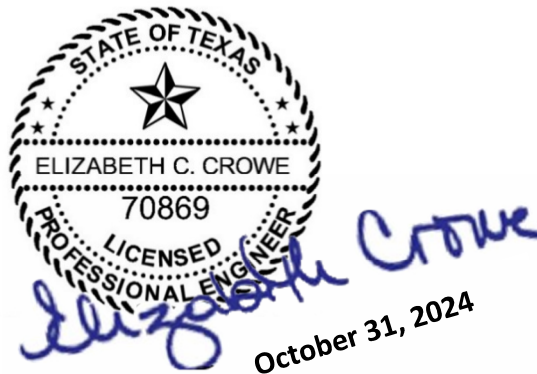


Uplift Wisdom Preparatory Traffic Management Plan Review 2024 Dallas, Texas

Special Use Permit - Zoning Case Number: Z234-246(LG) - ZRT



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OVERVIEW

Uplift Wisdom Preparatory located in South Oak Cliff at 301 W Camp Wisdom in Dallas, Texas operates under Specific Use Permit (SUP) #2170. The application for the SUP renewal has been submitted and this report will accompany that application. No zoning amendment is being requested.

The school established in 2016 to serve grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 is part of the Uplift Education public charter school network. Uplift Wisdom Pre-K is housed at [Uplift Pinnacle](#) and these scholars are guaranteed seats at Uplift Wisdom for Kindergarten and beyond. The total enrollment at the Wisdom campus for the 2024-2025 school year in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12 is 1,446 scholars.

TMP Update Information requested from City of Dallas staff:

- What is the purpose of the report? **Required TMP review per SUP 2170.**
- Is it part of a proposed zoning amendment or forthcoming zoning application?
Accompanying the SUP Renewal application.
- Is the school following the same operations as the approved TMP or proposing changes to improve operations? **Yes, they are using the same plan, with modifications at one pick up area because no Pre-Kindergarten scholars are located at this campus. Recommendations have been made to improve observed peak queuing conditions including restricting entry until 20 – 30 minutes prior to dismissal.**
- Did you observe any vehicles parking, standing, queuing, or blocking public roadways? **Yes, motorists queue along Camp Wisdom for pick-up of Primary Scholars.**
- Did you contact district engineer to discuss any current issues documented at this school? **No; there were no documented current issues associated with this school.**

General School Information

School Name: Uplift Wisdom Preparatory)

Principal/Head of School: Operations Director – Alyssa Biasetti ABiasetti@uplifteducation.org

Primary School Academic Director – Bernadette HallCuaron BBHall@uplifteducation.org

Middle School Academic Director – Kari Miller KMiller@uplifteducation.org

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Location: 301 W. Camp Wisdom, Dallas, Texas 75232

Type: Public Charter School

Existing Zoning: SUP # 2170

Prior TMP Date: September 18, 2022

Observations

Elizabeth Crowe, P.E. performed observations in the fall of 2024 to review the existing carline operations for both the Primary and the Secondary Schools. The dates are listed in the following table.

Wisdom Preparatory Observations Fall 2024

Date	Day of Week	Peak Observed
September 10, 2024	Tuesday	AM
October 3, 2024	Thursday	PM
October 7, 2024	Monday	PM
October 22, 2024	Tuesday	PM

Primary School:

Peak Queue: 140 Vehicles

Available Queue: 120 Vehicles

Surplus: With the current operations, it is not practical to utilize the remaining on-site pavement for vehicular queuing.

Secondary School:

Peak Queue: 80 Vehicles

Available Queue: 104 Vehicles (2,600 linear feet /25 feet per vehicle)

Surplus: Observations revealed a surplus of 24 vehicle queuing space for the Secondary School peak vehicular demand.

The review of the elements and observations of the TMP are further provided in accordance with the City of Dallas February 2024 guidelines.

ADJACENT ROADWAYS

W. Camp Wisdom forms the southern boundary of the campus. Camp Wisdom is classified as a Principal Arterial six lanes divided roadway on the Dallas Thoroughfare Map. W. Camp Wisdom is constructed as a six-lane divided roadway, however the bridge portion crossing over the IH 35 main lanes is only four-lane undivided. The posted speed is 40 MPH and signs for a 20 MPH school zone while flashing are posted just west of the Wisdom school driveway.

IH35 Southbound Frontage Road forms the eastern boundary of the school property. It is a one-way southbound facility approximately 33 feet in width and striped for two 12-foot lanes of travel; the remaining eight feet of pavement is available for use as a shoulder. A right turn deceleration lane is provided to approach the school driveway.

OPERATION TIMES

The Uplift Wisdom Preparatory School operates on the starting and dismissal times provided in the following table for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Staggered dismissal times have been implemented on both the Primary and the Secondary sides of the campus.

Uplift Wisdom Preparatory School Hours – 2024-2025

Grade Level	Number of Scholars	Start Time	Dismissal Time	
			M, T, Th, F	Wednesday
Primary School Grades K - 2	261	7:55 AM	3:25 PM	2:00 PM
Primary School Grades 3 - 5	334	7:55 AM	3:35 PM	2:15 PM
Secondary Middle School Grades 6 - 8	496	7:55 AM	3:40 PM	2:30 PM
Secondary High School Grades 9 - 12	355	8:00 AM	3:50 PM	2:40 PM

INGRESS AND EGRESS POINTS

Three driveways currently provide access for the site. The driveway along IH 35 SBFR on the northeast side of the school primarily serves ingress and egress for the Secondary School carline. The driveway on the southern end of the campus at Camp Wisdom Road opposite Wilcox Drive primarily serves entry and exit for the Primary School and sibling carline. A third point of access is located on the southwest side of the campus that connects to Brierfield Drive. This access provides auxiliary exit access from the school campus from the Primary and Sibling carlines.

The gates at the two entry locations are open and manned with uniformed traffic officer assistance during the AM arrival time for scholar drop-off and the afternoon dismissal time for scholar pick-up. At other times of the day, the gates are closed with access provided to staff with a security card or entry code. Visitors to the campus may request access via the keypads at both entry driveways. The gate leading to Brierfield is signed for exit only.

A pedestrian gate is provided on the east side of the school just south of the vehicle gate at the IH 35 frontage road. School staff or a traffic assistant officer is present at the pedestrian gate during morning and afternoon times of scholar drop-off and pick-up.

PRIMARY SCHOLAR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOCATION and CIRCULATION

The 2024 – 2025 TMP for Wisdom Preparatory Primary School from the school website is provided as **Exhibit 1**.

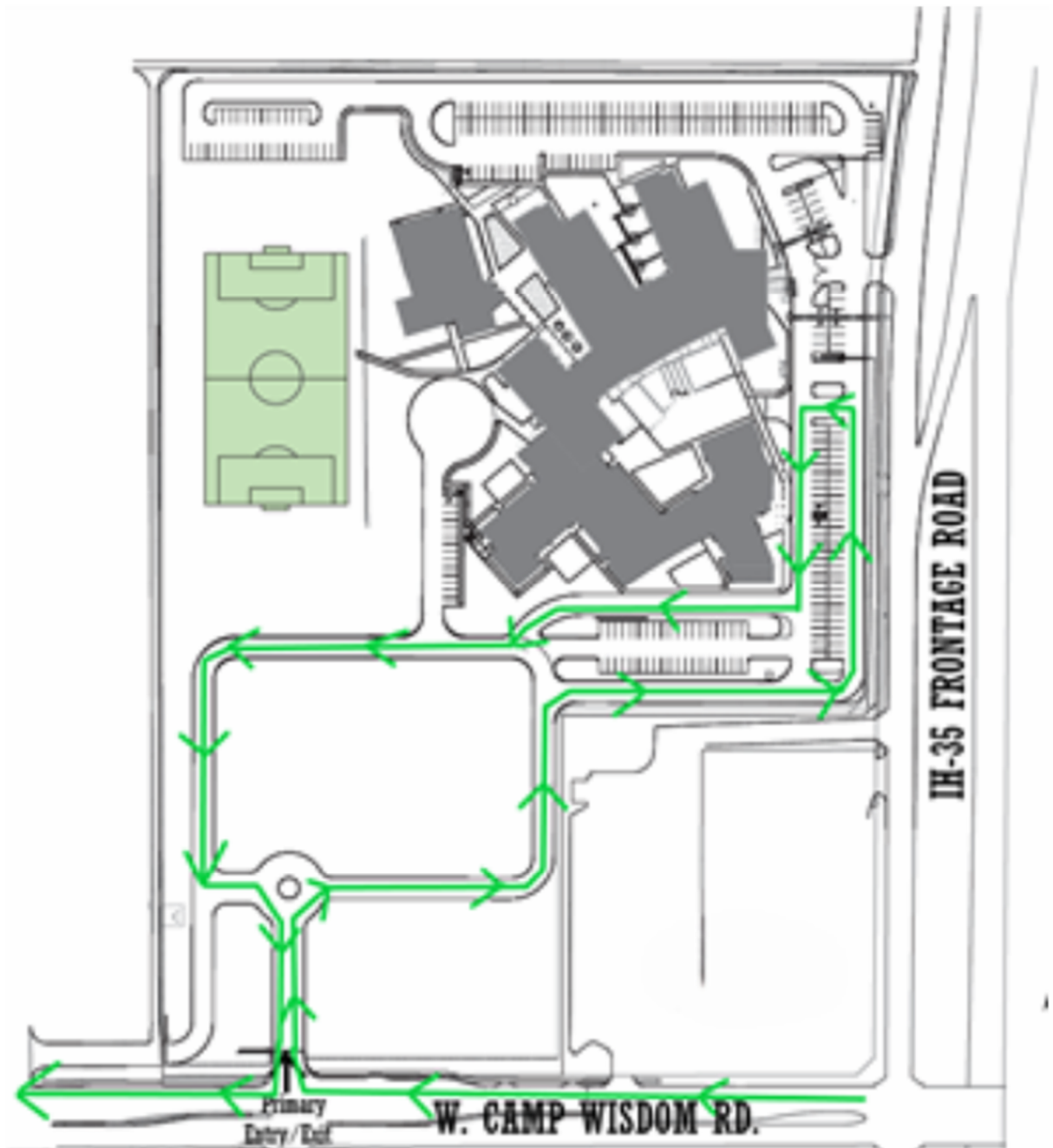


Exhibit 1 – Wisdom Preparatory Primary School TMP (School website)

Entry to the campus is from Camp Wisdom Road. The circulation for the Primary Scholars is the same for the AM and the PM operations.

In the afternoon, the school utilizes the *Driveline* system to enter the names of the Primary scholars whose parents have arrived. Once a scholar's name appears on the screens in the classrooms alerting them that their parent has arrived, staff members escort the scholars outside. Staff members are present outside as the scholars locate their parent's vehicles.

After the scholar(s) have entered the vehicles, the motorists proceed to circulate and exit to either Camp Wisdom or Brierfield.

SECONDARY SCHOLAR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOCATION and CIRCULATION

The Wisdom Secondary school TMP from the school website is illustrated in **Exhibit 2**. Vehicle entry and exit are provided at the same IH 35 southbound frontage road driveway.

The circulation for the Secondary Scholars is the same for AM and PM operations.

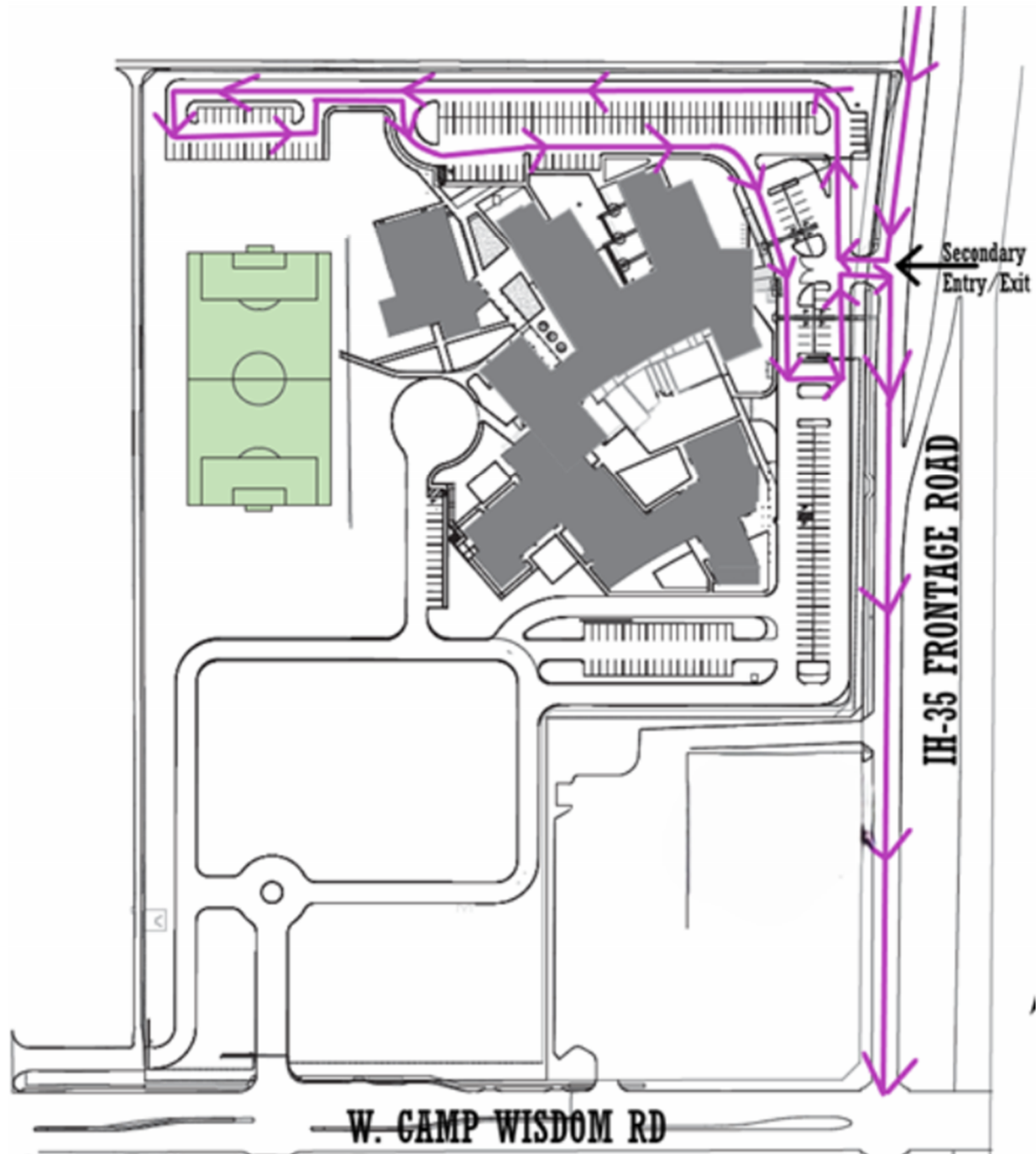


Figure 2. Secondary School Traffic Management Plan (School website)

SIBLINGS

The TMP for the Secondary Scholars with Primary School siblings incorporates sibling pick-up operations on the Primary School portion of the campus. The procedures follow the Primary School operations as shown in **Exhibit 1**.

The families with scholars in both the Primary and the Secondary Schools are instructed to wait until the oldest scholar dismissal time to arrive to campus.

Families including a child in the Primary school and a High School scholar are instructed to utilize the area behind the Primary School. This area was initially designed for Pre-Kindergarten scholar carline operations; however, those Pre-Kindergarten scholars are located at another campus.

Secondary Scholar Pedestrians

The pedestrian (Walker) information contained on the school website is provided in the **Appendix**. Secondary Scholars must submit a pedestrian “walker” form to be allowed to walk off campus. Uplift will continue to partner with local businesses to alleviate scholars and parents from utilizing the businesses for places to drop-off and pick-up scholars.

OBSERVATIONS

Campus observations were performed in fall 2024 to evaluate peak vehicular queuing and overall operations. The dates of observations are provided in the following table.

Uplift Wisdom Campus Observations

Date	Day of Week	Peak Observed
September 10, 2024	Tuesday	AM
October 3, 2024	Thursday	PM
October 7, 2024	Monday	PM
October 22, 2024	Tuesday	PM

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vehicles entered the campus from westbound and eastbound Camp Wisdom. Arrival for the afternoon began an hour prior to dismissal.

Observations revealed vehicle queuing outside the campus on W. Camp Wisdom.

During afternoon pick up operations, typically five to seven staff members assist with the Primary School pick-up procedures; one staff member enters the *Driveline* carline information and the other staff members assist at the pick-up area.

The traffic assistant officer posted at W. Camp Wisdom and the school driveway provided traffic control for motorists to enter and depart the campus with either a left- or a right-turn movement.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

On the Secondary School side of the campus, no queuing on the IH 35 SBFR public right -of-way was observed during any of the observations. All queued vehicles were well inside the campus with approximately space for 24 additional vehicles at the peak queuing conditions.

The length of time that queued vehicles were on campus seemed to be much shorter in duration than on the Primary School side of the campus. The parents for pick-up of Secondary scholars appeared to arrive much closer to dismissal time.

Some Secondary School scholars walked outside campus through the pedestrian gate and either walked to the north or to the south along the provided sidewalk.

SIBLINGS

Staff indicated that some families with scholars in both the Primary and the Secondary Schools would arrive to campus earlier than the oldest scholar's dismissal time. Families including a child in the Primary school and a High School scholar utilizing the area behind the Primary School were observed to have seamless pick-up operations.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The vehicle queuing on W. Camp Wisdom appeared to result because the parents were allowed to arrive an hour prior to dismissal. With this length of time, the vehicular accumulation grew beyond the Primary School campus capacity. It is recommended to:

- **Keep campus gates closed until 20 - 30 minutes prior to dismissal.** Have traffic assistants work 30 minutes to one hour before afternoon carline starts to remind and enforce to parents that arriving earlier than 20 – 30 minutes prior to release time is no longer permitted. Have the traffic assistant officers wave the parents away from the campus and away from waiting on public streets.
- Remind the parents picking up Primary scholars with Secondary siblings to wait until the **latest dismissal time to arrive** to the campus.
- Alert Primary School parents of how critical it is for them to queue closely to the vehicle in front of them, do not leave gaps in the line and continue moving forward once the line has started moving to minimize any queuing off campus.
- Adopt the slightly revised Transportation Management Plan for the 2024 – 2025 school year as depicted in **Figure 3**. The carline officer located at Cherry Point at the IH 35 southbound frontage road was observed to no longer be necessary with the staggered dismissal within the Secondary School. It is recommended to utilize this uniformed officer resource along Camp Wisdom.
- Next year, incorporate a method to **differentiate carline cards** between the families who only have children in Primary grades Kindergarten through Second grade and those in the higher grade levels. The carline assistance officer on Camp Wisdom will be instructed to wave motorists on who are arriving too early and deny entrance into the campus until the appropriate time for the grade level of their oldest scholar.
- **Create incentives and encourage carpooling between families** to reduce the number of vehicles arriving at the campus.

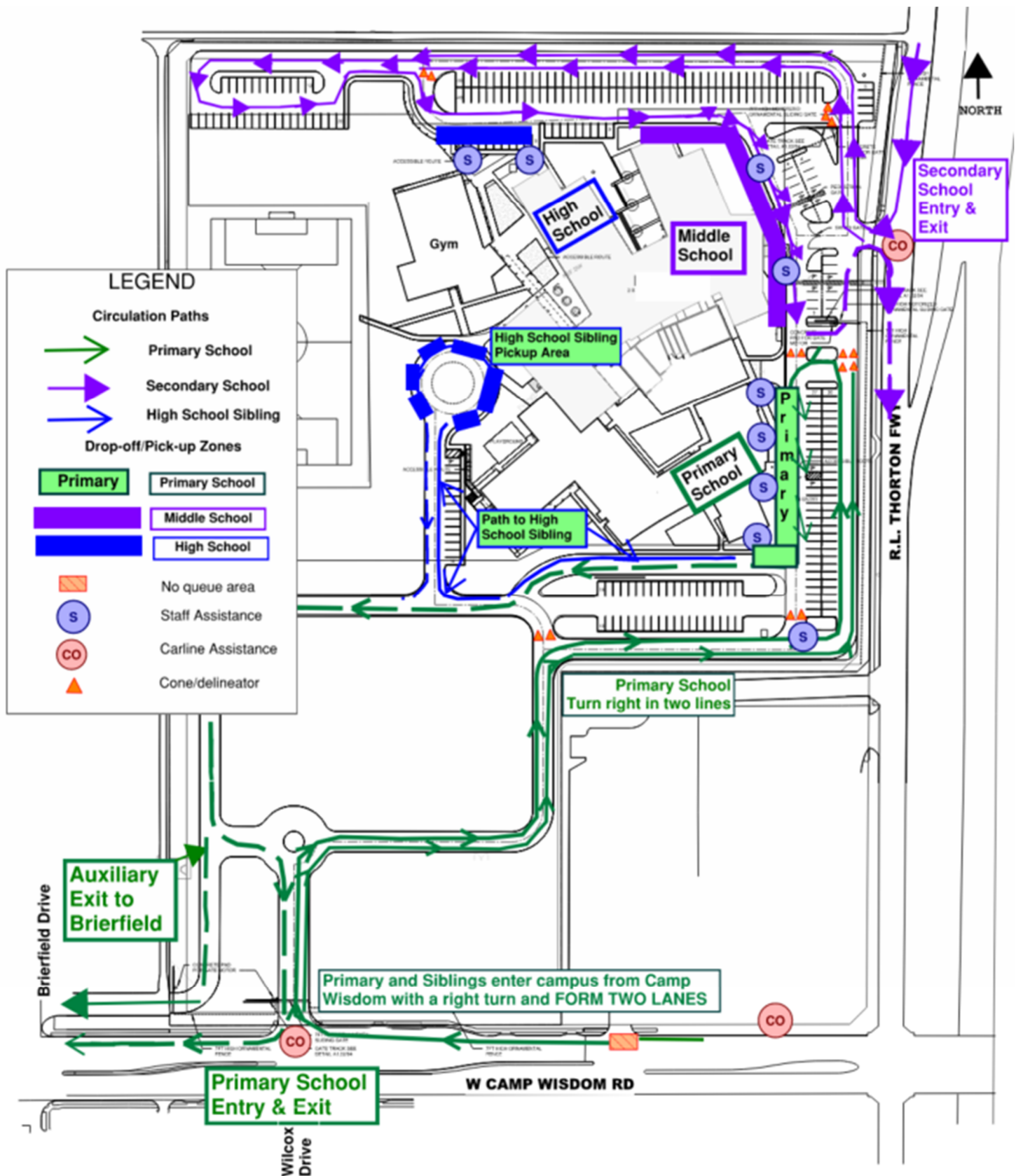


Figure 3. Wisdom Preparatory Traffic Management Plan 2024

The following additional recommendations are provided as reminders to increase the safety and efficiency of the Primary and Secondary carline procedures at the Wisdom Preparatory Campus.

- Communicate to parents alerting them of the importance of adhering to the prescribed Transportation Plans (TMP) for the safety of their children, school staff, traffic assistants and the other motorists in the area.
- Prepare the staff and the traffic assistant officers of the elements in each plan and how to “enforce” their assigned duties.

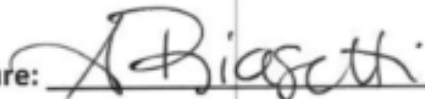
The Uplift Education Operations Director and administration will continue to monitor observance of vehicle circulation and queuing. The school administration is acutely aware of the Transportation Management Plan and provided input in the development of recommendations. The illustrated TMP figure and intended operations are provided to staff and the traffic officers who provide traffic control assistance for the school. The following administration signature is provided for Uplift Wisdom Preparatory School.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE BLOCK

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Title: Operations Director

Signature:  _____

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APPENDIX

UPLIFT WISDOM PREPARATORY CARLINE INSTRUCTIONS

School Website- Fall 2024

1. **No walkers are permitted**, unless you can prove that your (6th – 12th grade) scholar lives **less than 0.5 miles from Uplift Wisdom**.
 - Everyone is required to use our car line for drop off and pick up.
 - No families are allowed to pick up or drop off outside our gates.
 - If you believe your (6th – 12th grade) scholar qualifies as a walker who lives less than 0.5 miles from campus, complete the following form and someone from the school will contact you. Only addresses used for enrollment will be considered. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the form.
2. Additional traffic officers will be at Cherry Point Dr to ensure no stacking occurs on I35 frontage or down Cherry Point Dr.
3. No left turns on Camp Wisdom when exiting the Primary car line. All cars are now required to turn right only.
4. We will be staggering our academic start and end time to allow for a staggered arrival/dismissal.
 - If you have siblings, please come at the LATEST time to pick up all your scholars at once.

We also encourage you to review our new car line video with your scholar(s) for tips and tricks on how to make car line a breeze.

- English Car Line Video: <https://youtu.be/wMpHeauWcqc>
- Spanish Car Line Video: https://youtu.be/_iPaj5e_xbg

NEW DROP-OFF TIMES & LOCATIONS FOR UPLIFT WISDOM

Kinder- 5th grade Morning Carline

- Drop-Off Location: Primary School (enter through gates on Camp Wisdom)
- Drop-Off Time: **7:25 am**
- School starts at 7:55 am

6th – 8th grade Morning Carline

- Drop-Off Location: Secondary School (enter through gates on I35 frontage road)
- Drop-Off Time: **7:25 am**
- School starts at **7:55 am**

9th – 12th grade Morning Carline

- Drop-Off Location: Secondary School (enter through gates on I35 frontage road)
- Drop-Off Time: **7:30am**
- School starts at **8:00am**

NEW PICK-UP TIMES & LOCATIONS FOR UPLIFT WISDOM

Kinder – 5th grade Afternoon Carline - enter ONLY through the Camp Wisdom entrance

- Pick-Up Location: Primary School (enter through gates on Camp Wisdom)
- Pick-Up Time:
 - **3:25 pm** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
 - **2:00pm** (Wednesday)
- If you need to pick up an older sibling, come at the OLDEST sibling's pick-up time
 - Example 1: If you have a 4th grader and 6th grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Primary front entrance (enter through Camp Wisdom)
 - Pick-Up Time: **3:40pm / 2:37pm** (Wednesday)
 - Example 2: If you have a 3rd grader and 10th grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Primary front entrance (enter through Camp Wisdom) -then- drive behind primary building for high school scholar pick-up location
 - Pick-Up Time: **4:00pm / 2:52pm** (Wednesday)

6th – 8th grade Afternoon Carline – enter ONLY through the front entrance on Hwy 35 (unless also picking up a Primary scholar)

- Pick-Up Location: Secondary School (enter through gates on I35 frontage road)
- Pick-Up Time:
 - **3:40 pm** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
 - **2:30 pm** (Wednesday)
- All scholars with siblings in Kinder-5th grade, must be picked up through the primary school car line (enter through gates on Camp Wisdom)
- If you need to pick up a young or older sibling, come at the OLDEST sibling's pickup time
 - Example 1: If you have a 7th grader and 3rd grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Primary front entrance (enter through Camp Wisdom)
 - Pick-Up Time: **3:40pm / 2:30 pm** (Wednesday)
 - Example 2: If you have a 6th grader and 10th grader and 3rd grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Primary front entrance (enter through Camp Wisdom) -then- drive behind primary building for high school scholar pick-up location
 - Pick-Up Time: **4:00 pm / 2:52pm** (Wednesday)
 - Example 3: If you have a 8th grader and 10th grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Secondary front entrance (enter through I35 frontage road)
 - Pick-Up Time: **3:55pm**

9th – 12th grade Afternoon Carline - enter ONLY through the front entrance on Hwy 35 (unless also picking up a Primary scholar)

- Pick-Up Location: Secondary School (enter through gates on I35 frontage road)
- Pick-Up Time:
 - **3:50 pm** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
 - **2:40 pm** (Wednesday)

Note: Uplift Wisdom has been alerted that some of the stated Secondary School release times need to be updated to reflect 2024 – 2025 operations.

- If you need to pick up a young sibling, come at the OLDEST (High School) sibling's pickup time
- All scholars with siblings in Kinder-5th grade, must be picked up through the primary school car line (enter through gates on Camp Wisdom)
 - Example 1: If you have a 9th grader and 3rd grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Primary front entrance (enter through Camp Wisdom) -then- drive behind primary building for high school scholar pick-up location
 - Pick-Up Time: **4:00pm / 2:52pm** (Wednesday)
 - Example 2: If you have an 11th grader and 8th grader
 - Pick-Up Location: Secondary front entrance (enter through I35 frontage road)
 - Pick-Up Time: **3:55pm**

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