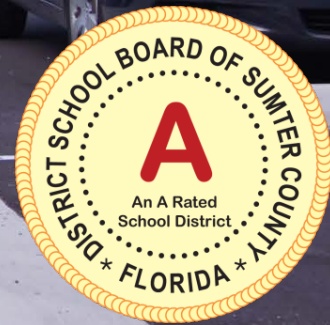


Webster Elementary School Parent Responsibility Zones Webster, FL

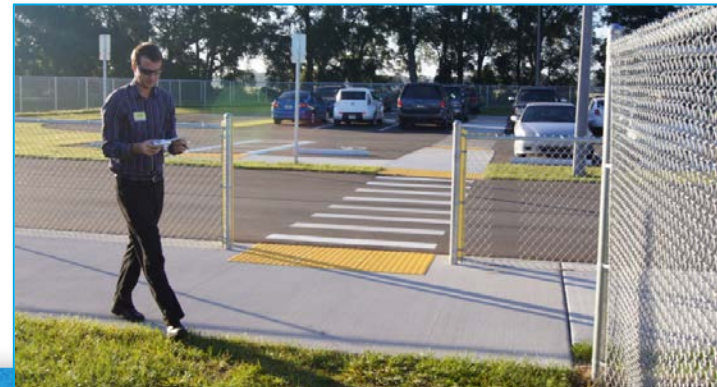


November 2013

Purpose of Parent Responsibility Zone Study

Study Purpose:

- ✓ Review and summarize existing local, school and state policies regarding transportation and provision of sidewalk and bicycle facilities
- ✓ Make general recommendations for local jurisdictions regarding provision of sidewalks and bicycle facilities
- ✓ Make initial recommendations for designation of a parent responsibility zone (PRZ) for the school, within which it will be the responsibility of the parent to transport their child to school (walking, bicycling or by car) and busing will not be provided, this may include initial needed improvements to establish the PRZ
- ✓ Provide a series or tiered or priority recommendations for improvements that will increase the accessibility of the school by walking and bicycling, and which will allow for the expansion of the PRZ within the state defined two (2) mile walk zone



Webster Elementary School PRZ

Florida Policy Findings:

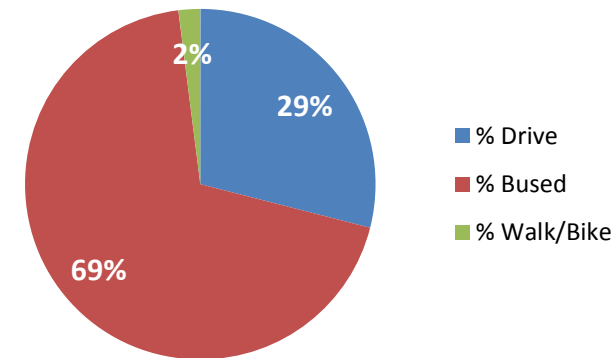
- ✓ The state does not reimburse school districts for students transported within 2 miles of the school unless a “Hazardous Walking Condition” as defined by the state has been identified and proven. (Students meeting the criteria of Section 1011.68 FS are exempted from the 2 mile walk zone criteria).
- ✓ Florida statute also defines the reasonable walking distance to the bus stop as 1.5 miles.
- ✓ Florida Statute 1006.23 does not designate active railroads without pedestrian crossbars as “Hazardous Walking Conditions”.
- ✓ Florida Statute S. 339.175 assigns responsibility for the development of transportation master plans to a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) “for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan area”.



Sumter District Schools Findings:

- ✓ Sumter District Schools offers bus transportation to most students, including those living within 2-miles of the school.
- ✓ Sumter District Schools uses 61 buses with double runs to transport students. The rural character of Sumter County increases county-wide reliance on school bus transportation.
- ✓ The bus transportation budget is \$3.01 million for 2013/14 and includes transportation for 4,332 students. The cost of transportation for the 2013/14 school year, averages \$700 per student.
- ✓ The school district has recently worked to consolidate bus stops to reduce transportation costs. Parents and students have historically had door-to-door bus service.
- ✓ The Sumter County Traffic Safety Work Group assembled for the first time in January, 2012 and has been scheduled to meet quarterly.

Elementary Student Transportation Breakdown Sumter County, FL



Webster Elementary School PRZ

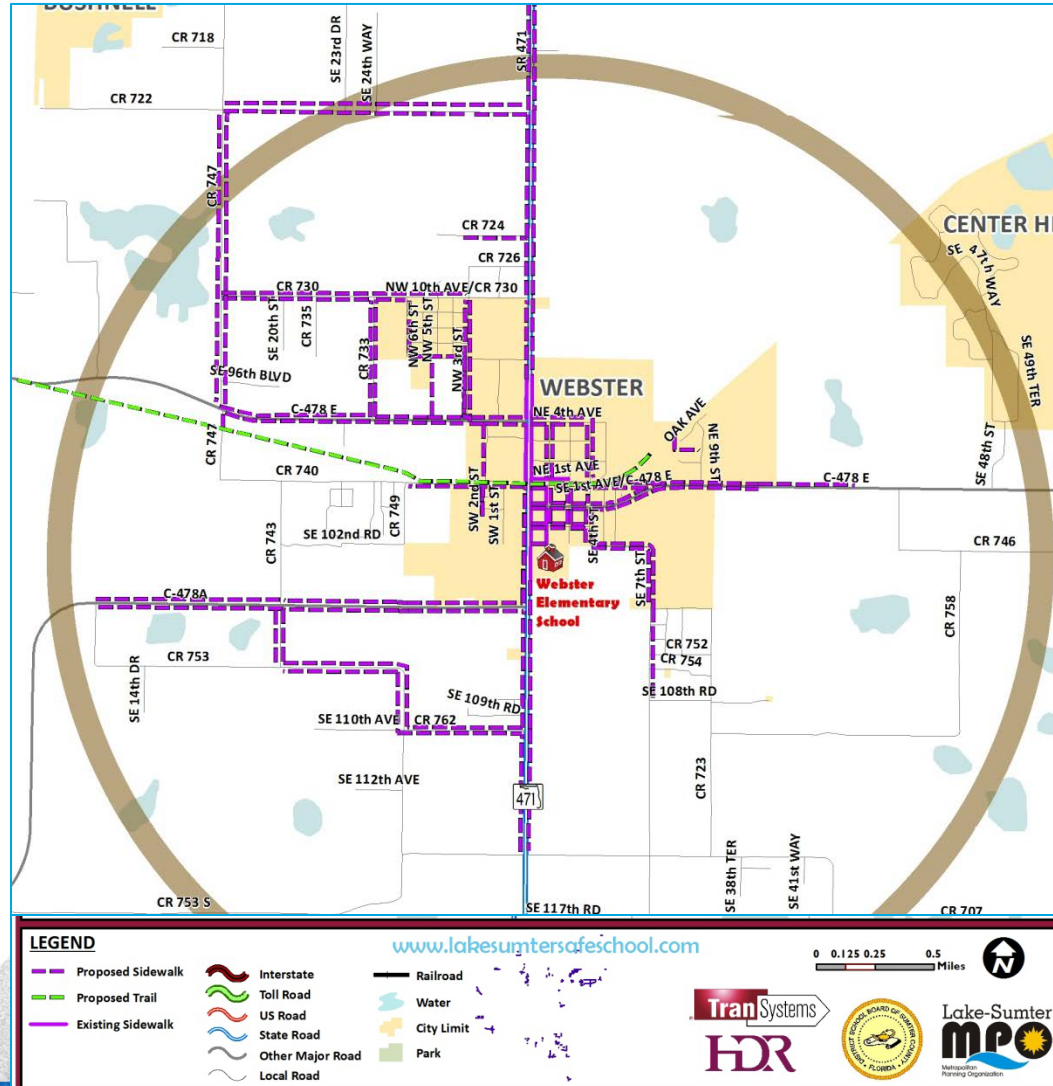
Sumter District Schools General Recommendations:

- ✓ Sumter District Schools may wish to consider partnering with the State of Florida, Sumter County and local municipalities to develop and maintain a crossing guard program. Further study and coordination is recommended to select crossing guard locations. Engineering studies, crossing improvements or new crosswalks may be required. Crossing guards should obtain training using the free training offered by the State of Florida (<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/CrossingGuard/index.aspx>).
- ✓ Sumter District Schools may wish to participate in forming a sub-committee to the newly-formed Sumter County Traffic Safety Work Group to review SRTS projects, policy changes, to update hazardous conditions findings and to implement findings from this Study.
- ✓ Continue county-wide bus stop consolidation. Facilitate and encourage walking/bicycle riding to centrally located bus stop locations.
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/buses/pdf/SelectingSchoolBusStopLocations.pdf>
- ✓ Coordinate with the LSMPO, Sumter County, the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, the State of Florida and the municipalities to meet SRTS grant requirements and to implement programs.
- ✓ Encourage walking and bicycling to school, including [Walking School Bus](#) or [Walk Safe](#) programs. Consider applying for grants for a Bike Rodeo and pedestrian safety education. Implement Walking School Bus Programs and Crossing Guard Programs simultaneously. (Note: UCF will soon take over the Walking School Bus Program for FDOT).

Webster Elementary School PRZ

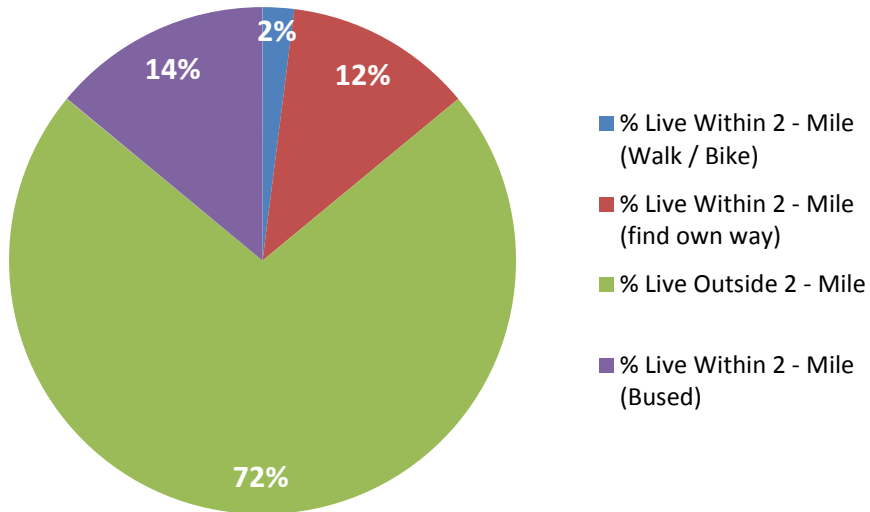
Sumter County and Municipalities Recommendations:

- ✓ Continue to work with the School District to consolidate bus stop locations. Provide adequate lighting, signage and pedestrian access for school bus stops. Include bicycle racks and shelter, if possible.
- ✓ Create a sub-committee to the LSMPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to review school safety, identify potential crossing guard locations, seek grant opportunities and apply for additional funding.
- ✓ Coordinate school-led efforts to incorporate walking and bicycling to school, including programs such as the Walking School Bus and bike and pedestrian safety programs. Consider partnering with the sheriff's office to pair police officers with walking school bus programs to create opportunities for increased physical activity, safety and community building.
- ✓ Consider implementing FDOT [Complete Street](#) policies



Webster Elementary School PRZ

Webster Elementary School Transportation Analysis



Webster Elementary School Grades: Pre-K – 5th

Total Students:	715
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Bus Transportation within the 2 mile walk zone : 	100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buses Assigned to School 	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkers / Bikers 	15

Households within the “Walk Zones”:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Mile State Defined Walk Zone 	890
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended PRZ Tier 1: 	34
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended PRZ Tier 2: 	152
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended PRZ Tier 3: 	349
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended PRZ Tier 4: 	57
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended PRZ Tier 5: 	87
Total in PRZ	679

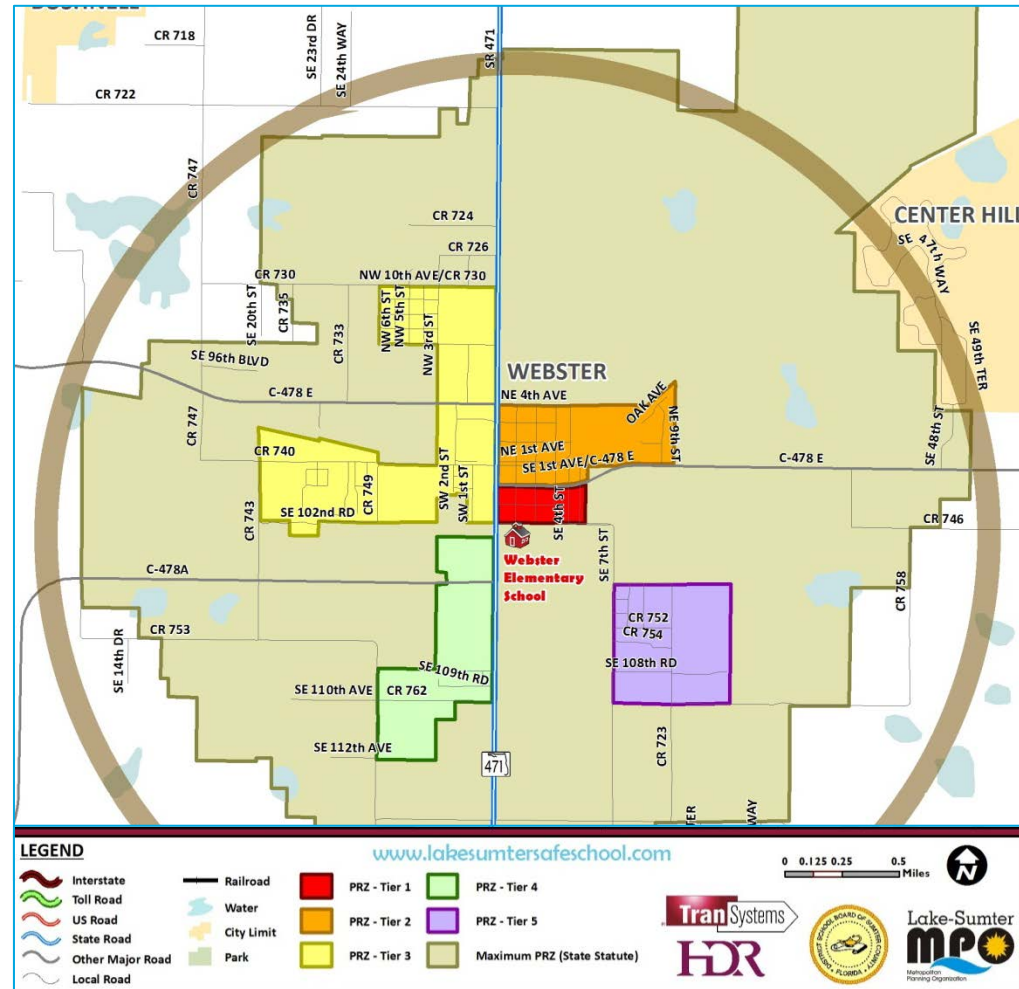


- ✓ Webster Elementary School – Click [Here](#)
- ✓ Sumter County – Click [Here](#)

Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 1 Recommendations

Findings:

- ✓ All students attending Webster Elementary School are offered bus transportation.
- ✓ The school district recently consolidated bus stop locations for this school.
- ✓ The roads in the neighborhood north of the school and south of S.E. 1st Street have 25 mph speed limits and low traffic volumes. S.E. 1st Street has a 35 mph speed limit.



Parent Responsibility Zone 1 - RED

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Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 1 Recommendations

Tier 1 Recommendations:

- ✓ Establish an initial Parent Responsibility Zone for Bushnell Elementary
- ✓ Within this zone students would be expected to make their own way to school
- ✓ Provide information on Walking School Bus Programs with links to Safe Routes to School Website
- ✓ Include this information with 14/15 orientation for parents

Households within the Tier 1 Zone:

- Households (potential student locations) - 34



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Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 2 Recommendations

Findings:

- ✓ The speed limit along S.E. 1st Avenue north of the school campus is 35 mph.
- ✓ There are no stop conditions on this road east of SR 471.



Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 3 Recommendations

Findings:

- ✓ There are no stop conditions or staffed crossing locations over SR 471 within the City of Webster.
- ✓ Many students attending Webster Elementary School live west of this road.



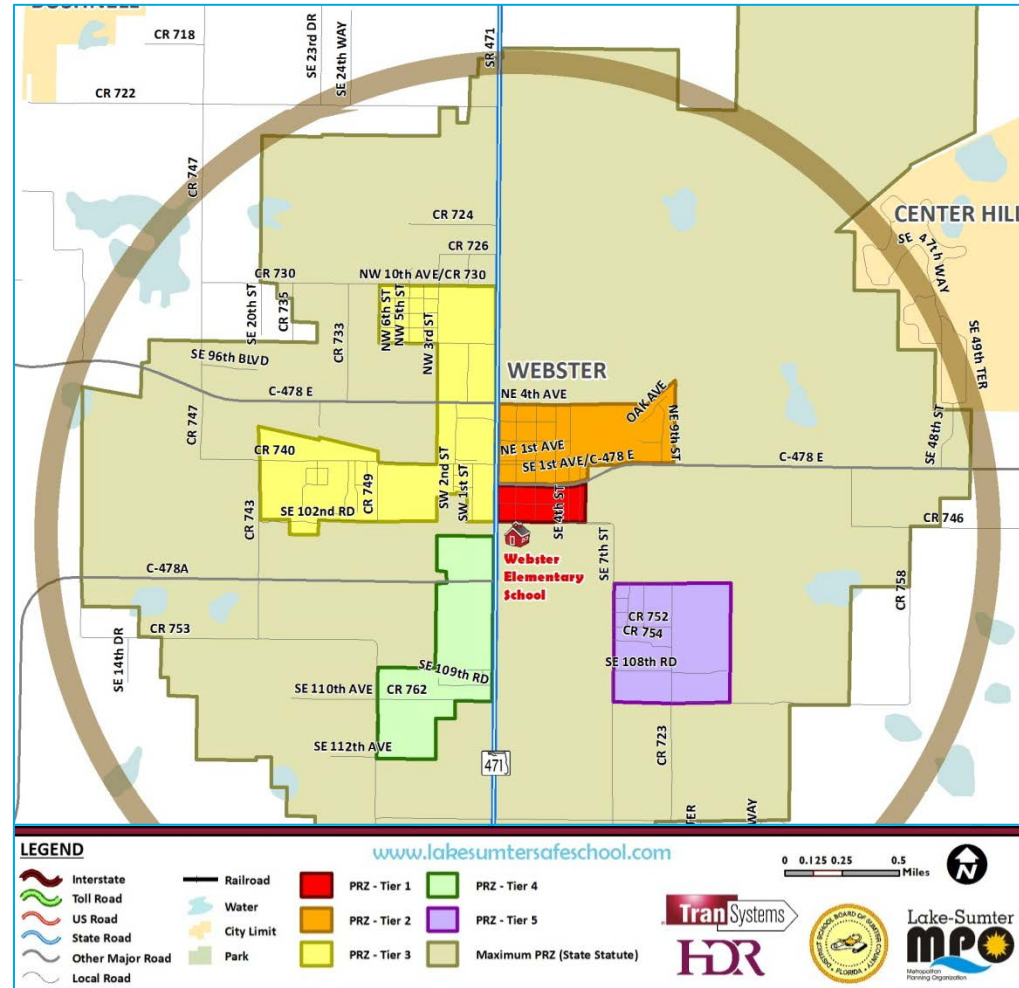
Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 3 Recommendations

Tier 3 Recommendations:

- ✓ Consider adding a staffed crossing location at the intersection of SR 471 and Central Avenue (see the SAS Report for long-term countermeasures).
- ✓ If implemented, consider increasing the PRZ to include students living within Tier 3.

Households within the Tier 3 Zone:

- Households (potential student locations) - 349



Parent Responsibility Zone 3 - YELLOW

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Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 4 Recommendations

Findings:

- ✓ There are no sidewalks on either side of SR 471 south of the Webster Elementary School.
- ✓ The speed limit along SR 471 south of Webster Elementary School ranges from 45 to 55 mph.
- ✓ There are no stop conditions along SR 471 within the City of Webster.
- ✓ The posted speed limit along CR 762 is 30mph and there are no sidewalks on either side of the roadway.



SR 471 looking south from S.E. 1st Avenue



SR 471 looking south in front of Webster Elementary School

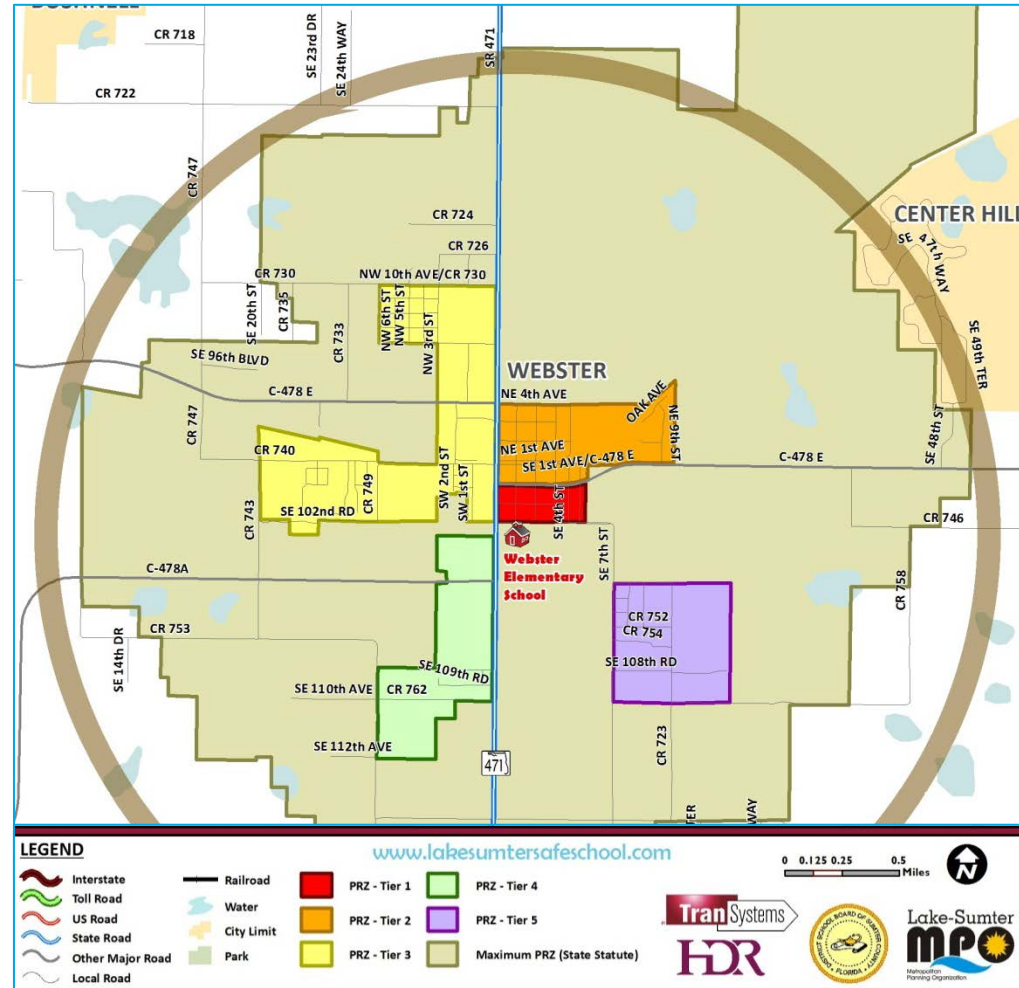
Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 4 Recommendations

Tier 4 Recommendations:

- ✓ Construct a sidewalk along the west side of SR 471 from the existing sidewalk at Central Avenue to CR 762.
- ✓ Review the possibility of reducing the speed limit along SR 471 in both directions for this segment.
- ✓ Provide a staffed crossing guard location to allow students to cross SR 471.

Households within the Tier 4 Zone:

- Households (potential student locations) - 59



Parent Responsibility Zone 4 – GREEN

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Parent Responsibility Zone: Tier 5 Recommendations

Findings:

- ✓ There is a residential community located southeast of Webster Elementary School that has a single access road (S.E. 7th Street) and no sidewalks.
- ✓ Existing walking conditions along S.E. 7th Street include a narrow roadway, lack of lighting and areas with no residential population.



Webster Elementary School PRZ

Tier Number	Roadway	Location	Project
1			Implement policies and procedures to allow immediate (Fall 2012) designation of this PRZ
2	SE 1 st Avenue		Review the possibility of reducing the speed limit on S.E. 1 st Avenue to 25 mph within the potential PRZ
3	SR 471	Central Ave Intersection	Consider adding a staffed crossing location at the intersection of SR 471 and Central Avenue (see the SAS Report for long-term countermeasures)
4	SR 471	Central Ave to CR 762	Construct a sidewalk along the west side of SR 471 from the existing sidewalk at Central Avenue to CR 762
	SR 471		Review the possibility of reducing the speed limit along SR 471 in both directions for this segment
	SR 471		Provide a staffed crossing guard location to allow students to cross SR 471
5	SE 3 rd Avenue	SE 3 rd St to SE 7 th St	Construct a sidewalk along the north side of S.E. 3 rd Avenue from S.E. 3 rd Street to S.E. 7 th Street
	SE 7 th Street	SE 3 rd Ave to SE 108 th Rd	Construct a sidewalk along the east side of S.E. 7 th Street from S.E. 3 rd Avenue to S.E. 108 th Road
			Provide lighting and initiate a walking school bus program

This document represents an ongoing commitment to increase safe access to schools within the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Area.

Updates to data, and suggestions for programming and project ideas are welcome from all agencies and the general public.

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