



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACTION PLAN

## HORTONVILLE AREA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



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### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the SRTS program is to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities that encourage healthier lifestyles. Programs can be established to educate students, parents, and the community on the benefits of walking and bicycling to school and provide tips to do so safely. Major SRTS goals are:

1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school.
2. To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
3. To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

SRTS Planning efforts assess the facilities and conditions near school, examine how students are currently traveling to/from school, and identify safety concerns/issues raised by parents and the community. Infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations are then created and implemented, sometimes with grant funding assistance, by the SRTS Task Force and other community members. SRTS Plans focus on projects within two miles of an elementary or middle school (Kindergarten-8th grade) and address the 5 E's:

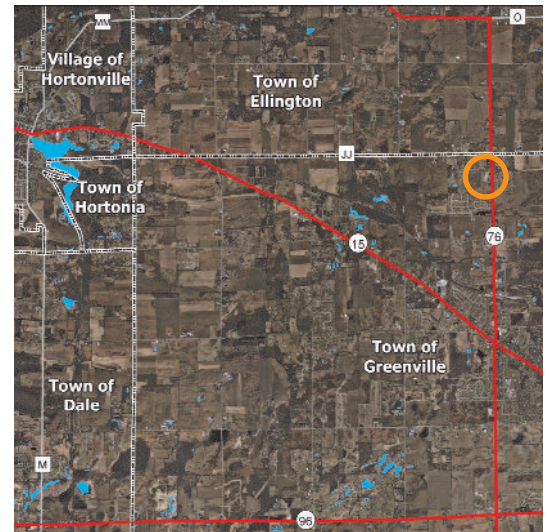
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### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC BACKGROUND INFORMATION

St. Mary's Catholic School is located on the northern edge of the Town of Greenville along STH 76 / Municipal Dr. The majority of students, approximately \_\_\_ percent, travel to and from school via \_\_\_\_\_. In comparison, an average of only \_\_\_ percent of students travel by foot or bike (even though about 10 percent of students live within one mile of school). For parents of children that do not walk or bike to/from school, their top three concerns deal with the distance from school, amount of traffic, and speed of traffic. In 2010, STH 76 / Municipal Dr. and CTH JJ / W. Broadway Dr. had average daily traffic counts of 7,500 and 2,900 vehicles respectively. Crossing these roadways is challenging, especially since the speed limit increases from 45 mph to 55 mph at the intersection directly north of the school. In addition to high traffic speeds, there are no sidewalks and fewer homes than in other parts of the community.

### SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

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| <b>Enrollment:</b>      | 161 students |
| <b>Grades:</b>          | K - 8        |
| <b>Principal:</b>       | Deb Fuller   |
| <b>Start Time:</b>      | 8:00 a.m.    |
| <b>End Time:</b>        | 2:55 p.m.    |
| <b>Task Force Rep.:</b> | Jeff Herman  |



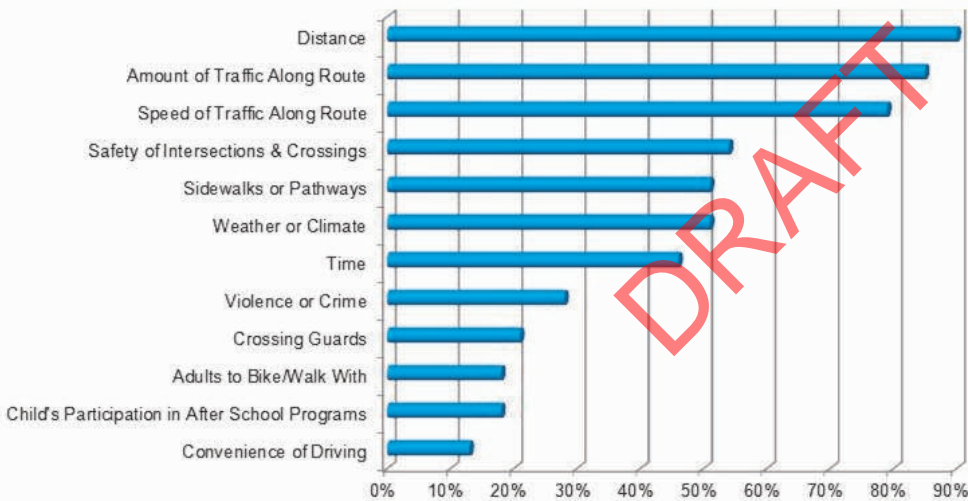
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# PARENT & STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

MISSING:  
Student Travel Tally  
for St. Mary's

Survey Data Collected in Fall 2009

## St. Mary's Catholic School Parent Concerns of Children That Do Not Walk or Bike To School



Survey Data Collected in Fall 2009

## Background Information

The Village of Hortonville and Town of Greenville are growing communities located west of the Fox Cities. Both are divided by one or more state highways – STH 15 & 76. Although two safe tunnel crossings have been built, these high traffic/speed roads still present a “barrier” to walking and biking. Few sidewalks are located in either municipality, except in the central part of Hortonville. Instead, multi-use trails serve as the primary non-motorized transportation facilities, including:

- WIOUWASH State Trail
- STH 76 Trail
- STH 15 Trail
- Lily of the Valley Trail

## WORK IN PROGRESS

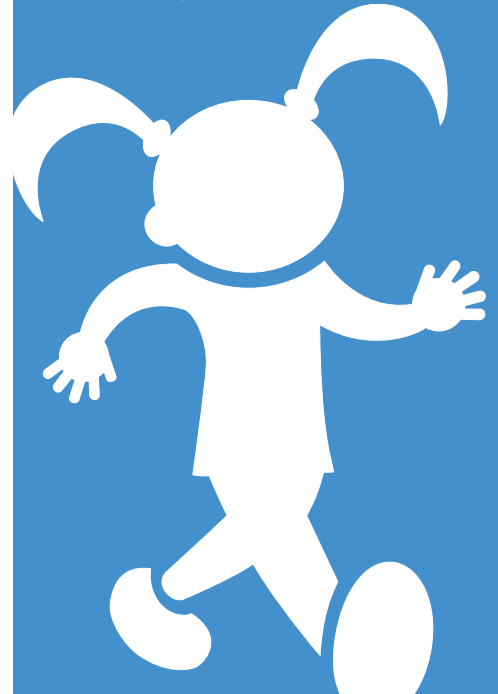
The Hortonville SRTS Task Force has been meeting regularly since 2009 to address safety concerns and promote walking and biking to school safely. Schools continue to take part SRTS-related activities, including Walk to School Day and Bike Safety Day. In 2010, the Task Force applied for SRTS grant funding to create a trail extension, install signage, increase law enforcement, and add bicycle curriculum. Although these projects were not awarded, they still have merit and can be pursued in the future.



Walking Event in Lions Park - Oct. 2011



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# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL BIKE/WALK AUDIT RESULTS

Source: Aerial photography and right of way data provided by Cutagamie County, ????. ECWRPC provided the school location and bike and walk audit results

Audit Conducted  
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Excessive Traffic Volume & Speed



Bus Loading Area



School Zone Ahead Sign



Area Used by Most Parents Picking-Up Students



School Zone Speed Limit Sign



Possible Trail Connecting Subdivision to School

--- No Sidewalk



## EXAMPLES

multi-use trail



The bicycle/pedestrian facility shown above helps increase connectivity throughout the community. This same approach could be used near St. Mary's.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

### ~ Engineering ~

- **Multi-Use Trail** - Create an off-street trail connecting to the subdivision northwest of school.
- **Add Solar-Powered Speed Limit / School Zone Signs on Municipal Dr. / STH 76.**
- **High Visibility Crosswalks** - Emphasize the recommended path for crossing an intersection.
- **Traffic Calming Measures** - Include traffic calming measures (i.e. pedestrian refuge island, curb bump-outs, etc.) when reconstructing roadways near schools or on routes that students use to walk/bike to school.

### ~ Enforcement ~

- **Law Enforcement Presence** - Increase the presence of law enforcement near school during arrival/dismissal times (possible opportunity to partner with the FVTC Law Enforcement Program). Focus on deterring speeding on STH 76 in front of school.
- **Speed Trailers** - Place these at or near schools to show passing motorists the speed at which they are traveling.
- **School Zone Campaign** - First Week: parents and students hold banners to remind drivers to slow down in school zones. Second Week: parent volunteers use radar guns to track drivers who are speeding in school zones and they receive a letter in the mail. Third Week: a law enforcement officer writes citations to speeding drivers.
- **Speed Limit** - Look at the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Municipal Dr. / STH 76 near school.

### ~ Education ~

- **Parent Pledge Program** - Continue participating in the Regional SRTS Parent Pledge Program.
- **Bike Rodeo/Safety Course** - Coordinate bike rodeos featuring bike safety lessons and tune-ups.
- **Classroom Activities** - Add bicycle/pedestrian safety to the curriculum (i.e. bike education in P.E. class, poster contest in Art class, etc.).
- **Media Campaign** - Create signage and public service announcements (PSAs) focused on pedestrian awareness and safety in school zones

### ~ Encouragement ~

- **Frequent Walker Card/Frequent Rider Miles** - Have faculty members check students' punch cards every time they walk/bike to school. Once their card is full, students will receive a reward.
- **Golden Sneaker Award** - A competition between classrooms to have the greatest number of students walking/biking to school.
- **Walking School Bus Program or Cycle Train** - Students meet at a designated location and walk or bike to school together (accompanied by at least one adult).
- **No Idling Policy** - Encourage bus drivers and parents to turn off the engines of their vehicles while waiting for students.

### ~ Evaluation ~

- **Student and Parent Surveys** - Conduct periodic parent and student surveys in conjunction with the Regional SRTS Program.
- **Geography Class** - Have students put a push pin on a map where they live and color code the push pin to match the mode of transportation the use to get to and from school.
- **Bike/Walk Audits** - Continue annual audits to assess safety concerns at and around the school.