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SCHOOL SITE TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS

Bike and walk audits were conducted at each of the participating schools in fall of 2008. The bike and walk audit provided committee members and parents what the safety concerns at and around the schools. Each person conducting the bike and walk audit was given a bike and walk audit checklist (See Appendix D), a comment sheet, and detailed maps of the school area. Volunteers conducting the audits were asked to write down any safety concerns or issues that they may have seen while observing children being picked up or dropped off on school grounds or the areas around the school. These concerns would then be noted through comments and mapped.

BADGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Traffic at school**
 - Parents drop off students in front of school.
 - Concerns with staff and faculty parking and students walking between vehicles when getting dropped off.
 - Separate bus loading and unloading area on the south side of the school.
- **Bike Racks**
 - Sufficient bike racks.
 - Located on the east side of the school.
- **Lack of Sidewalk Facilities**
 - All students at this school are bused due to hazardous situations (i.e. lack of sidewalks on surrounding roadways including Spencer Street and Bluemound Drive).
 - The day of the bike and walk audit, there were students that were walking to school from the apartments north of Bluemound Drive.
- **Concerns with Spencer Street**
 - No sidewalks facilities.
 - Volunteers noted that drivers were exceeding the speed limit.
 - Footpath on Spencer Street from the gas station almost to the driveway of the school.
- **Concerns with Bluemound Drive**
 - No sidewalk facilities.
 - Volunteers noted the drivers were exceeding the speed limit.
 - Students take field trips to Carter Woods Park with a law enforcement escort students for the field trip because of the lack of sidewalks.

HOUDINI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ***Walkway on south side of school, from school to Lions Park***
 - There is a parent pick up and drop off area on the south side of the school.
 - An adult supervises the area and students use the walkway to get to and from school.
 - Parents also pick up and drop children off in the Lions Park parking lot.
- ***Concerns with Capital Drive***
 - Drivers parking in no parking areas on north side of Capital Drive.
 - Drivers parking in 15 minute parking areas for well over 15 minutes.
 - Speeds of vehicles on Capital Drive.
 - Students climbing snow banks near Capital Drive.
 - Hard to see the elementary students when there are large snow banks between Capital Drive and the sidewalk.
- ***Bus loading and unloading area***
 - Separate drop off and pick up area for buses on north side of school.
 - Bus drop off and pick up area barricaded by safety patrol students.
- ***Parent loading and unloading area***
 - Separate drop off and pick up area for parents in front of school on Capital Drive.
 - Separate drop off and pick up area on Spring Hollow Dr. There is also a pedestrian facility on the school campus.
- ***Additional Parking***
 - Parents park in the church parking lot directly adjacent to the school to drop off and pick up their children.
- ***Bike Racks***
 - Sufficient bike racks.

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY MEETING

Under Development