

## Existing Conditions Summary: Southern Bluffs Elementary School Zone

Southern Bluffs Elementary School	
Address	4010 Sunnyside Drive
Grade Levels	K-5
Number of Students	Approximately 328
Students Eligible for Free Busing	None
Economically Disadvantaged	Leave blank for now
Arrival/Dismissal Times	8:00 AM/3:00 PM

\* Data from leave blank for now

Major Streets and Highways	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)
State Hwy 35	10,400
US Hwy 14/61	8,000

School Travel Modes	Percent of Students Using Mode (from Student Travel Tallies)
Walk and Bike	% am, % pm
School Bus	%
Family Vehicle	% am, % pm

## Known Safety Concerns at Southern Bluffs Elementary School

Source of Safety Concern	Stated Concern or Comment
Principal Lisa Schriener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students walking through parking lot with adults</li> <li>Ensuring that students stay on the sidewalk (not crossing the bus lane).</li> </ul>
SRTS Liason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossing State Hwy 35 due to speed and increased amount of traffic due to apartments being built across the street.</li> </ul>
Parent Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Paths:</b> “Need a bike path from Southern Bluffs to Justin Road separate from the highway”, “Is there a proposed path from Waterford Valley to Southern Bluffs? If so, we would take this every day depending on weather.” “Need an access from the Brickworks without using the highway”</li> <li><b>Crosswalk Markings:</b> “Pedestrian crossings should be painted”</li> <li><b>General Traffic/Road Conditions:</b> “Fast traffic”, “Hwy 14/61 is not safe for biking”, “No sidewalks”</li> </ul>
School District Transportation Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many neighborhoods near this school will likely be included in future Unusual Hazardous Transportation areas</li> <li>The school district already buses many students within the 2-mile radius, but parents pay for the busing.</li> </ul>

## Dismissal Observations at Southern Bluffs Elementary School

Observation Details	
Observation Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consultant team observed arrival on Thursday, December 5.</li> </ul>

<b>Entrances/Exits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At arrival, students entered the school through a single entrance at the front of the school.</li> </ul>
<b>School Bus Loading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School buses lined up on the north side of the building, in the one-way driveway off of Sunnyside Drive.</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Drop-off/Pick-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents in vehicles dropped off students in the driveway in the front of the school.</li> </ul>
<b>School Staff Roles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No school staff served as crossing guards. School staff were present supervising students outside the school door.</li> </ul>
<b>Adult Crossing Guards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No adult crossing guards are posted near the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Safety Patrol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No student safety patrols were observed.</li> </ul>

### Priority Observations for the Entire Analysis Zone

The numbered observations in the table below correspond to the points in Map 1.

#	Location	Observations
1	Great River Road (State Hwy 35) and Riverview Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A flashing school speed limit sign slows traffic in advance of the crossing at Sunnyside Drive.</li> <li>Great River Road (State Hwy 35) is a high speed and high volume street. Vehicles appear to exceed the posted speed limit (25 mph) during school arrival and dismissal times.</li> <li>Continental crosswalk markings are faded.</li> <li>An existing RRFB at the intersection provides increased pedestrian visibility across Great River Road. However, families report that drivers often do not yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.</li> <li>Parents and staff report that this crossing is dangerous and discourages students from walking and biking.</li> </ul>
2	Mormon Coulee Road north of Calvert Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections between the Pammel Creek Trail and the Southern Bluff Trail along Mormon Coulee Road are missing. Staff mentioned that Walk to School events start near Fiesta Mexicana.</li> </ul>
3	Sunnyside Drive east of the vehicular driveway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curb extensions across Sunnyside Drive shorten crossing distances.</li> <li>The existing crossing has school crossing assemblies and curb ramps but is not highly visible to drivers (no crosswalks markings are present).</li> </ul>
4	Brickyard Neighborhood (northeast of the school and south of US Hwy 14/61)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing or discontinuous sidewalks present a barrier to walking and bicycling to school.</li> <li>A curving and discontinuous street network between Old Town Hall Road and US Hwy 14/61 discourages walking and biking. For example, there are no connections between Fireclay Court and Mariah Drive North.</li> </ul>
5	US Hwy 14/61 west of Roesler Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No walking or bicycle facilities are present on or along US Hwy 14/61 to connect a large mobile home park with Southern Bluffs Elementary School.</li> </ul>

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6	Bicycle Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing “wave” bicycle racks can result in damaged bikes and can make it difficult to securely lock a variety of different types of bicycles.</li> </ul>

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