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# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pilot Project 

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a federally funded program that was authorized in August 2005 by Section 1404 of the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU (the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). The program targets children in grades K-8 and was developed to meet the following objectives:

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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, and
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.

Florida's SRTS program is managed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In accordance with the program guidelines, the FDOT awards projects for SRTS funding following a district-wide competitive application process. The FDOT District 6 Office in consultation with Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade Public Works Department identified Caribbean Elementary School as a prospective candidate for SRTS funding. RS\&H was retained by the District to assist in identifying infrastructure improvement needs and preparing the required application forms for the SRTS program. This report was prepared in support of the application for funding proposed infrastructure improvements at Caribbean Elementary School for the SRTS program.

## 2. PROJECT SCHOOL DATA

The following information pertains to the project school.
Name: Caribbean Elementary
Address: 11990 SW 200 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street, Miami, Fl 33177 (Figure 1 shows project location map)
Enrollment: 898 students (School year 2006 to 2007)
School Attendance Boundary: Attendance boundary is shown in Figure 1.
Estimated mode split for transportation to/from school (based on interviews with school officials):

- Walk/Ride $=40 \%$
- Private Car $=50 \%$
- Buses $=10 \%$



## 3. CRASH HISTORY

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes reported throughout Miami-Dade County for the period 2002 through 2004 were obtained from the MPO. A GIS analysis was conducted using the crash data to identify pedestrian and bicycle crashes that were reported within the limits of the school attendance boundary (or 2 mile radius). The analysis identified fatal crashes, injury crashes and juvenile crashes. Appendix A shows plots of the crashes reported within the project limits. The crash data is summarized in Table 1.

The recommended SRTS for Caribbean Elementary are presented in Section 5 of the report. Table 2 contains crash details for pedestrian/bicycle collisions that were reported along the recommended SRTS. As shown in Table 2, SW 200 Street experienced a relatively high number of pedestrian crashes during the 3-year study period - five pedestrian crashes were reported including two juvenile crashes. A detailed research of the individual police crash reports would be required to identify probable causal factors for these pedestrian crashes and what, if any, specific engineering countermeasures may be considered to reduce these crashes. This research is beyond the limited scope of this SRTS project. Notwithstanding, based on the field reviews that were conducted for this study recommended improvements were developed to address roadway and traffic deficiencies that would enhance overall safety conditions for pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the proposed safe routes.

Summary of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

| Road Name | Segment |  | 2002 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2003 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2004 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  |
|  | From | To | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries |
| US 1 | SW 211 Street | SW 232 Street | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| SW 216 Street | SW 134 Avenue | US 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 120 Avenue | Old Cutler | SW 212 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 122 Avenue | Old Cutler | SW 195 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SW 200 Street | SW 114 Avenue | SW 127 Avenue | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| SW 117 Court | SW 200 Street | SW 208 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 123 Court | SW 206 Street | SW 209 Street | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 210 Street | SW 123 Avenue | SW 119 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 209 Street | SW 119 Avenue | SW 120 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 204 Street | SW 122 Avenue | SW 127 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 127 Avenue | SW 200 Street | US 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 117 Avenue | SW 190 Street | US 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| SW 232 Street | SW 127 Avenue | SW 134 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SW 114 Avenue | SW 200 Street | SW 196 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SW 119 Place | SW 200 Street | SW 194 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total |  |  | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 15 |

Table 2
Summary of Crashes Reported on Proposed Safe Routes
Caribbean Elementary, 2002-2004

| CRASH DETAILS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Safe Route | Case <br> Number | Date of Crash | Day of Week | Time | Pedestrian Age | Injury/Fatality | Location of Crash |
| SW 200 Street (From SW 123 Drive to SW 114 Court) | 705029750 | 04/21/02 | Sat | 3:12 PM | 35 | Injury | SW 118 Avenue |
|  | 720466130 | 11/27/02 | Tue | 9:50 PM | 10 | Injury | SW 114 Avenue |
|  | 756409380 | 12/10/04 | Thu | 6:23 PM | 39 | Injury | SW 117 Avenue |
|  | 756409160 | 11/23/04 | Mon | 6:17 AM | 27 | Injury | SW 120 Avenue |
|  | 720196110 | 04/26/04 | Sun | 3:50 PM | 8 | Injury | SW 122 Avenue |
| SW 204 Street (From SW 127 Avenue to SW 122 Avenue) | 705612230 | 01/27/03 | Sun | 6:02 AM | 42 | Injury | SW 122 Court |
| SW 119 Place (From SW 200 Street to SW 196 Terrace) | 732889890 | 07/13/04 | Mon | 11:26 PM | 40 | Injury | SW 196 Terrace |
| SW 122 Avenue (From SW 220 Street to SW 200 Street) | 738649700 | 05/25/04 | Mon | 4:00 PM | 18 | Injury | SW 204 Street |
|  | 705018480 | 04/15/02 | Sun | 5:30 PM | 40 | Injury | SW 206 Street |

Note: Juvenile crashes are highlighted in gray.

## 4. DEVELOPMENT OF SRTS

SRTS for Caribbean Elementary School were developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Routes to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County, MPO September 2005. Several additional reference sources also provided guidance in developing safe routes for the project school. Notable among these were:

- National Center for Safe Routes to School: http://www.saferouteroutesinfo.org/
- Federal Highway Safe Routes to School: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/

Preliminary SRTS were initially developed for the project school based on reviews of several engineering factors. These included:

- School attendance boundary
- Aerial photographs
- Land use data (see Appendix B)
- Frequency/severity of juvenile pedestrian and bicycle crashes
- Roadway characteristics (sidewalks, medians, buffers, etc.)
- Speed limits
- Traffic volumes
- Location of traffic control devices
- Driveway density
- Location of canals and railroad crossings

Meetings were subsequently held with the school principal and other key staff members to further develop and refine the proposed SR2S. Input was also gained from the Patent Teachers Association (PTA) and the project steering committee that included representatives from the MPO, the School Board and the Public Works Department.

## 5. RECOMMENDED SRTS

Following the process described in Section 4, the recommended SRTS was developed for Caribbean Elementary School. The map on the following page shows the recommended SRTS. Table 3 shows pertinent roadway and traffic characteristics for the road segments along the recommended SRTS.

## 6. FIELD REVIEW

Field reviews for Caribbean Elementary School were conducted on March 3, 2007. The primary deficiencies that were identified along the proposed safe routes were missing sidewalks and crosswalks, inadequate guardrails for canals and a missing pedestrian bridge over the canal in the southern portion of the attendance boundary. A comprehensive list of the deficiencies observed can be found in Appendix C.


CARIBBEAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 11990 SW 200th Street, Miami 33177 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL


Table 3
Caribbean Elementary
Exisiting Roadway and Traffic Characterisitcs for SRTS Segments

| Road | Segment |  | Facility Type | Speed Limit | $\mathrm{AADT}^{1}$ | Ped \& Bike Crashes ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From | To |  |  |  |  |
| SW $118{ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | SW $192^{\text {nd }}$ Street | SW 196 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW 196 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace | Colonial Drive | SW 119 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Place | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW 119 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Place | SW 196 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace | SW 200 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 1 |
| SW 200 ${ }^{\text {II }}$ Street | SW 114 ${ }^{\text {mf }}$ Avenue | SW 123 ${ }^{10}$ Drive | City Local Street | 35 mph | Moderate | 6 |
| SW $20{ }^{\text {nc }}$ Street | SW 118th Avenue | SW $122{ }^{\text {na }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW $204{ }^{\text {m1 }}$ Street | SW $127{ }^{\text {dn }}$ Avenue | SW $122^{\text {na }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 1 |
| SW 118 ${ }^{\text {¹] }}$ Place | SW $208{ }^{\text {n }}$ Street | SW $202{ }^{\text {na }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW $122{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue | SW $220{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW 200 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 2 |

1. For road segments where AADT data was not readily available, traffic volume is assessed as light, moderate or heavy based on fields observed conditions.
2. Total pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2002-2004

## 7. RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES

Based on the field reviews that were conducted along the SRTS (Section 5), recommended infrastructure improvements were developed to encourage and enhance safety for children walking or bicycling to/from school. The recommended infrastructure improvements were limited to eligible projects specified in Florida’s SRTS Application Guidelines. Table 4 shows a listing of recommended infrastructure improvement projects along the safe route segments. Table 4 also includes cost estimates for the improvements. The cost estimates were developed based on FDOT's average unit cost rates for projects implemented in District 6 region. The total cost for infrastructure improvements was estimated at $\$ 457,632.44$. This includes installing a new pedestrian bridge across the canal on SW $122^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue. The cost of the pedestrian bridge was estimated at approximately $\$ 170,000$.

Table 4
Caribbean Elementary School Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvementes

| Road Segment | Recommended Improvements | Length (ft) | Unit Cost | Unit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW 200 Street <br> (From SW 123 Drive To SW 114 Court) | - Install crosswalk at SW 121 Avenue - north side | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 122 Court - north and south sides | 160 | \$2.00 | ft | \$320.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk along SW 200 Street between SW 122 Avenue and SW 122 Court | 116 | \$49.70 | sy | \$3,843.47 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along SW 200 Street between SW 122 Avenue and SW 122 Court | 20 | \$79.59 | sy | \$1,061.20 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 116 Avenue - north and south sides | 140 | \$2.00 | ft | \$280.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 114 Court - north and south sides | 160 | \$2.00 | ft | \$320.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 114 Court - north and south sides | 50 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,656.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 119 Place and SW 118 Place - north side | 160 | \$2.00 | ft | \$320.00 |
|  | - Install 8' Fence adjacent to canal - north and south side | 125 | \$14.82 | ft | \$1,852.50 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| SW 119 Place <br> (From SW 200 Street To SW 196 Terrace) | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 199 Street and SW 196 Terrace - east and west sides | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 118 Place and SW 118 Court - south side | 140 | \$2.00 | ft | \$280.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 118 Place and SW 118 Court - south side | 38 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,259.07 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 117 Court | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 117 Court | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
| SW 118 Avenue <br> (From SW 196 Terrace To SW 192 Street) | - Install crosswalk at SW 194 Terrace - west side | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 194 Terrace - west side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 196 Street | 140 | \$2.00 | ft | \$280.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 196 Street | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
| SW 122 Avenue <br> (From SW 220 Street To SW 200 Street) | - Install 4" sidewalk at SW 200 Street - west side | 150 | \$49.70 | sy | \$4,970.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk at SW 200 Street - west side | 50 | \$79.59 | sy | \$2,653.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 206 Street and SW 207 Street - east side | 210 | \$2.00 | ft | \$420.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 208 Street and SW 210 Street - east and west sides | 280 | \$2.00 | ft | \$560.00 |
|  | - Install 13.5 ' wide pedestrian bridge over the canal to use SW 122 Avenue | 115 | \$110.00 | sf | \$170,775.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk between SW 212 Street and SW 220 Street | 560 | \$2.00 | ft | \$1,120.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk between SW 212 Street and SW 220 Street | 2460 | \$49.70 | sy | \$81,508.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk between SW 212 Street and SW 220 Street | 80 | \$79.59 | sy | \$4,244.80 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 214 Lane - west side | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 217 Street - east side | 140 | \$2.00 | ft | \$280.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 218 Street and SW 219 Street - east side | 280 | \$2.00 | ft | \$560.00 |
| SW 204 Street <br> (From SW 127 Avenue To SW 122 Avenue) | - Install crosswalk at SW 122 Court - south side | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk at SW 122 Court - west side | 150 | \$49.70 | sy | \$4,970.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk at SW 122 Court - west side | 50 | \$79.59 | sy | \$2,653.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 123 Avenue - north and south sides | 160 | \$2.00 | ft | \$320.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 123 Avenue - north and south sides | 48 | \$49.70 | ft | \$2,385.60 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk between SW 127 Avenue and SW 123 Avenue (approx. 630) | 540 | \$49.70 | sy | \$17,892.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk between SW 127 Avenue and SW 123 Avenue (approx. 630) | 90 | \$79.59 | sy | \$4,775.40 |
| SW 202 Street <br> (From SW 122 Avenue To SW 118 Place) | - Install crosswalk at SW 120 Avenue - south side | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 118 Court - north side | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| SW 118 Place <br> (From SW 208 Street To SW 202 Street) | - Install crosswalk at SW 203 Street, SW 203 Terrace and SW 204 Street - east side | 240 | \$2.00 | ft | \$480.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extensions at SW 203 Street, SW 203 Terrace, SW 204 Street - east side | 60 | \$49.70 | ft | \$2,982.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 206 Street, SW 206 Terrace, and SW 207 Street - east side | 220 | \$2.00 | ft | \$440.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extensions at SW 206 Street, SW 206 Terrace, and SW 207 Street - east side | 60 | \$49.70 | $f$ | \$2,982.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 205 Street - east and west sides | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extensions at SW 205 Street - east and west sides | 40 | \$49.70 | ft | \$1,988.00 |
| Prelimiary Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$326,880.31 |
| Contingencies (20\%) |  |  |  |  | \$65,376.06 |
| Mobilization (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$32,688.03 |
| Maintence of Traffic (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$32,688.03 |
| Grand Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$457,632.44 |

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## APPENDIX A

Maps of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes




## APPENDIX B

Land Use Map

Carribean Elementary


## APPENDIX C

Existing Route Deficiencies

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT Caribbean Elementary 11990 SW 200 Street, Miami, Florida 33177 

Improvements Needed

## From the field:

## Route- SW 200 Street (From SW 123 Drive to SW 114 Court)

- At SW 121 Avenue crosswalk is needed on the north side.
- There is missing crosswalk at SW 122 Court on the north and south side.
- At SW 200 Street between SW 122 Avenue and SW 122 Court is missing sidewalk (Approximately 136 feet).
- At SW 116 Avenue there is crosswalk missing on the north and south side.
- There is crosswalk and sidewalk connection missing on the north and south side of SW 114 Court.
- At SW 119 Place and SW 118 place there is crosswalk missing on the north side.
- At the canal the guardrail needs maintenance and a chain linked fence should be installed (Approximately 50 feet on the south side and 75 feet on the north side).


## Route- SW 119 Place (From SW 200 Street to SW 196 Terrace)

- At SW 199 Street and SW 196 Terrace there is sidewalk connection missing on the east and west side.
- At SW 118 place and SW 118 Court sidewalk connection and the crosswalk are missing on the south side.
- At SW 117 Court, sidewalk connection and crosswalk are missing.


## Route- SW 118 Avenue (From SW 196 Terrace to SW 192 Street)

- There is crosswalk and sidewalk connection missing at SW 194 Terrace on the west side.
- At SW 196 Street, sidewalk connection and crosswalk are missing.


## Route- SW 122 Avenue (From SW 220 Street to SW 200 Street)

- At SW 200 Street there is sidewalk missing on the west side (Approximately 150 feet).
- At SW 206 Street and SW 207 Street there is crosswalk missing on the east side.
- At SW 208 Street and SW 210 Street there is crosswalk missing on the east and west side.
- A pedestrian bridge needs to be installed over the canal to enable students to be able to use SW 122 Avenue.
- From SW 212 Street to SW 220 Street there is sidewalk and crosswalk missing.
- At SW 214 Lane there is crosswalk missing on the west side.
- At SW 217 Street there is crosswalk missing on the east side.
- At SW 218 Street and SW 219 Street there is crosswalk missing on the east side.
- Between SW 216 Street and SW 220 Street there is sidewalk and crosswalk missing.
Route- SW 204 Street (From SW 127 Avenue to SW 122 Avenue)
- At SW 122 Court there is crosswalk missing on the south side. There is also approximately 150 feet of sidewalk missing on the west side.
- At SW 123 Avenue there is sidewalk connection and crosswalk missing on the north and south side.
- There are 630 feet of sidewalk missing from SW 127 Avenue to SW 123 Avenue.


## Route- SW 202 Street (From SW 122 Avenue to SW 118 Place)

- At SW 120 Avenue there is crosswalk missing on the south side.
- There is crosswalk missing on the north side of SW 118 Court.


## Route- SW 118 Place (From SW 208 Street to SW 202 Street)

- At SW 203 Street, SW 203 Terrace, SW 204 Street, SW 206 Street, SW 206 Terrace, and SW 207 Street there is crosswalk and sidewalk connection missing on the east side.
- At SW 205 Street there is sidewalk connection and crosswalk missing on the east and west side.


## From the meeting:

- At SW 122 Avenue and SW 202 Street there are no crosswalks for students to cross SW 122 Avenue. There is a crosswalk and crossing guard for students wanting to cross SW 202 Street traveling in the north/south direction but not in the east/west direction.
- Homes located south of the canal use the Dade county Public School transportation system. Students do not cross the canal to go to school.
- The principal stated that SW 202 Street which is the back entrance of the school is used to pick up and drop off the students. There is a lot of pedestrian activity and there are no pedestrian features such as flashers or crosswalks.
- At SW 204 Street (on the south side) there is no way for students to cross at the corner of SW 204 Street and SW 122 Avenue. SW 204 Street has a speeding problem between SW 127 Avenue and SW 122 Avenue.
- SW 122 Avenue from the canal to SW 200 Street has no traffic signals. There is a four way stop located at SW 207 Street.
- On SW 202 Street there are bulb outs located in the back entrance of the school that causes driver confusion. They would like for that to be removed.
- The principal also mentioned that there was a street located just in the back of the schools that students have used but they do not encourage it. It was noted in the field that the street is closed and there are no through vehicles. This would not be a good location for students to walk through.


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Florida’s SRTS program is managed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In accordance with the program guidelines, the FDOT awards projects for SRTS funding following a district-wide competitive application process. The FDOT District 6 Office in consultation with Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade Public Works Department identified Henry M. Flagler Elementary School as a prospective candidate for SRTS funding. RS\&H was retained by the District to assist in identifying infrastructure improvement needs and preparing the required application forms for the SRTS program. This report was prepared in support of the application for funding proposed infrastructure improvements at Henry M. Flagler Elementary School for the SRTS program.

## 2. PROJECT SCHOOL DATA

The following information pertains to the project school.
Name: Henry M. Flagler Elementary
Address: 5222 NW 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Street, Miami, Fl 33126 (Figure 1 shows project location map)
Enrollment: 827 students (School year 2006 to 2007)
School Attendance Boundary: Attendance boundary is shown in Figure 1.
Estimated mode split for transportation to/from school (based on interviews with school officials):

- Walk/Ride = 20\%
- Private Car $=70 \%$
- Buses $=10 \%$



## 3. CRASH HISTORY

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes reported throughout Miami-Dade County for the period 2002 through 2004 were obtained from the MPO. A GIS analysis was conducted using the crash data to identify pedestrian and bicycle crashes that were reported within the limits of the school attendance boundary (or 2 mile radius). The analysis identified fatal crashes, injury crashes and juvenile crashes. Appendix A shows plots of the crashes reported within the project limits. The crash data is summarized in Table 1.

The recommended SRTS for Henry M. Flagler Elementary are presented in Section 5 of the report. Table 2 contains crash details for pedestrian/bicycle collisions that were reported along the recommended SRTS. As shown in Table 2, West Flagler Street experienced a relatively high number of pedestrian crashes during the 3 -year study period - 15 pedestrian crashes (none involving juveniles) were reported including two fatalities. In discussions with staff from Henry M. Flagler Elementary, it was also brought to attention that this segment of West Flagler Street experienced a fatal crash in January 2006 that involved a student walking to school. A detailed research of the individual police crash reports would be required to identify probable causal factors for these pedestrian crashes and what, if any, specific engineering countermeasures may be considered to reduce these crashes. This research is beyond the limited scope of this SRTS project. Notwithstanding, based on the field reviews that were conducted for this study recommended improvements were developed to address roadway and traffic deficiencies that would enhance overall safety conditions for pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the proposed safe routes.

Summary of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

| Road Name | Segment |  | 2002 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2003 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2004 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  |
|  | From | To | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries |
| SW 57 Avenue | SR 836 | Flagler Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NW 7 Street | NW 57 Avenue | NW 47 Avenue | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Flagler Street | NW 57 Avenue | NW 47 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| NW 47 Avenue | SW 8 Street | NW 9 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NW 48 Avenue | Flagler Street | NW 6 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NW 53 Avenue | NW 7 Street | Flagler Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SW 8 Street | SW 47 Avenue | SW 55 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Blue Lagoon Drive | NW 52 Avenue | NW 57 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NW 5 Street | NW 57 Avenue | NW 55 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 49 Avenue | NW 6 Street | SW 8 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| NW 48 Court | NW 6 Street | Flagler Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Total |  | 0 |  | 1 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 |  | 1 | 9 | 1 | 9 |

[^0]Table 2
Summary of Crashes Reported on Proposed Safe Routes
Henry M. Flagler Elementary, 2002-2004

| CRASH DETAILS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Safe Route | Case <br> Number | Date of Crash | Day of Week | Time | Pedestrian Age | Injury/Fatality | Location of Crash |
| NW 7 Street (From NW 47 Avenue to NW 57 Avenue) | 705325670 | 10/02/02 | Tue | 6:45 PM | 16 | Injury | NW 47 Avenue |
|  | 705972850 | 05/01/02 | Tue | 2:05 PM | 69 | Injury | NW 55 Avenue |
|  | 705318360 | 05/18/02 | Fri | 12:00 PM | 12 | Injury | NW 56 Avenue |
|  | 705455330 | 03/06/02 | Tue | 3:40 PM | 71 | Injury | NW 57 Avenue |
|  | 705452850 | 05/06/03 | Mon | 2:45 PM | 69 | Injury | NW 47 Avenue |
|  | 738961590 | 03/24/04 | Tue | 12:05 PM | 78 | Injury | NW 57 Avenue |
| Flagler Street (From NW 47 Avenue to NW 57 Avenue) | 743003910 | 11/15/02 | Thu | 2:40 PM | 53 | Injury | NW 57 Avenue |
|  | 705989200 | 03/13/02 | Tue | 4:05 PM | 55 | Injury | NW 55 Court |
|  | 705996050 | 01/30/02 | Tue | 12:38 PM | 49 | Injury | NW 52 Avenue |
|  | 721390100 | 04/08/02 | Sun | 9:40 PM | 39 | Fatality | NW 51 Avenue |
|  | 734125870 | 09/24/02 | Mon | 8:26 AM | 80 | Injury | NW 48 Court |
|  | 733694240 | 04/17/02 | Tue | unknown | 69 | Injury | NW 48 Avenue |
|  | 705950430 | 04/09/02 | Mon | 12:05 AM | 41 | Injury | NW 47 Avenue |
|  | 738268250 | 08/28/03 | Wed | unknown | 28 | Injury | NW 51 Avenue |
|  | 743041160 | 11/12/03 | Tue | 11:55 AM | 55 | Injury | NW 53 Avenue |
|  | 738264630 | 10/22/03 | Tue | 6:20 PM | 51 | Injury | NW 55 Avenue |
|  | 743955020 | 03/04/04 | Wed | 9:00 PM | 55 | Injury | NW 57 Avenue |
|  | 723881460 | 08/02/04 | Sun | 12:00 AM | 60 | Injury | 5340 Flagler Street |
|  | 738972240 | 06/15/04 | Mon | 3:30 PM | 52 | Injury | NW 53 Avenue |
|  | 738972500 | 03/09/04 | Mon | 7:14 PM | 53 | Injury | NW 48 Place |
|  | 723733950 | 12/04/04 | Fri | 7:12 AM | 71 | Fatality | NW 47 Court |
| NW 53 Avenue (From NW 7 Street to Flagler Street) | 743072210 | 04/18/04 | Sat | 6:15 PM | 18 | Injury | NW 1 Street |

Note: Juvenile crashes are highlighted in gray.

## 4. DEVELOPMENT OF SRTS

SRTS for Henry M. Flagler Elementary School were developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Routes to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County, MPO September 2005. Several additional reference sources also provided guidance in developing safe routes for the project school. Notable among these were:

- National Center for Safe Routes to School: http://www.saferouteroutesinfo.org/
- Federal Highway Safe Routes to School: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/

Preliminary SRTS were initially developed for the project school based on reviews of several engineering factors. These included:

- School attendance boundary
- Aerial photographs
- Land use data (see Appendix B)
- Frequency/severity of juvenile pedestrian and bicycle crashes
- Roadway characteristics (sidewalks, medians, buffers, etc.)
- Speed limits
- Traffic volumes
- Location of traffic control devices
- Driveway density
- Location of canals and railroad crossings

Meetings were subsequently held with the school principal and other key staff members to further develop and refine the proposed SR2S. Input was also gained from the Patent Teachers Association (PTA) and the project steering committee that included representatives from the MPO, the School Board and the Public Works Department.

## 5. RECOMMENDED SRTS

Following the process described in Section 4, the recommended SRTS was developed for Henry M. Flagler Elementary School. The map on the following page shows the recommended SRTS. Table 3 shows pertinent roadway and traffic characteristics for the road segments along the recommended SRTS.

## 6. FIELD REVIEW

Field reviews for Henry M. Flagler Elementary School were conducted on March 8, 2007. The primary deficiencies that were identified along the proposed safe routes were missing sidewalks and crosswalks, inadequate signage and missing school zone flashers on NW $1^{\text {st }}$ Street. A comprehensive list of the deficiencies observed can be found in Appendix C.

HENRY M. FLAGLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5222 NW 1st Street, Miami 33126 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL


Table 3
Henry M. Flagler Elementary Exisiting Roadway and Traffic Characterisitcs for SRTS Segments

| Road | Segment |  | Facility Type | Speed Limit | $\mathrm{AADT}^{1}$ | Ped \& Bike Crashes ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From | To |  |  |  |  |
| NW 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | NW $57{ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | NW 47 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | City Collector | 40 mph | Moderate | 5 |
| NW 53 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue | NW ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | W Flagler Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 1 |
| NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue | NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street | NW 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| NW 4 ${ }^{\text {II }}$ Street | NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue | NW 47 ${ }^{\text {In }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| NW 1 ${ }^{\text {sl }}$ Street | NW 53 ${ }^{\text {ra }}$ Avenue | NW 51 ${ }^{\text {sl }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| W Flagler Street | NW 57 ${ }^{\text {m/ }}$ Avenue | NW 47 ${ }^{\text {m }}$ Avenue | State Road (Minor Arterial) | 40 mph | 39,000 | 9 |
| SW 52 ${ }^{\text {no }}$ Avenue | SW $8{ }^{\text {di }}$ Street | W Flagler Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW $47^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | SW 55 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |

Notes:

1. For road segments where AADT data was not readily available, traffic volume is assessed as light, moderate or heavy based on fields observed conditions.
2. Total pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2002-2004

## 7. RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES

Based on the field reviews that were conducted along the SRTS (Section 5), recommended infrastructure improvements were developed to encourage and enhance safety for children walking or bicycling to/from school. The recommended infrastructure improvements were limited to eligible projects specified in Florida’s SRTS Application Guidelines. Table 4 shows a listing of recommended infrastructure improvement projects along the safe route segments. Table 4 also includes cost estimates for the improvements. The cost estimates were developed based on FDOT's average unit cost rates for projects implemented in District 6 region. The total cost for infrastructure improvements was estimated at $\$ 80,104.71$.

Table 4
Henry M. Flagler Elementary
SRTS Infrastructure Improvements

| Road Segment | Recommended Improvements | Length <br> (ft) | Unit Cost | Unit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NW 7 Street <br> (From NE 47 Avenue to NW 57 Avenue) | - Install crosswalk at NW 51 Avenue - south and east sides | 100 | \$2.00 | ft | \$200.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 53 Avenue - north and south sides | 100 | \$2.00 | ft | \$200.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 56 Avenue - north and south sides | 45 | \$2.00 | ft | \$90.00 |
| NW 53 Avenue (From NW 7 Street To W Flagler Street) | - Install 4" sidewalk along NW 53 Avenue between NW 7 Street and NW 4 Terrace | 498 | \$49.70 | sy | \$16,500.40 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along NW 53 Avenue between NW 7 Street and NW 4 Terrace | 50 | \$79.59 | sy | \$2,653.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 5 Street - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk along NW 53 Avenue between NW 7 Street and NW 5 Street | 270 | \$49.70 | sy | \$8,946.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along NW 53 Avenue between NW 7 Street and NW 5 Street | 60 | \$79.59 | sy | \$3,183.60 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 5 Street - east side | 32 | \$2.00 | ft | \$64.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 4 Terrace - east side | 24 | \$2.00 | ft | \$48.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 4 Terrace - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 4 Street - east and west sides | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 4 Street - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 3 Street - west side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 2 Terrace - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 2 Street - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 1 Street - east side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
| NW 1 Street <br> (From NW 53 Avenue To NW 51 Avenue) | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 51 Place - south side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install school zone flashers | 1 | \$2,400.00 | ea | \$2,400.00 |
|  | - Install One Way signage | 2 | \$244.41 | ea | \$488.82 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian sign | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| NW 51 Avenue <br> (From NW 7 Street To NW 1 Street) | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 5 Street - east and west sides | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk along NW 51 Avenue between NW 5 Street and NW 5 Terrace | 50 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,656.67 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along NW 51 Avenue between NW 5 Street and NW 5 Terrace | 0 | \$79.59 | sy | \$0.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 4 Terrace - east and west sides | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 4 Street - east and west sides | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 2 Terrace - west side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 2 Street - east and west sides | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
| NW 4 Street <br> (From NW 47 Avenue To NW 51 Avenue) | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 48 Court - north and south sides | 30 | \$49.70 | sy | \$994.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 48 Court - north and south sides | 65 | \$2.00 | ft | \$130.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 48 Place -south side | 15 | \$49.70 | sy | \$497.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 48 Place - south side | 20 | \$2.00 | ft | \$40.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 49 Avenue -north and south sides | 45 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,491.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 49 Avenue - north and south sides | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 50 Avenue -south side | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 50 Avenue - south side | 25 | \$2.00 | ft | \$50.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at NW 51 Avenue -north and south sides | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 51 Avenue - north and south sides | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
| W Flagler Street <br> (From NW 47 Avenue To NW 57 Avenue) | - Install crosswalk at NW 53 Avenue - north and east sides | 110 | \$2.00 | ft | \$220.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 52 Court - south side | 55 | \$2.00 | ft | \$110.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 52 Avenue - south side | 55 | \$2.00 | ft | \$110.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at NW 51 Place - north and south sides | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install pedestrian countdown signals | 8 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$11,428.08 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian sign | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |

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## APPENDIX A

Maps of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes




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Land Use Map


## APPENDIX C

Existing Route Deficiencies

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT Henry M. Flagler Elementary 5222 NW $1^{\text {st }}$ Street, Miami, Florida 33126 

## Required Improvements

## From field review:

## Route- NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street (From NW 47 Avenue to NW 57 Avenue)

- Sidewalk obstructed on the northside of NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street 350 ft. from NW $47^{\text {th }}$ Avenue by telephone cabinet and light pole.
- Dropped curb on the northside of NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street 185 ft . from NW $47^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on the north side of NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street at NW $51^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on the north side of NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street at NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on the north side of NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street at NW $56^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.


## Route- NW 53 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue (From NW 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street to W Flagler Street)

- 393 feet of sidewalk missing on the west side of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue between NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street and NW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- 155 feet of sidewalk missing on the east side of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue between NW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street and NW 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extension need on all four corners of NW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- 330 feet of sidewalk missing on the west side of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue between NW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street and NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on the eastside of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue at NW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on the eastside of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue at NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing on both east and west side of NW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue at NW 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $2^{\text {nd }}$ Terrace.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $1^{\text {st }}$ Street.


## Route- NW 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Street (From NW 53 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue to NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue)

- 30 feet of sidewalk needs repairing in front of school's bus drop-off.
- 40 feet of sidewalk needs repairing in front of church adjacent to school.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on both east and west side of NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Place.
- School Zone Flashers missing on NW $1^{\text {st }}$ Street.


## Route- NW 51 Avenue (From NW 7 Street to NW 1 Street)

- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- 50 feet of sidewalk missing on the east side of NW $51^{\text {st }}$ Avenue 150 ft . south of NW 5 St.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- 12 feet of sidewalk need repair 110 ft north of Flagler St.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on the west side of NW $2^{\text {nd }}$ Terrace.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street.


## Route- NW 4 Street (From NW 47 Avenue to NW 51 Avenue)

- Sidewalk extensions needed on the south side and northwest corner of NW $48^{\text {th }}$ Court.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at NW $48^{\text {th }}$ Court.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on the south side and northwest corner of NW $48^{\text {th }}$ Place.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at NW $48^{\text {th }}$ Place.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $49^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at NW $49^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW $50^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at NW $50^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at NW 51 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.


## Route- Flagler Street (From NW 47 Avenue to NW 51 Avenue)

- Replace existing crosswalks with high emphasis crosswalks.


## Route- NW 52 Avenue (From Flagler Street to SW 8 Street)

- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $5^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $6^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $7^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at $S W 7^{\text {th }}$ Street.


## Route- SW 4 Street (From SW 47 Avenue to SW 55 Avenue)

- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW 48 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $48^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on on the west side of SW 48 Court.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $48^{\text {th }}$ Court.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $49^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $49^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $50^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $50^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
- 20 feet of sidewalk need repair 30 ft east of SW 51 Ave. on the south side of SW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Court.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Court.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on north side of SW $4^{\text {th }}$ Street at SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Place.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $51^{\text {st }}$ Place.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $52^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $52{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on the south side of $S W 4^{\text {th }}$ Street at SW $52^{\text {nd }}$ Court.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $52^{\text {nd }}$ Court.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $53^{\text {rd }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $55^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $55^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Sidewalk extensions needed on all four corners of SW $56^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Pedestrian crosswalk missing at SW $56^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.


## Improvements from Meeting:

- One of the main concerns that the principal stated was that NW 1 Street is a one way street during certain hours of the day. She would like NW 1 Street to be a one-way street all day to avoid driver confusion.
- We were also informed about improvements done in front of the school such as the pick/drop off area. Currently the sidewalk does not seem ADA compliant. May need to be widened at the end of the driveway.
- They would also like to see the crosswalk at midblock between SW 52 Avenue and SW 53 Avenue to be moved to the intersection of Flagler Street and 53 Avenue. Students are crossing at that intersection instead of using the crosswalk.
- There was a fatality reported at this school. It occurred on January 3, 2006 at the midblock crosswalk between SW 53 Avenue and SW 52 Avenue. When this accident occurred there was a petition made by the parents to install a pedestrian bridge over Flagler Street.
- The principal would also like to know how long and at what time the flashers are running on Flagler Street. They would like for the flashers to be on from 7:15 to 8:45 AM.
- Signage needs to be added on NW 1 Street such as school signs and one way street signs.


## SAFEROUTES TO SCHOOL

LUDLAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pilot Project 

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## FINAL REPORT <br> for <br> Ludlam Elementary School

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REYNOLDS, SMITH \& HILLS, INC.
July 11, 2007

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a federally funded program that was authorized in August 2005 by Section 1404 of the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU (the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). The program targets children in grades K-8 and was developed to meet the following objectives:

1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle 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, and
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Florida’s SRTS program is managed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In accordance with the program guidelines, the FDOT awards projects for SRTS funding following a district-wide competitive application process. The FDOT District 6 Office in consultation with Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade Public Works Department identified Ludlam Elementary School as a prospective candidate for SRTS funding. RS\&H was retained by the District to assist in identifying infrastructure improvement needs and preparing the required application forms for the SRTS program. This report was prepared in support of the application for funding proposed infrastructure improvements at Ludlam Elementary School for the SRTS program.

## 2. PROJECT SCHOOL DATA

The following information pertains to the project school.
Name: Ludlam Elementary
Address: 6639 SW 74 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street, Miami, Fl 33143 (Figure 1 shows project location map)
Enrollment: 562 students (School year 2006 to 2007)
School Attendance Boundary: Attendance boundary is shown in Figure 1.
Estimated mode split for transportation to/from school (based on interviews with school officials):

- $\mathrm{Walk} /$ Ride $=4 \%$
- Private Car $=78 \%$
- Buses $=18 \%$



## 3. CRASH HISTORY

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes reported throughout Miami-Dade County for the period 2002 through 2004 were obtained from the MPO. A GIS analysis was conducted using the crash data to identify pedestrian and bicycle crashes that were reported within the limits of the school attendance boundary (or 2 mile radius). The analysis identified fatal crashes, injury crashes and juvenile crashes. Appendix A shows plots of the crashes reported within the project limits. The crash data is summarized in Table 1.

The recommended SRTS for Ludlam Elementary are presented in Section 5 of the report. Table 2 contains crash details for pedestrian/bicycle collisions that were reported along the recommended SRTS. As shown in Table 2, SW 67 Avenue experienced five pedestrian crashes (none involving juveniles) during the 3 -year study period. A detailed research of the individual police crash reports would be required to identify probable causal factors for these pedestrian crashes and what, if any, specific engineering countermeasures may be considered to reduce these crashes. This research is beyond the limited scope of this SRTS project. Notwithstanding, based on the field reviews that were conducted for this study recommended improvements were developed to address roadway and traffic deficiencies that would enhance overall safety conditions for pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the proposed safe routes.

Summary of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

| Road Name | Segment |  | 2002 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2003 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2004 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  |
|  | From | To | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries |
| Sunset Drive/SW 72 Street | SW 82 Avenue | SW 59 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ludlam Avenue/SW 67 Avenue | SW 66 Street | SW 85 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| US 1/South Dixie Highway | SW 59 Avenue | SW 68 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 80 Street | SW 59 Avenue | SW 82 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| SW 68 Street | SW 59 Avenue | SW 64 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 72 Avenue | SW 68 Street | SW 85 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 82 Street | SW 72 Avenue | SW 76 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |

2. Others= children and adults greater than the age of 13 years

Table 2
Summary of Crashes Reported on Proposed Safe Routes
Ludlam Elementary, 2002-2004

| CRASH DETAILS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Safe Route | Case <br> Number | Date of Crash | Day of Week | Time | Pedestrian Age | Injury/Fatality | Location of Crash |
| SW 72 Street (From SW 62 Avenue to SW 72 Avenue) | 703426180 | 08/26/02 | Sun | 2:15 PM | 26 | Injury | 6180 SW 72 Street |
| SW 67 Avenue (From SW 62 Street to SW 80 Street) | 703431140 | 08/28/02 | Tue | 6:40 PM | 27 | Injury | SW 78 Terrace |
|  | 721919200 | 11/12/03 | Tue | 9:35 AM | 31 | Injury | SW 81 Street |
|  | 732871640 | 08/24/04 | Mon | 1:30 PM | 30 | Injury | SW 72 Street |
|  | 721916780 | 12/16/04 | Wed | 1:12 PM | 52 | Injury | S. Dixie Highway |

Note: Juvenile crashes are highlighted in gray.

## 4. DEVELOPMENT OF SRTS

SRTS for Ludlam Elementary School were developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Routes to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County, MPO September 2005. Several additional reference sources also provided guidance in developing safe routes for the project school. Notable among these were:

- National Center for Safe Routes to School: http://www.saferouteroutesinfo.org/
- Federal Highway Safe Routes to School: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/

Preliminary SRTS were initially developed for the project school based on reviews of several engineering factors. These included:

- School attendance boundary
- Aerial photographs
- Land use data (see Appendix B)
- Frequency/severity of juvenile pedestrian and bicycle crashes
- Roadway characteristics (sidewalks, medians, buffers, etc.)
- Speed limits
- Traffic volumes
- Location of traffic control devices
- Driveway density
- Location of canals and railroad crossings

Meetings were subsequently held with the school principal and other key staff members to further develop and refine the proposed SR2S. Input was also gained from the Patent Teachers Association (PTA) and the project steering committee that included representatives from the MPO, the School Board and the Public Works Department.

## 5. RECOMMENDED SRTS

Following the process described in Section 4, the recommended SRTS was developed for Ludlam Elementary School. The map on the following page shows the recommended SRTS. Table 3 shows pertinent roadway and traffic characteristics for the road segments along the recommended SRTS.

## 6. FIELD REVIEW

Field reviews for Ludlam Elementary School were conducted on March 13, 2007. The primary deficiencies that were identified along the proposed safe routes were missing sidewalks and crosswalks. A comprehensive list of the deficiencies observed can be found in Appendix C.


LUDLAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6639 SW 74th Street, South Miami 33143 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



Table 3
Ludlam Elementary
Exisiting Roadway and Traffic Characterisitcs for SRTS Segments

| Road | Segment |  | Facility Type | Speed Limit | $\mathrm{AADT}^{1}$ | Ped \& Bike Crashes ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From | To |  |  |  |  |
| SW $67{ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | SW 65 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace | SW $80{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Collector | 40 mph | Moderate | 3 |
| SW $62{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue | SW $65{ }^{\text {th }}$ Terrace | SW $72^{\text {nd }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW 72 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Street | SW $72{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue | SW $62{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue | State Road (Minor Arterial) | 40 mph | Heavy | 2 |

1. For road segments where AADT data was not readily available, traffic volume is assessed as light, moderate or heavy based on fields observed conditions.
2. Total pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2002-2004

## 7. RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES

Based on the field reviews that were conducted along the SRTS (Section 5), recommended infrastructure improvements were developed to encourage and enhance safety for children walking or bicycling to/from school. The recommended infrastructure improvements were limited to eligible projects specified in Florida’s SRTS Application Guidelines. Table 4 shows a listing of recommended infrastructure improvement projects along the safe route segments. Table 4 also includes cost estimates for the improvements. The cost estimates were developed based on FDOT's average unit cost rates for projects implemented in District 6 region. The total cost for infrastructure improvements was estimated at $\$ 127,630.76$.

Table 4
Ludlam Elementary

## SRTS Infrastructure Improvements

| Road Segment | Recommended Improvements | Length (ft) | Unit Cost | Unit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW 67 Avenue <br> (From SW 62 Street To SW 80 Street) | - Install crosswalk at SW 79 Street - east side | 28 | \$2.00 | ft | \$56.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 78 Terrace - east side | 40 | \$2.00 | ft | \$80.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 77 Terrace - east and west sides | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 76 Terrace - east side | 35 | \$2.00 | ft | \$70.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 75 Terrace - east side | 40 | \$2.00 | ft | \$80.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 67 Street - west side | 40 | \$2.00 | ft | \$80.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 68 Terrace - west side | 25 | \$2.00 | $f t$ | \$50.00 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| SW 72 Street <br> (From SW 72 Avenue To SW 62 Avenue) | - Install crosswalk at SW 65 Avenue - south side | 45 | \$2.00 | ft | \$90.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 64 Court - north side | 45 | \$2.00 | ft | \$90.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 63 Court - north side | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 63 Avenue - north and south sides | 100 | \$2.00 | ft | \$200.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 64 Court - north side | 40 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,325.33 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 65 Avenue - north and south sides | 80 | \$2.00 | ft | \$160.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 65 Avenue - north and south sides | 20 | \$49.70 | sy | \$662.67 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 66 Avenue - north side | 40 | \$2.00 | ft | \$80.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 65 Avenue - north side | 35 | \$49.70 | sy | \$1,159.67 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk at SW 72 Street from SW 67 Avenue and SW 72 Avenue - north side | 1830 | \$49.70 | sy | \$60,634.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk at SW 72 Street from SW 67 Avenue and SW 72 Avenue - north side | 230 | \$79.59 | sy | \$12,203.80 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 68 Court - north side | 50 | \$2.00 | ft | \$100.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 68 Avenue - south side | 50 | \$2.00 | ft | \$100.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 69 Avenue - south side | 30 | \$2.00 | ft | \$60.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 69 Court - south side | 50 | \$2.00 | ft | \$100.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 71 Avenue - south side | 50 | \$2.00 | ft | \$100.00 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
|  | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at SW 67 Avenue | 8 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$11,428.08 |
| Prelimiary Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$91,164.83 |
| Contingencies (20\%) |  |  |  |  | \$18,232.97 |
| Mobilization (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$9,116.48 |
| Maintence of Traffic (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$9,116.48 |
| Grand Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$127,630.76 |

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## APPENDIX A

Maps of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes




## APPENDIX B

Land Use Map

Ludlam Elementary


## APPENDIX C

Existing Route Deficiencies

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT <br> Ludlam Elementary <br> 6639 SW 74 Street, South Miami, FI 33143 

Improvements Needed

## From the Field:

Route- SW 67 Avenue (From SW 62 Street to SW 80 Street)

- There is crosswalk needed at SW 79 Street, SW 78 Terrace, SW 77 Terrace, SW 76 Terrace and SW 75 Terrace on the east side.
- Crosswalk is needed at SW 67 Terrace on the west side.
- Grass needs to be trimmed at the corner of SW 67 Terrace on the west side.
- At SW 68 Terrace, crosswalk is needed on the west side.


## Route- SW 72 Street (From SW 72 Avenue to SW 62 Avenue)

- At SW 65 Avenue crosswalk is needed on the south side.
- There is crosswalk missing at SW 63 Avenue, SW 63 Court, and SW 64 Court on the north side.
- There is sidewalk connection missing at SW 64 Court.
- At SW 65 Avenue and SW 66 Avenue, crosswalk and sidewalk connection is needed.
- From 6767 to SW 72 Avenue there is sidewalk missing on the north side.
- At SW 71 Avenue, SW 69 Court, SW 69 Avenue, SW 68 Avenue, and SW 63 Avenue crosswalk is missing on the south side.


## Route- SW 62 Avenue(From SW 64 Street to SW 72 Street)

- No improvements needed for this route.


## From the Meeting:

- Students are being dropped off on SW 72 Street and SW 67 Avenue causing a safety concern for students crossing SW 72 Street.
- Crossing guard also stated that some students do no walk up to the crosswalk at SW 72 Street and SW 67 Avenue. They cross at mid block between SW 62 Avenue and SW 67 Avenue.
- The principal stated that kids have had their bikes stolen from school grounds. There is currently no bike racks for the students.
- The principal stated that security is a problem at their school. The front and side gates are open around the school and there is no supervision of who enters and exits the building.
- Signage needs to be added on SW 67 Avenue across the street from the school.


## DISTRICTWIDE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STUDIES

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## SAFEROUTES TO SCHOOL

PINE VILLAELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## FINAL REPORT

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# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) <br> Pilot Project 

Financial Project No.: 25009313203
Task Work Order No.: 25

## FINAL REPORT <br> for <br> Pine Villa Elementary School

Prepared for:
Florida Department of Transportation


District 6

Prepared by:


REYNOLDS, SMITH \& HILLS, INC.
July 11, 2007

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## 2. PROJECT SCHOOL DATA

The following information pertains to the project school.
Name: Pine Villa Elementary
Address: 21799 SW 117 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Court, Miami, Fl 33170 (Figure 1 shows project location map)
Enrollment: 824 students (School year 2006 to 2007)
School Attendance Boundary: Attendance boundary is shown in Figure 1.
Estimated mode split for transportation to/from school (based on interviews with school officials):

- Walk/Ride $=49 \%$
- Private Car $=47 \%$
- Buses $=4 \%$



## 3. CRASH HISTORY

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes reported throughout Miami-Dade County for the period 2002 through 2004 were obtained from the MPO. A GIS analysis was conducted using the crash data to identify pedestrian and bicycle crashes that were reported within the limits of the school attendance boundary (or 2 mile radius). The analysis identified fatal crashes, injury crashes and juvenile crashes. Appendix A shows plots of the crashes reported within the project limits. The crash data is summarized in Table 1.

The recommended SRTS for Pine Villa Elementary are presented in Section 5 of the report. Table 2 contains crash details for pedestrian/bicycle collisions that were reported along the recommended SRTS. As shown in Table 2, a relatively high number of pedestrian crashes were experienced along SW 220 Street - 5 pedestrian crashes were reported, none involving juveniles and no fatalities. A detailed research of the individual police crash reports would be required to identify probable causal factors for these pedestrian crashes and what, if any, specific engineering countermeasures may be considered to reduce these crashes. This research is beyond the limited scope of this SRTS project. Notwithstanding, based on the field reviews that were conducted for this study recommended improvements were developed to address roadway and traffic deficiencies that would enhance overall safety conditions for pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the proposed safe routes.

Summary of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

| Road Name | Segment |  | 2002 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2003 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2004 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  |
|  | From | To | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries |
| US 1 | SW 211 Street | SW 248 Street | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| SW 224 Street | US 1 | SW 112 Avenue | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 115 Court | SW 220 Street | SW 224 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 115 Avenue | SW 224 Street | SW 228 Street | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 112 Avenue | SW 213 Street | SW 248 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SW 216 Street | US 1 | SW 112 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 114 Place | SW 47 Avenue | SW 55 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 248 Street | US 1 | Galloway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| SW 232 Street | US 1 | Galloway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 220 Street | US 1 | SW 112 Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| SW 117 Court | SW 223 Street | SW 224 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 114 Avenue | SW 216 Street | SW 224 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Total |  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 13 |

[^1]years

Table 2
Summary of Crashes Reported of Proposed Safe Routes Pine Villa Elementary, 2002-2004

| CRASH DETAILS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Safe Route | Case <br> Number | Date of Crash | Day of Week | Time | Pedestrian Age | Injury/Fatality | Location of Crash |
| SW 216 Street (From SW 112 Avenue to US 1) | 705043220 | 05/16/02 | Wed | 3:50 PM | 3 | Injury | 11605 SW 216 Street |
|  | 720466270 | 01/22/03 | Tue | 6:30 PM | 22 | Injury | SW 112 Avenue |
| SW 220 Street (From US 1 to SW 112 Avenue) | 721799680 | 12/16/02 | Sun | 7:00 PM | 58 | Injury | SW 112 Avenue |
|  | 720525980 | 06/14/03 | Fri | 1:30 PM | 49 | Injury | US 1 |
|  | 723487780 | 06/05/04 | Fri | 11:00 AM | 23 | Injury | US 1 |
|  | 714897540 | 01/22/04 | Wed | 8:37 AM | 40 | Injury | US 1 |
|  | 754892130 | 08/16/04 | Sun | 3:40 PM | 49 | Injury | SW 115 Avenue |
| SW 118 Avenue (From SW 216 Street to SW 220 Street) | 720500970 | 12/05/04 | Sat | 5:14 AM | 39 | Injury | SW 220 Street |

Note: Juvenile crashes are highlighted in gray.

## 4. DEVELOPMENT OF SRTS

SRTS for Pine Villa Elementary School were developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Routes to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County, MPO September 2005. Several additional reference sources also provided guidance in developing safe routes for the project school. Notable among these were:

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- Speed limits
- Traffic volumes
- Location of traffic control devices
- Driveway density
- Location of canals and railroad crossings

Meetings were subsequently held with the school principal and other key staff members to further develop and refine the proposed SR2S. Input was also gained from the Patent Teachers Association (PTA) and the project steering committee that included representatives from the MPO, the School Board and the Public Works Department.

During the meeting with the school's administrative staff it was mentioned that due to the construction of two new elementary schools in the area the attendance boundary of Pine Villa Elementary would be changing for the start of the next school year. The proposed change in school attendance boundary was also confirmed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The SRTS was therefore developed to be consistent with the anticipated new school boundary.

## 5. RECOMMENDED SRTS

Following the process described in Section 4, the recommended SRTS was developed for Pine Villa Elementary School. The map on the following page shows the recommended SRTS. Table 3 shows pertinent roadway and traffic characteristics for the road segments along the recommended SRTS. The attendance boundary shown in the SRTS map reflects the proposed new school boundary as of the 2007 - 2008 school year.


PINE VILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL


Table 3
Pine Villa Elementary Exisiting Roadway and Traffic Characterisitcs for SRTS Segments

| Road | Segment |  | Facility Type | Speed Limit | $\mathrm{AADT}^{1}$ | Ped \& BikeCrashes $^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From | To |  |  |  |  |
| SW $216^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW 112 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | SW 117 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Court | City Collector | 35 mph | Moderate | 2 |
| SW $117^{\text {th }}$ Court | SW $216^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW $218^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 1 |
| SW $218^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW $117^{\text {th }}$ Court | SW 118 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW $118{ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | SW $218^{\text {th }}$ Street | SW $220{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| SW $220{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | US 1 | SW 112 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 2 |

Notes:

1. For road segments where AADT data was not readily available, traffic volume is assessed as light, moderate or heavy based on fields observed conditions.
2. Total pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2002-2004

## 6. FIELD REVIEW

Field reviews for Pine Villa Elementary School were conducted on March 6, 2007. The primary deficiencies that were identified along the proposed safe routes were missing sidewalk, crosswalks, and school zone signage and flashers. A list of the comprehensive deficiencies observed can be found in Appendix C.

## 7. RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES

Based on the field reviews that were conducted along the SRTS (Section 5), recommended infrastructure improvements were developed to encourage and enhance safety for children walking or bicycling to/from school. The recommended infrastructure improvements were limited to eligible projects specified in Florida’s SRTS Application Guidelines. Table 4 shows a listing of recommended infrastructure improvement projects along the safe route segments. Table 4 also includes cost estimates for the improvements. The cost estimates were developed based on FDOT's average unit cost rates for projects implemented in District 6 region. The total cost for infrastructure improvements was estimated at $\$ 104,052.50$.

Table 4
Pine Villa Elementary SRTS Infrastructure Improvements

| Road Segment | Recommended Improvements | Length <br> (ft) | Unit Cost | Unit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW 216 Street <br> (From SW 112 Avenue To US 1) | - Install 4" sidewalk along SW 216 Street between SW 112 Avenue and SW 113 Avenue | 485 | \$49.70 | sy | \$16,069.67 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along SW 216 Street between SW 112 Avenue and SW 113 Avenue | 74 | \$79.59 | sy | \$3,926.44 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 113 Avenue - north side | 44 | \$2.00 | ft | \$88.00 |
|  | - Install 4" sidewalk extension at SW 113 Avenue - north side | 10 | \$49.70 | sy | \$331.33 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
|  | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads | 2 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$2,857.02 |
| SW 220 Street <br> (From US 1 To SW 112 Avenue) | - Install 4" sidewalk along SW 220 Street between SW 118 Avenue and SW 118 Court | 300 | \$49.70 | sy | \$9,940.00 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along SW 220 Street between SW 118 Avenue and SW 118 Court | 18 | \$79.59 | sy | \$955.08 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 116 Avenue - south side | 55 | \$2.00 | ft | \$110.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 115 Court - south side | 55 | \$2.00 | ft | \$110.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 115 Avenue - north and south sides | 65 | \$2.00 | ft | \$130.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 114 Court - south side | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 114 Avenue - south side | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 113 Place - south side | 60 | \$2.00 | ft | \$120.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 113 Court - south side | 50 | \$2.00 | ft | \$100.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 113 Avenue - north side | 40 | \$2.00 | ft | \$80.00 |
| SW 117 Avenue <br> (From SW 224 Street To SW 219 Street) | - Install 4" sidewalk along SW 117 Avenue between SW 224 Street and SW 219 Street | 355 | \$49.70 | sy | \$11,762.33 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk along SW 117 Avenue between SW 224 Street and SW 219 Street | 40 | \$79.59 | sy | \$2,122.40 |
| SW 118 Avenue <br> (From SW 216 Street To SW 220 Street) | - Install 4" sidewalk at SW 118 Avenue between SW 216 Street to SW 220 Street - west side | 535 | \$49.70 | sy | \$17,726.33 |
|  | - Install 6" sidewalk at SW 118 Avenue between SW 216 Street to SW 220 Street - west side | 40 | \$79.59 | sy | \$2,122.40 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 220 Street - north side | 35 | \$2.00 | ft | \$70.00 |
|  | - Install crosswalk at SW 218 Street - south side | 25 | \$2.00 | ft | \$50.00 |
|  | - Install school zone flashers | 1 | \$2,400.00 | ea | \$2,400.00 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian signs | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
|  | - Install One Way signage | 2 | \$244.41 | ea | \$488.82 |
| SW 117 Court <br> (From SW 216 Street To SW 218 Street) | - Install One Way signage | 2 | \$244.41 | ea | \$488.82 |
|  | - Install crosswalk mid block 150' south of SW 216 Street | 30 | \$2.00 | ft | \$60.00 |
| Prelimiary Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$74,303.93 |
| Contingencies (20\%) |  |  |  |  | \$14,860.79 |
| Mobilization (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$7,430.39 |
| Maintence of Traffic (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$7,430.39 |
| Grand Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$104,025.50 |

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Land Use Map

Pine Vila Elementary


## APPENDIX C

Existing Route Deficiencies

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT <br> Pine Villa Elementary <br> 21799 SW 117 Court, Gould, Florida 33170 

Improvements Needed

## From the Field:

Route-SW 216 Street (From SW 112 Avenue to US 1)

- From SW 112 Avenue traveling westbound there is sidewalk missing between SW 112 Avenue and SW 113 Avenue (Approximately 559 feet on the north side).
- There is crosswalk missing on SW 113 Avenue on the north side.
- Grass needs to be trimmed at SW 115 Avenue on the north side (Approximately 60 feet from the intersection).
- On the south side between SW 115 Avenue and the end of the faculty parking lot, sidewalk needs repair (Approximately 166 feet).


## Route-SW 220 Street (From US 1 to SW 112 Avenue)

- At SW 118 Court to SW 118 Avenue there is sidewalk missing on the north side (Approximately 318 feet).
- Crosswalk is needed at SW 116 Avenue (south side), SW 115 Court (south side), and SW 115 Avenue (north and south side).
- SW 114 Avenue is missing crosswalk on the north and south side.
- At SW 114 Court, SW 113 place, and SW 113 Court is missing crosswalk on the south side.
- SW 113 Avenue is missing crosswalk on the north side.


## Route- SW 117 Avenue (From SW 224 Street to SW 219 Street)

- Between SW 220 Street and SW 219 Street sidewalk is missing on the east side (Approximately 393 feet). Buses get dropped off on the west side.


## Route- SW 118 Avenue (From SW 216 Street to SW 220 Street)

- There is crosswalk missing between SW 118 Avenue and SW 220 Street on the north side.
- Between SW 220 Street and SW 218 Street sidewalk is missing on the west side.
- Crosswalk is needed at SW 218 Street and SW 118 Avenue.


## From the Meeting:

- One of the concerns that was stated in the meeting was that there are not enough one way sign on SW 117 Court creating driver confusion.
- At SW 118 Avenue there are not enough signs and there are no flashers on this road.
- The principal stated that there is a store located in the northwest corner from the school. Students cross SW 117 Court in the morning and afternoon and they recommend having a crosswalk installed at SW 117 Court for the students that are crossing to that store.
- There are students crossing the street at Mayes Middle School. But there is no crosswalk for them to use.


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# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) <br> Pilot Project 

Financial Project No.: 25009313203
Task Work Order No.: 25

# FINAL REPORT <br> for <br> South Pointe Elementary School 

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a federally funded program that was authorized in August 2005 by Section 1404 of the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU (the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). The program targets children in grades K-8 and was developed to meet the following objectives:

1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle 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, and
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.

Florida’s SRTS program is managed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In accordance with the program guidelines, the FDOT awards projects for SRTS funding following a district-wide competitive application process. The FDOT District 6 Office in consultation with Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade Public Works Department identified South Pointe Elementary School as a prospective candidate for SRTS funding. RS\&H was retained by the District to assist in identifying infrastructure improvement needs and preparing the required application forms for the SRTS program. This report was prepared in support of the application for funding proposed infrastructure improvements at South Pointe Elementary School for the SRTS program.

## 2. PROJECT SCHOOL DATA

The following information pertains to the project school.
Name: South Pointe Elementary
Address: $10504^{\text {th }}$ Street, Miami Beach, Fl 33139 (Figure 1 shows project location map)
Enrollment: 506 students (School year 2006 to 2007)
School Attendance Boundary: Attendance boundary is shown in Figure 1.
Estimated mode split for transportation to/from school (based on interviews with school officials):

- $\mathrm{Walk} /$ Ride $=25 \%$
- Private Car $=65 \%$
- Buses $=10 \%$



## 3. CRASH HISTORY

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes reported throughout Miami-Dade County for the period 2002 through 2004 were obtained from the MPO. A GIS analysis was conducted using the crash data to identify pedestrian and bicycle crashes that were reported within the limits of the school attendance boundary (or 2 mile radius). The analysis identified fatal crashes, injury crashes and juvenile crashes. Appendix A shows plots of the crashes reported within the project limits. The crash data is summarized in Table 1.

The recommended SRTS for South Point Elementary are presented in Section 5 of the report. Table 2 contains crash details for pedestrian/bicycle collisions that were reported along the recommended SRTS. As shown in Table 2, a relatively high number of pedestrian crashes were experienced along $5^{\text {th }}$ Street -14 pedestrian crashes were reported during the 3 -year study period and one involved a juvenile. A detailed research of the individual police crash reports would be required to identify probable causal factors for these pedestrian crashes and what, if any, specific engineering countermeasures may be considered to reduce these crashes. This research is beyond the limited scope of this SRTS project. Notwithstanding, based on the field reviews that were conducted for this study recommended improvements were developed to address roadway and traffic deficiencies that would enhance overall safety conditions for pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the proposed safe routes.

Summary of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

| Road Name | Segment |  | 2002 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2003 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  | 2004 Ped \& Bike Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  | Juveniles ${ }^{1}$ |  | Others ${ }^{2}$ |  | Total |  |
|  | From | To | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries | Fatalities | Injuries |
| SW 5 Street | Ocean Drive | Alton Road | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Collins Ave | 8 Street | Biscayne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ocean Ave | SW 8 Street | Biscayne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Alton Road | SW 8 Street | Biscayne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 9 Street | West Ave | Michigan Ave | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Meridian Ave | 8 Street | 1 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SW 8 Street | Michigan Ave | Ocean Drive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Euclid Ave | 8 Street | 2 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 Street | Alton Road | Washing. Ave | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jefferson Ave | 8 Street | 2 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Washing. Ave | 8 Street | 2 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| West Avenue | 9 Street | 10 Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Total |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 28 |

Note: 1. Juveniles= children between the ages of $5-13$ years

Table 2
Summary of Crashes Reported on Proposed Safe Routes
South Pointe Elementary, 2002-2004

| Safe Route <br> Case <br> Number | Date of <br> Crash | Day of <br> Week | Time | Pedestrian <br> Age | Injury/Fatality | Location of Crash |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Note: Juvenile crashes are highlighted in gray.

## 4. DEVELOPMENT OF SRTS

SRTS for South Pointe Elementary School were developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Routes to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County, MPO September 2005. Several additional reference sources also provided guidance in developing safe routes for the project school. Notable among these were:

- National Center for Safe Routes to School: http://www.saferouteroutesinfo.org/
- Federal Highway Safe Routes to School: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/

Preliminary SRTS were initially developed for the project school based on reviews of several engineering factors. These included:

- School attendance boundary
- Aerial photographs
- Land use data (see Appendix B)
- Frequency/severity of juvenile pedestrian and bicycle crashes
- Roadway characteristics (sidewalks, medians, buffers, etc.)
- Speed limits
- Traffic volumes
- Location of traffic control devices
- Driveway density
- Location of canals and railroad crossings

Meetings were subsequently held with the school principal and other key staff members to further develop and refine the proposed SR2S. Input was also gained from the Patent Teachers Association (PTA) and the project steering committee that included representatives from the MPO, the School Board and the Public Works Department.

## 5. RECOMMENDED SRTS

Following the process described in Section 4, the recommended SRTS was developed for South Pointe Elementary School. The map on the following page shows the recommended SRTS. Table 3 shows pertinent roadway and traffic characteristics for the road segments along the recommended SRTS.

## 6. FIELD REVIEW

Field reviews for South Pointe Elementary School were conducted on April 19, 2007. The primary deficiencies that were identified along the proposed safe routes were missing crosswalks, and school zone signage and flashers. A list of the comprehensive deficiencies observed can be found in Appendix C.


## SOUTH POINTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

 1050 4th Street, Miami Beach 33139 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Table 3
South Pointe Elementary Exisiting Roadway and Traffic Characterisitcs for SRTS Segments

| Road | Segment |  | Facility Type | Speed Limit | AADT ${ }^{1}$ | Ped \& Bike Crashes ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From | T0 |  |  |  |  |
| West Avenue | $10^{\text {th }}$ Street | $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Moderate | 1 |
| $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | West Avenue | Alton Road | City Local Street | 35 mph | Moderate | 0 |
| Alton Road | $6^{\text {th }}$ Street | $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | State Road (Minor Arterial) | 35 mph | 17,500 | 14 |
| Michigan Avenue | $10^{\text {th }}$ Street | $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Moderate | 0 |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ Street | Alton Road | Washington Avenue | State Road (Principal Arterial) | 45 mph | 81,500 | 22 |
| Lenox Avenue | $5^{\text {th }}$ Street | $4^{\text {th }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ Street | Lenox Avenue | Michigan Avenue | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| Michigan Avenue | $4^{\text {th }}$ Street | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street | Michigan Avenue | Ocean Court | City Local Street | 35 mph | Low | 0 |

1. For road segments where AADT data was not readily available, traffic volume is assessed as light, moderate or heavy based on fields observed conditions.
2. Total pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2002-2004

## 7. RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES

Based on the field reviews that were conducted along the SRTS (Section 5), recommended infrastructure improvements were developed to encourage and enhance safety for children walking or bicycling to/from school. The recommended infrastructure improvements were limited to eligible projects specified in Florida’s SRTS Application Guidelines. Table 4 shows a listing of recommended infrastructure improvement projects along the safe route segments. Table 4 also includes cost estimates for the improvements. The cost estimates were developed based on FDOT's average unit cost rates for projects implemented in District 6 region. The total cost for infrastructure improvements was estimated at $\$ 38,656.02$.

Table 4
South Pointe Elementary
SRTS Infrastructure Improvements

| Road Segment | Recommended Improvements | Length (ft) | Unit Cost | Unit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West Avenue <br> (From 10 Stree to 6 Street) | No Improvements required |  |  |  | \$0.00 |
| 6 Street (From West Avenue To Alton Road) | No Improvements required |  |  |  | \$0.00 |
| Alton Road (From 6 Street To 5 Street) | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street | 4 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$5,714.04 |
| Michigan Avenue (From 10 Street To 5 Street) | - Install crosswalk at 6 Street - east and west sides | 70 | \$2.00 | ft | \$140.00 |
|  | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street | 4 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$5,714.04 |
| Meridian Avenue (From 10 Street To 5 Street) | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street | 4 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$5,714.04 |
| 5 Street (From Alton Road To Washington Avenue) | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian sign | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| Lenox Avenue <br> (From 5 Street To 4 Street) | - Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street | 4 | \$1,428.51 | ea | \$5,714.04 |
| 4 Street <br> (From Lenox Avenue To Michigan Avenue) | - Install school zone flashers | 1 | \$2,400.00 | ea | \$2,400.00 |
| Michigan Avenue (From 4 Street To 2 Street) | - Upgrade crosswalk at 3 Street - north, south and east sides | 130 | \$2.00 | ft | \$260.00 |
|  | - Install flourescent yellow green pedestrian sign | 4 | \$244.41 | ea | \$977.64 |
| 3 Street (From Michigan Avenue To Ocean Court) | No Improvements required |  |  |  | \$0.00 |
| Prelimiary Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$27,611.44 |
| Contingencies (20\%) |  |  |  |  | \$5,522.29 |
| Mobilization (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$2,761.14 |
| Maintence of Traffic (10\%) |  |  |  |  | \$2,761.14 |
| Grand Total Cost |  |  |  |  | \$38,656.02 |

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Maps of Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes




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Land Use Map

South Pointe Elementary


## APPENDIX C

Existing Route Deficiencies

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT <br> South Pointe Elementary <br> 1050 Fourth Street, Miami FL 33139 <br> Improvements Needed 

## From the Field:

## Route- Michigan Avenue (From SW 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ St. to SW 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ St.)

- Install crosswalk at $6^{\text {th }}$ Street- East and West sides.
- Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.
- Upgrade crosswalk at $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street- north, south, and east sides.
- Install fluorescent yellow green pedestrian sign.


## Route- Meridian Avenue (From SW 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ St. to SW 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ St.)

- Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at $5^{\text {th }}$ Street.

Route- West Avenue (From SW 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street to $10^{\text {th }}$ Street)

- No improvements needed for this route.


## Route- 6 $^{\text {th }}$ Street (From West Avenue to Alton Road)

- No improvements needed.

Route- Alton Road (From 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street to 6 $^{\text {th }}$ Street)

- Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street.


## $\underline{\text { Route- } 5{ }^{\text {th }} \text { Street (From Alton Road to Washington Avenue) }}$

- Install fluorescent yellow green pedestrian sign.


## Route- Lenox Avenue (From ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street to $6^{\text {th }}$ Street)

- Install pedestrian countdown signal heads at 5 Street.

Route- $4^{\text {th }}$ Street (From Lenox Avenue to Michigan Avenue)

- Install school zone flashers.

Route- $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ Street (From Michigan Avenue to Ocean Court)

- Install school zone flashers.



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