - Install a raised crosswalk connecting the sidewalk along the school driveway to the front of the school the next time the parking lot is resurfaced or significant maintenance is performed. (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.	<i>Medium Term (2-6 years):</i> Shift the bus stop to the west side of the driveway. (City of Madison) *
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 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 sidewalks, 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) *

* This recommendation also appears in the Hamilton Middle School Safe Routes to School Plan.

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