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Elementary School Crossing Protection Criteria Summary of Policy Revisions November 17, 2025

The Transportation Commission asked staff to conduct a Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative review of the School Crossing Protection Criteria (the "Policy"). While developing recommended revisions to the Policy, staff took the opportunity to simplify the Policy, clarify basic criteria within the Policy, and restructure the Policy document. The majority of the recommended revisions to the Policy are minor and involve rearranging the structure of the document and simplifying criteria. More significant recommended changes to the Policy include:

- Removed the general history of the Policy
- Clarified that the Policy is for elementary school students and applies to public elementary schools within the City of Madison
- Reduced minimum number of students required to be crossing at a location for consideration of an Adult School Crossing Guard from 25 to 20
- Added a process flow chart to conduct an evaluation for an Adult School Crossing Guard
- Clarified the process for study of discontinuance of a crossing guard location:
 - Clarified the number of students crossing at a location to be less than 10 per shift over two years
 - o Noted changes to street design that may prompt evaluation of discontinuance
 - Clarified process steps when considering discontinuance
- Revised calculation of the hazard score:
 - Removed the number of students crossing from the calculation
 - Consolidated similar factors listed under "other factors"
 - o Added consideration of City of Madison Equity Areas to the calculation
- Simplified the Actions section and reduced the hazard score required to recommend an Adult School Crossing Guard

A version of the document with tracked changes and a clean version are provided.