



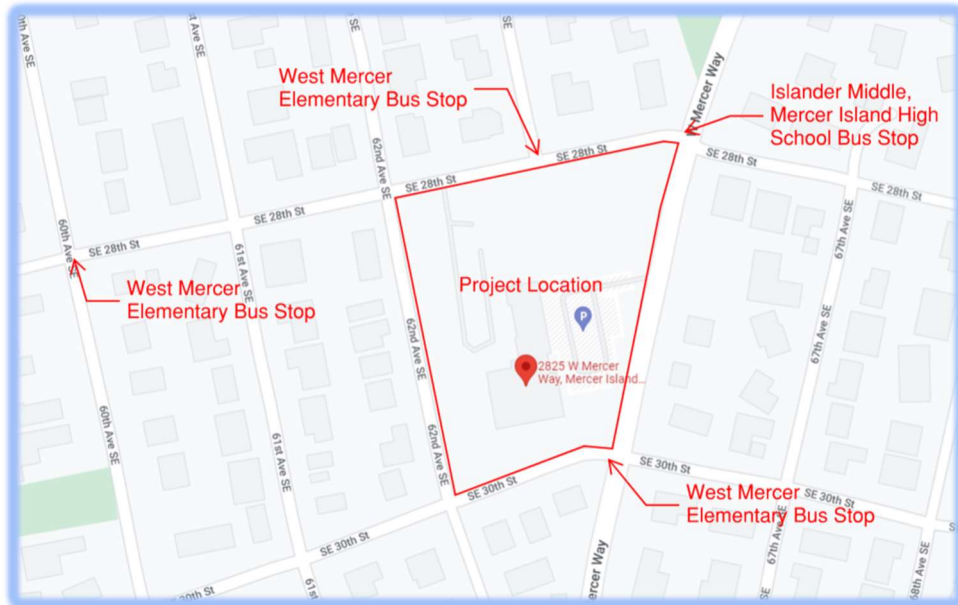
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 19, 2022  
**TO:** City of Mercer Island  
**FROM:** BlueLine  
**RE:** Safe Routes to School

The proposed project is located at 2825 W Mercer Way. The site consists of parcel (2174502425) located off W Mercer Way. A total of 14 new single-family residential lots are proposed on the site. This property lies within the district boundary of Mercer Island School District. Students will attend West Mercer Elementary School, Islander Middle School, and Mercer Island High School, as confirmed with the District. Refer to email correspondence with Jay Little, included at the end of this memo.

As part of the development proposal, a Safe Walk to School assessment has been performed to identify the transportation options available to students to get to each of these schools by walking to the school, or the nearest bus stop. Per the District website, the district provides school bus transportation to students who live half (0.5) a mile from an elementary school, three-quarters (0.75) of a mile from the middle school, and one (1) mile from the high school. This site is located 1.6 miles from the elementary school, 4.1 miles from the middle school, and 2.1 miles from the high school. As a result, it is expected that most students will take the bus or private transportation to their respective schools. The bus stops as identified in the map below were confirmed by the District Route Coordinator.

Refer to the exhibit below for existing elementary, middle, and high school bus stops.

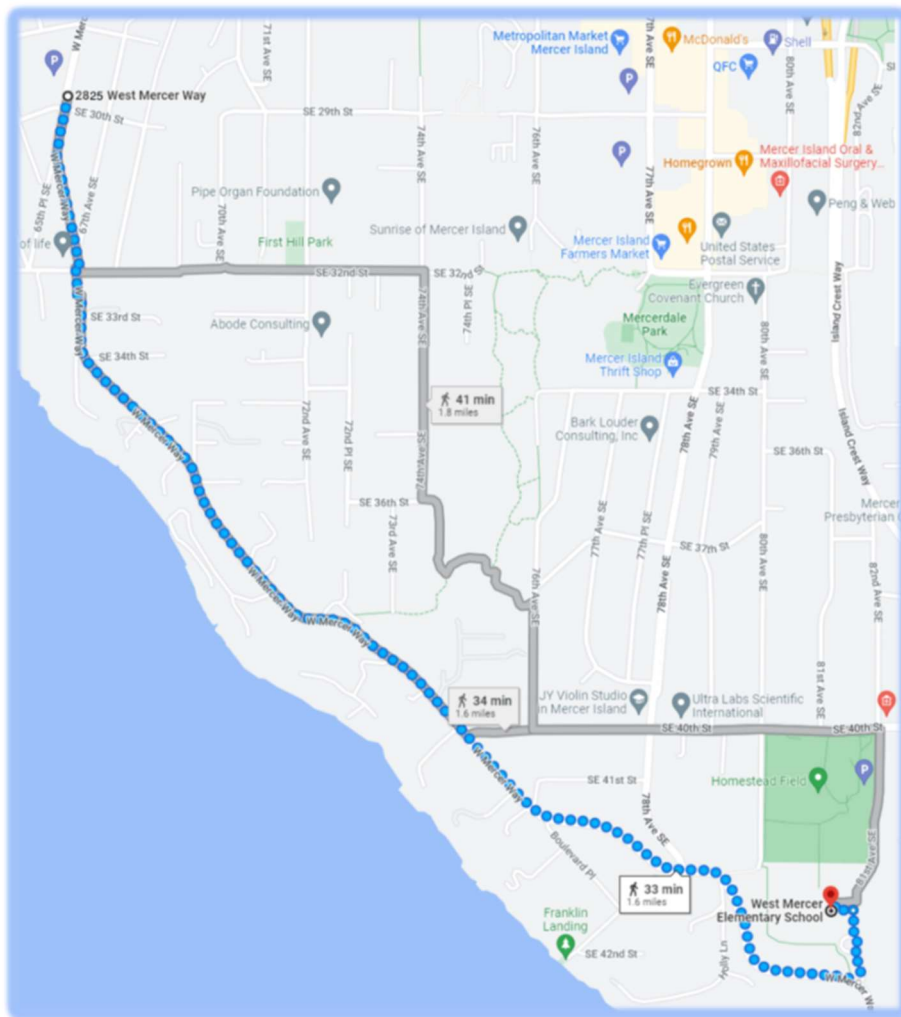




### West Mercer Elementary School

The school district provides bus transportation to and from the school for all students who live a half-mile from the school, or more. West Mercer Elementary is approximately 1.6 walking miles southeast of the project location. Using the shortest path as pictured below, the City right of way currently has limited opportunities for students to walk to and from school with little, to no sidewalks and a paved shoulder on one side of the road along W Mercer Way. As a result, it is expected that most students within this development will utilize bus or private transportation.

School Bus Pick-up and Drop-off: As pictured in the Bus Stop Exhibit, there are three, nearby bus stops servicing West Mercer Elementary School located at the intersection of SE 30th St. and West Mercer Way, the intersection of SE 28th St. and 60th Ave SE, and the intersection of SE 28th St. and 63rd Ave SE. As a result of the frontage improvements proposed as part of this project, students within this community will be able to safely utilize asphalt pathways to access the bus stops.

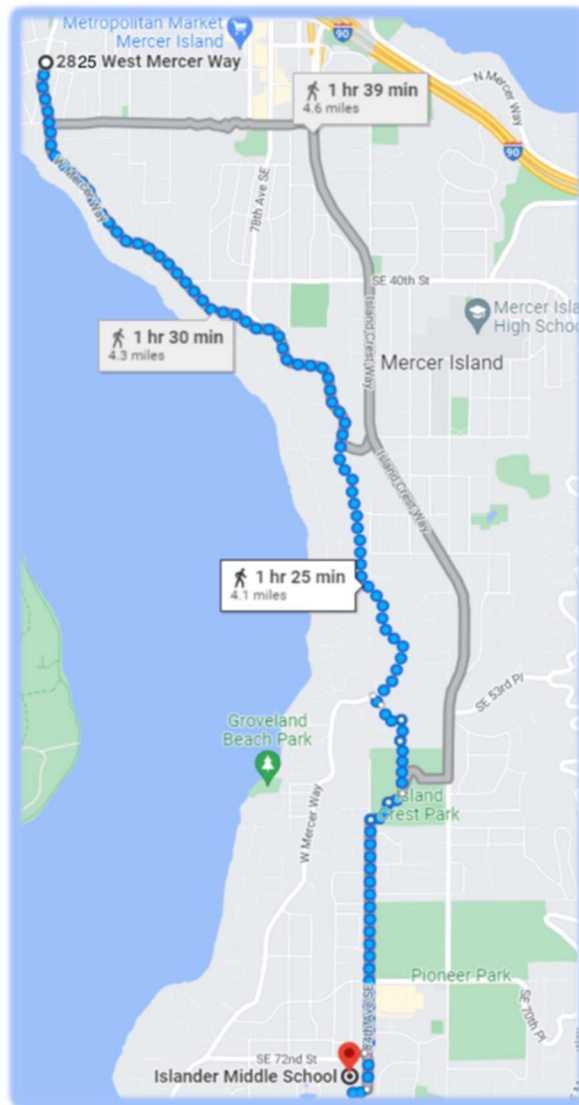




## Islander Middle School

The school district provides bus transportation to and from the school for all students who live three-quarters of a mile from the school, or more. Islander Middle School is approximately 4.1 walking miles southeast of the project location. Using the shortest path as pictured below, the City right of way currently has limited opportunities for students to walk to and from school with little, to no sidewalks and a paved shoulder on one side of the road along W Mercer Way and 84th Ave SE. As a result, it is expected that most students within this development will utilize bus or private transportation.

School Bus Pick-up and Drop-off: As pictured in the Bus Stop Exhibit, the stop servicing Islander Middle School is located at the intersection of SE 28th St. and West Mercer Way. As a result of the frontage improvements proposed as part of this project, students within this community will be able to safely utilize asphalt pathways to access the bus stops.

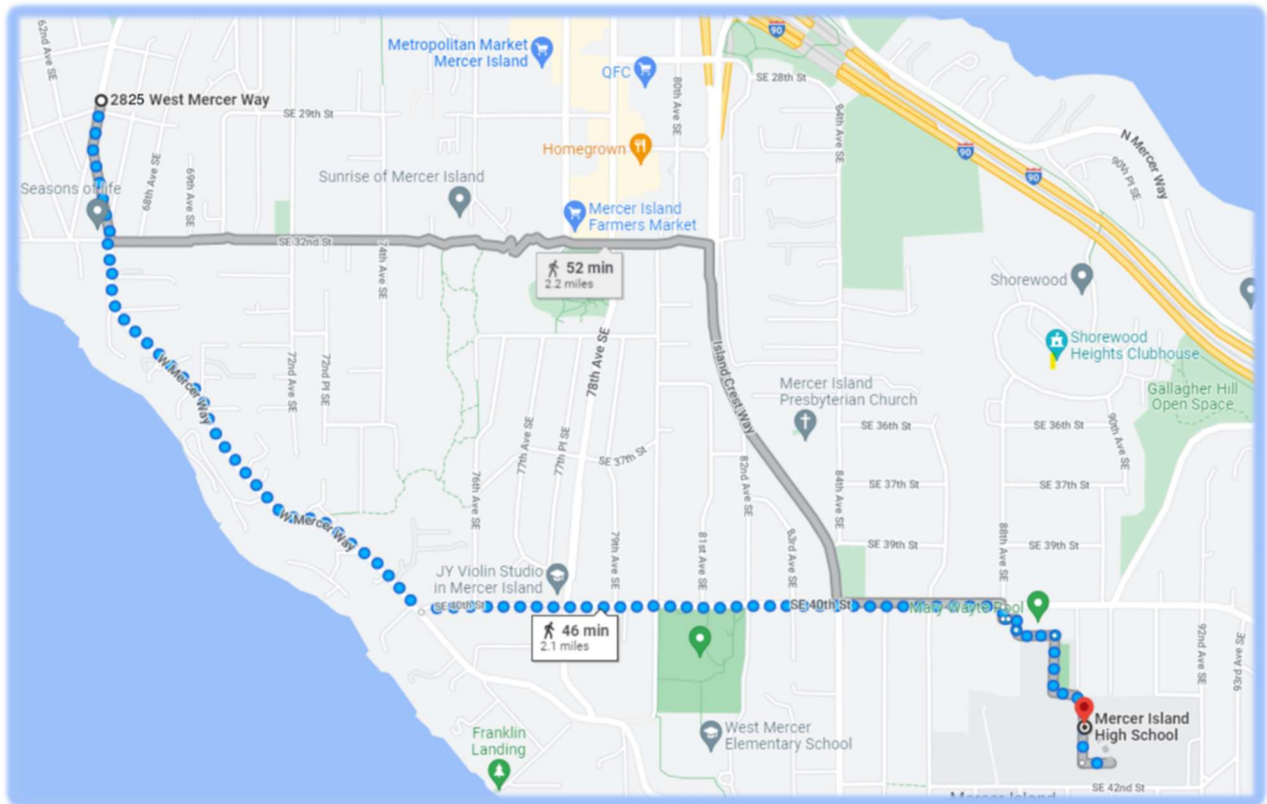




## Mercer Island High School

The school district provides bus transportation to and from the school for all students who live a mile from the school, or more. Mercer Island High School is approximately 2.1 walking miles southeast of the project location. Using the shortest path as pictured below, the City right of way currently has limited opportunities for students to walk to and from school with little, to no sidewalks and a paved shoulder on one side of the road along W Mercer Way and SE 40th St. As a result, it is expected that most students within this development will utilize bus or private transportation.

School Bus Pick-up and Drop-off: As pictured in the Bus Stop Exhibit, the bus stop servicing Mercer Island High School is located at the intersection of SE 28th St. and West Mercer Way. As a result of the frontage improvements proposed as part of this project, students within this community will be able to safely utilize asphalt pathways to access the bus stops.



## Lyndsey Fedak

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**From:** Lyndsey Fedak  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** Lyndsey Fedak  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Route to School question

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**From:** Jay Little <[jay.little@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:jay.little@mercerislandschools.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jake Drake <[jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com](mailto:jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Safe Route to School question

Yes that is correct .

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2022, at 9:14 AM, Jake Drake <[jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com](mailto:jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com)> wrote:

Hi Jay,

I utilized the district boundary maps, but wanted to be certain, students that reside at this address would attend West Mercer Elementary, Islander Middle, and Mercer Island High, is that correct?

Thank you,

**Jake Drake** | PROJECT COORDINATOR  
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**From:** Jake Drake  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 8:01 AM  
**To:** Jay Little <[jay.little@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:jay.little@mercerislandschools.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Safe Route to School question

Thanks, Jay!

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**From:** Jay Little <[jay.little@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:jay.little@mercerislandschools.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 7:59 AM  
**To:** Jake Drake <[jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com](mailto:jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Safe Route to School question

Hi Jake. Here are the stop's that we have in that general area.

West Mercer Elementary: SE 30th @ West Mercer Way  
SE 28th @ 63rd  
SE 28th @ 60th  
High School /Middle School: SE 28th @ West Mercer Way

If you have any other questions just let me know. Thanks/Jay

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:17 AM Jake Drake <[jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com](mailto:jdrake@thebluelinegroup.com)> wrote:

Good morning Jay,

We have a project at 2825 W MERCER WAY that proposes 14 new single family homes. The City would like us to prepare a safe walk to school exhibit. I am working on this and recognize the schools in which students will be attending, however I am trying to identify the school bus stops nearest to the site of which students can utilize. Since the site is over the distance thresholds of 0.5, 0.75, and 1 mile, could you provide me the nearest pick up/drop off locations for elementary, middle, and high schools?

Thank you!

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