

Ulster County Safe Routes to School Action Plan *(SRTS)*

Duzine Elementary & New Paltz Middle School



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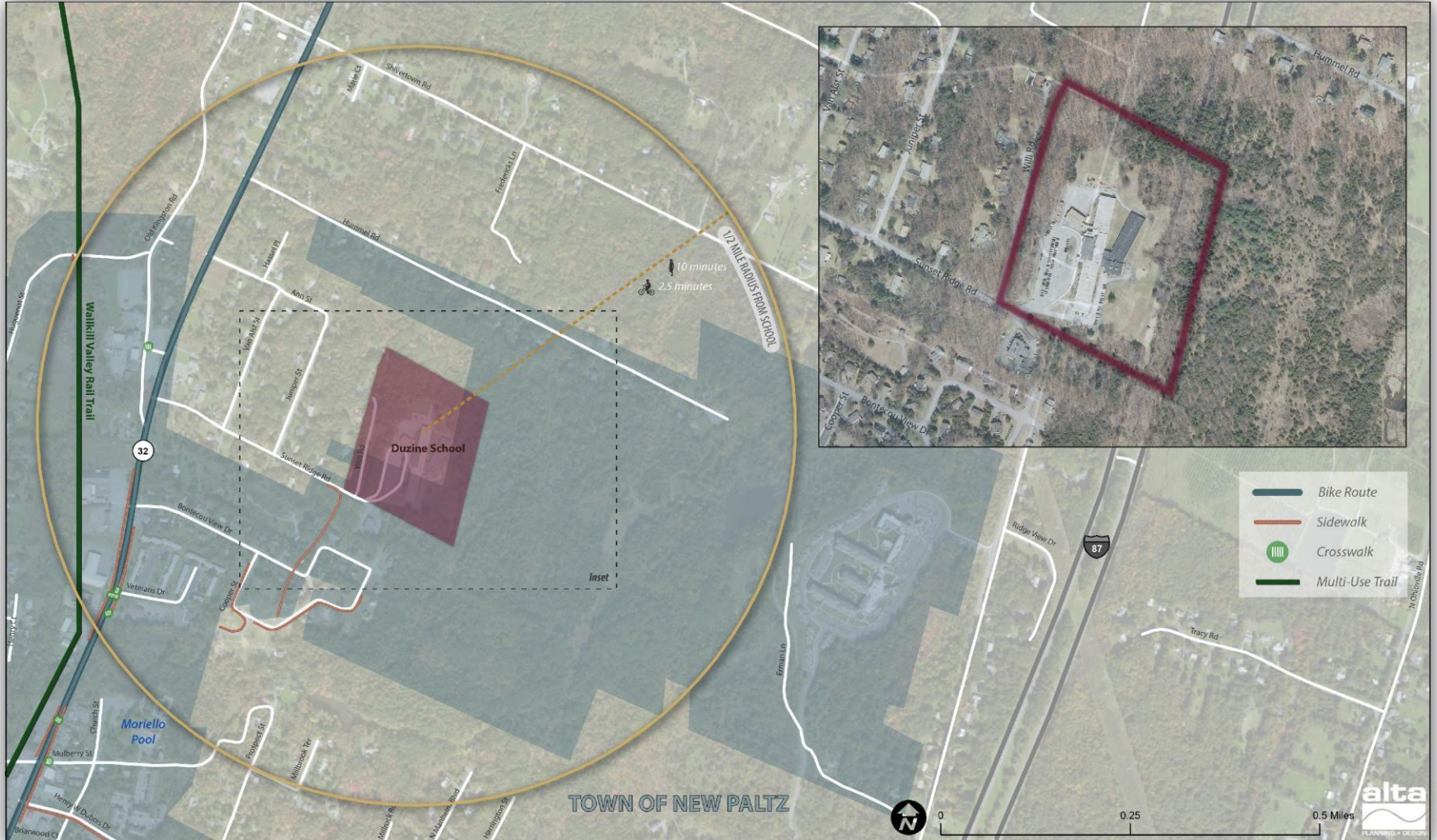
Existing Conditions

- Duzine Elementary
 - Majority of students ride the bus or are dropped off / picked up by parents
 - No sidewalks on the roads surrounding the school
- New Paltz Middle School
 - The middle school is located on the corner of two busy roadways (Route 32 & Main Street/Route 299)
 - School zone speed limit denied along Route 299
 - Crossing guard at Route 32
 - Lack of sidewalks in adjacent neighborhoods



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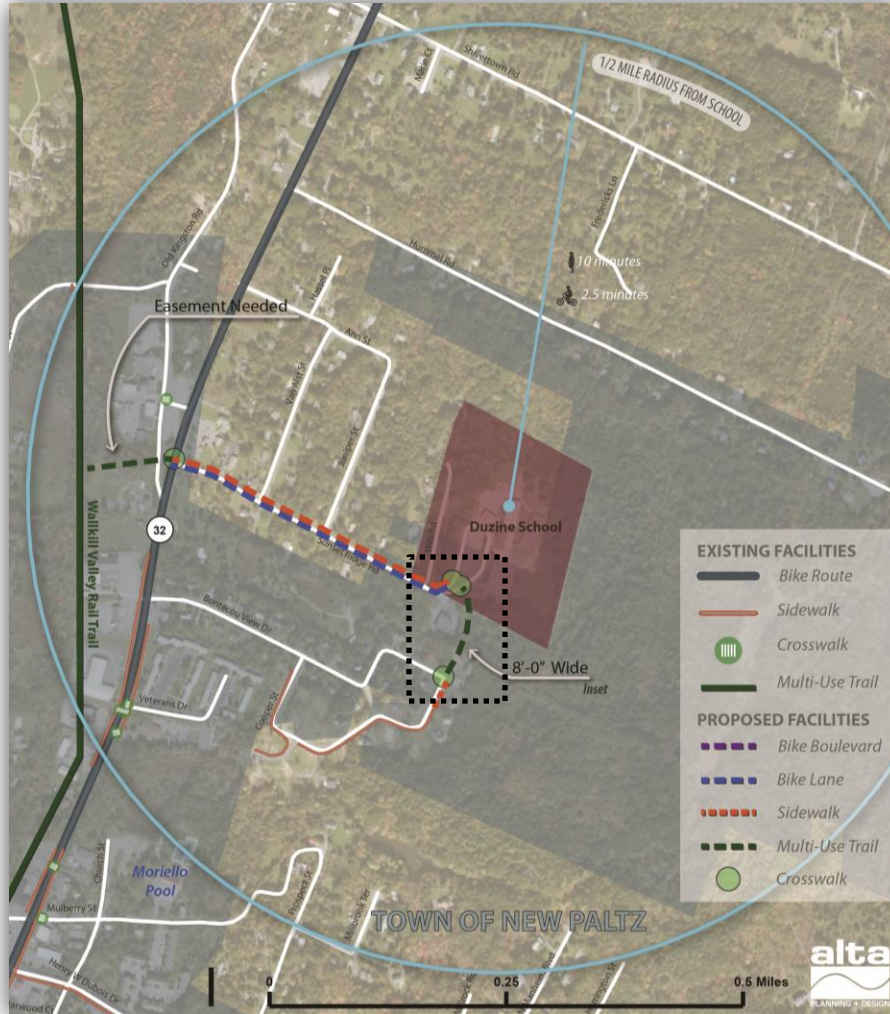
Recommendations

- **Physical Improvements**
 - School Area Signage & Speed Limit
 - Sidewalks
 - Crossings
 - Yield-to-Pedestrian Devices
 - Raised Crosswalks
- **On-Street Bicycle Facilities**
 - Bicycle Boulevards
 - Bike Lanes
 - Marked Shared Roadway
- **Bicycle Parking**
 - Add bike racks and opt for frame-supportive designs
- **Other Recommendations**
 - Shared Use Paths
 - Crossing Guards
- **Improved Site Circulation**
- **Education / Supportive Programs**



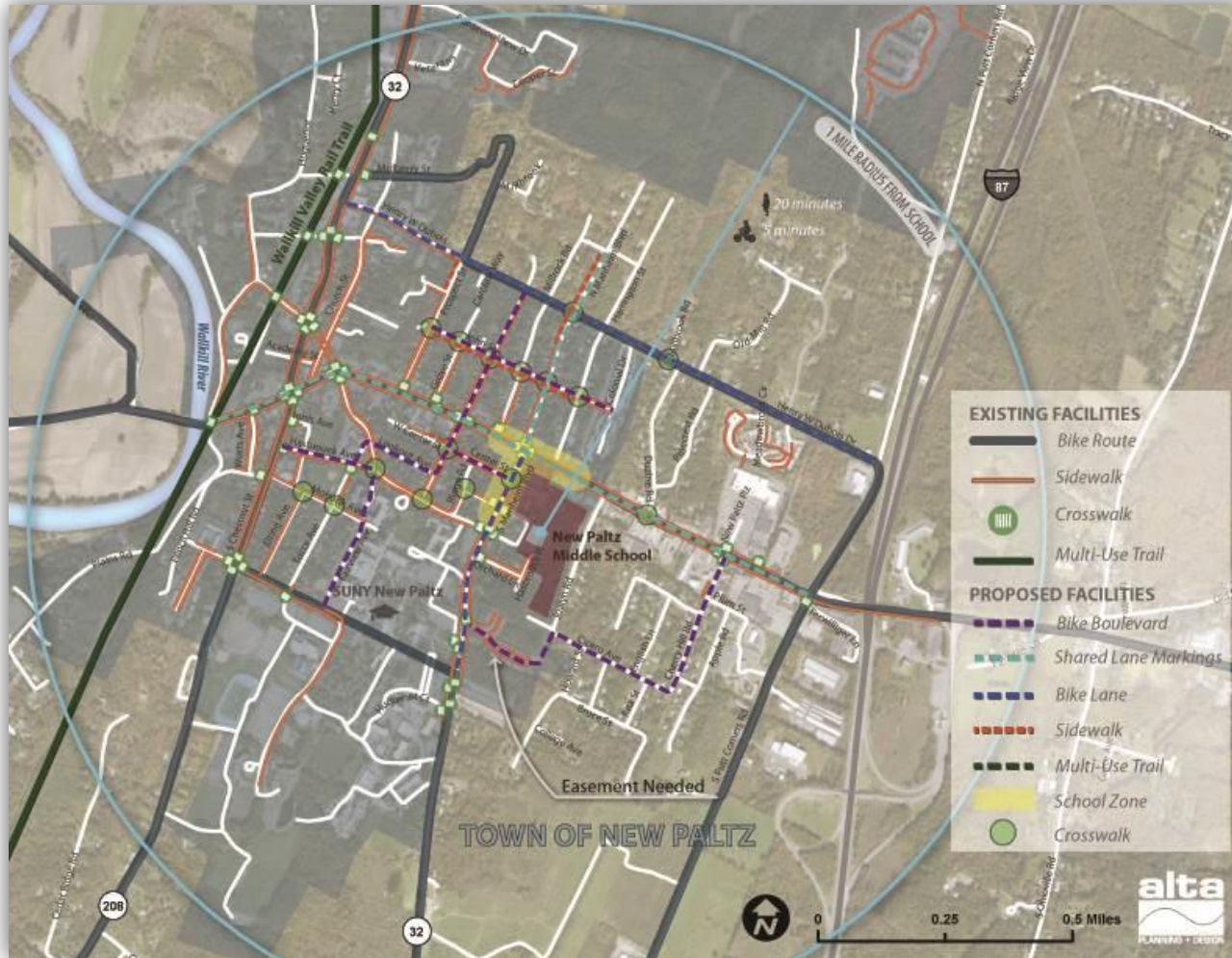
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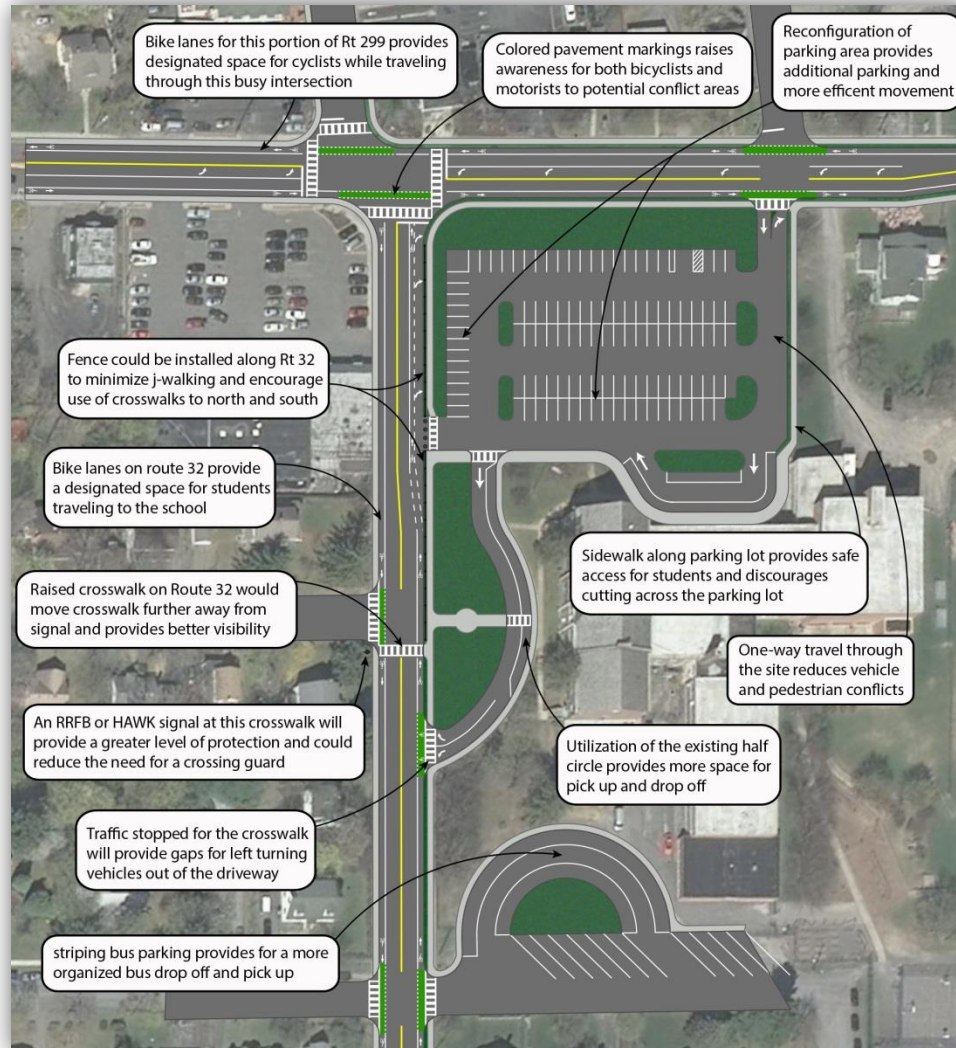
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Next Steps

Priority Recommendation # 1	Identification of SRTS Facilitator & Initiation of Basic Bicycling and Walking Safety Education
Priority Recommendation # 2	Formation of Safe Routes to School Task Force & Program Promotion
Priority Recommendation # 3	School Zone Signage and School Speed Limit
Priority Recommendation # 4	International Walk and Bike to School Day Event
Priority Recommendation # 5	Duzine Elementary School – Cooper Street Shared Use Path
Priority Recommendation # 6	New Paltz Middle School Site Improvements
Priority Recommendation # 7	Priority Crosswalks and Sidewalk Gaps
Priority Recommendation # 8	Bike Racks
Priority Recommendation # 9	Manheim Boulevard Bicycle Accommodations

UCTC SRTS Demonstration Project Website

Ulster County Planning Department

Transportation > Active Studies

Safe Routes to School Demonstration Project

Project Background

The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) will initiate a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) demonstration project that will work with three (3) local municipalities to provide an analysis of any significant gaps and safety issues within a determined study area. Safe Routes to School Action Plans will be developed for each "pilot" community participant. In addition, the project will develop a comprehensive guidance program intended to assist all municipalities in Ulster County with Safe Routes to School program implementation. Lessons learned from our three demonstration communities will be incorporated directly into this guidance program.

What Are Safe Routes to School?

"Safe Routes to School" was established as a national program in 2005 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in order to empower communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity for children and their parents. The program established a framework that has been used successfully by schools, communities, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the United States to develop comprehensive approaches that encourage safe walking and biking to local schools. A comprehensive Safe Routes to School approach involves the "Five E's":

- Evaluation** – Monitoring and documenting outcomes, attitudes and trends through the collection of data;
- Engineering** – Creating operational and physical improvements to the infrastructure surrounding schools that reduce speeds and potential conflicts with motor vehicle traffic, and establish safer and fully accessible crossings, walkways, trails and bikeways;
- Education** – Teaching children about the broad range of transportation choices, instructing them in important lifelong bicycling and walking safety skills and launching driver safety campaigns in the vicinity of schools.

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-council/safe-routes-to-school>

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Local Safe Routes to School Action Plans

In consultation with Atla Planning + Design of Saratoga Springs, NY, UCTC has completed work with the Village/Town of New Paltz (New Paltz CSD), Town of Lloyd (Highland CSD) and Town of Shawangunk (Wallkill CSD) to develop local Safe Routes to School Action Plans for selected locations in each school district. These Action Plans provide specific recommendations for the implementation of a local Safe Routes to School program with an emphasis on engineering solutions that will improve the physical design of the study area. Recommendations addressing critical facilities for safe walking and biking, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic signals and other facilities are provided. The objective of this project is to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by developing plans and projects to remove the barriers that currently prevent them from doing so. The completed Safe Routes to School Action Plans can be viewed/downloaded through the links below:

- [Town of Lloyd - Highland Elementary and Middle Schools](#)
- [Town and Village of New Paltz - Duzine Elementary and New Paltz Middle Schools](#)
- [Town of Shawangunk - Ostrander Elementary School](#)

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Online safe routes to school website and toolbox coming soon!