



## **Campus View**

**Elementary** 3900

Gorden Head Rd

Grades: K-5

Number of students:

~450

**Principal:** Doug Smith

## **Survey and Walkabout Summary**

Campus View Elementary participated in the District of Saanich's Active and Safe Routes to School 2017-2018 program. The program provides tools for students to walk, cycle, or otherwise use active transportation for the school journey wherever possible. Additionally, a neighbourhood walkabout was conducted to further support the survey information.

This report provides the results from the surveys and walkabouts. Together the survey and walkabout information gathered will help identify desired active transportation improvements and preferred routes to walk and bike to and from school.

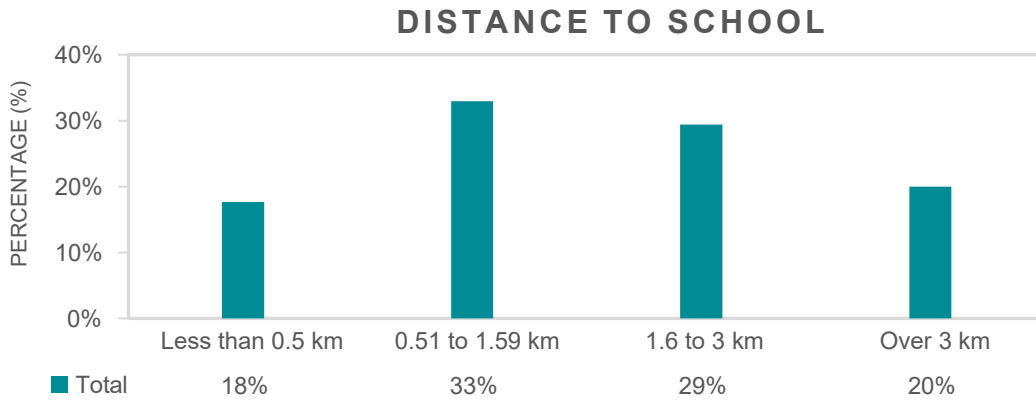
## **Survey Results**

An on-line school travel survey was distributed to parents between October 16- 27, 2017. 85 families completed the survey representing 113 children which is approximately 25% of the Campus Views school population. The purpose of the survey was to gain information about the schools travel choices. Below is a summary of the results from the completed surveys.

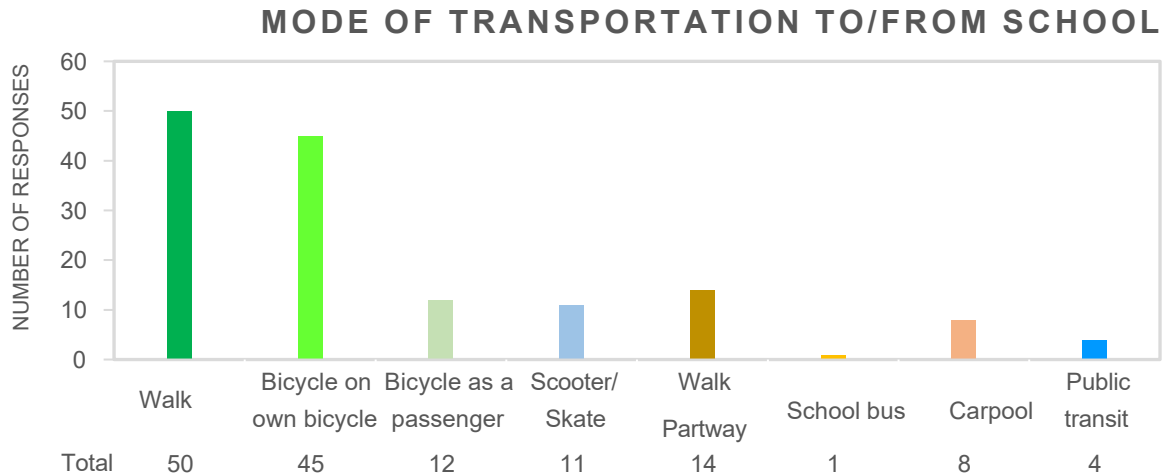
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## Distance

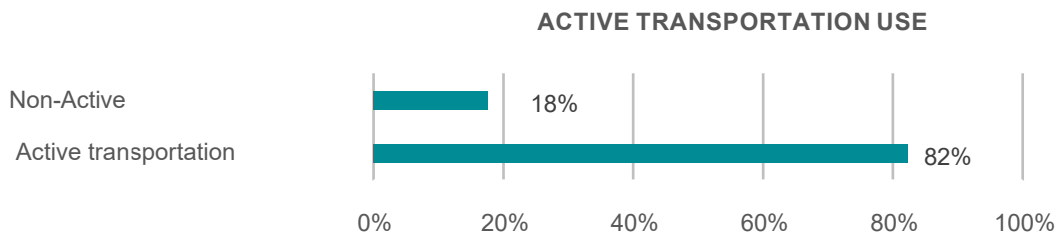
How far away from the school do you live?



During the 2016/2017 school year, did your eldest child travel to/from school at least once by: (select all that apply)



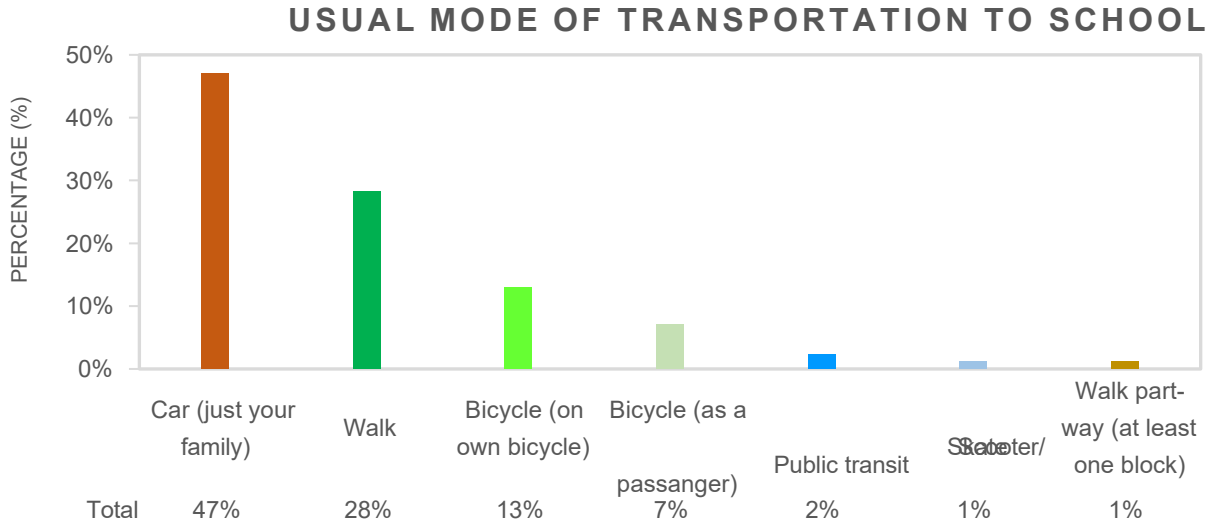
Students that used at least one form of active transportation to travel to/from school in the last year



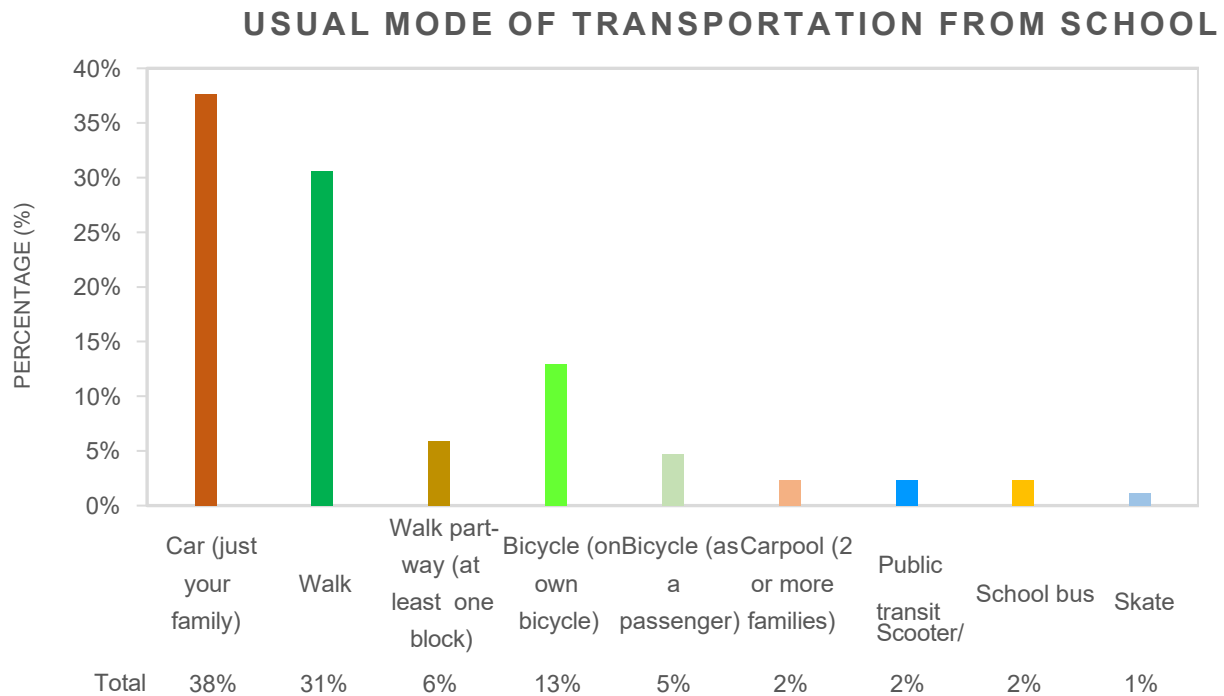
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## Mode

How does your eldest child usually get to school throughout the school year?

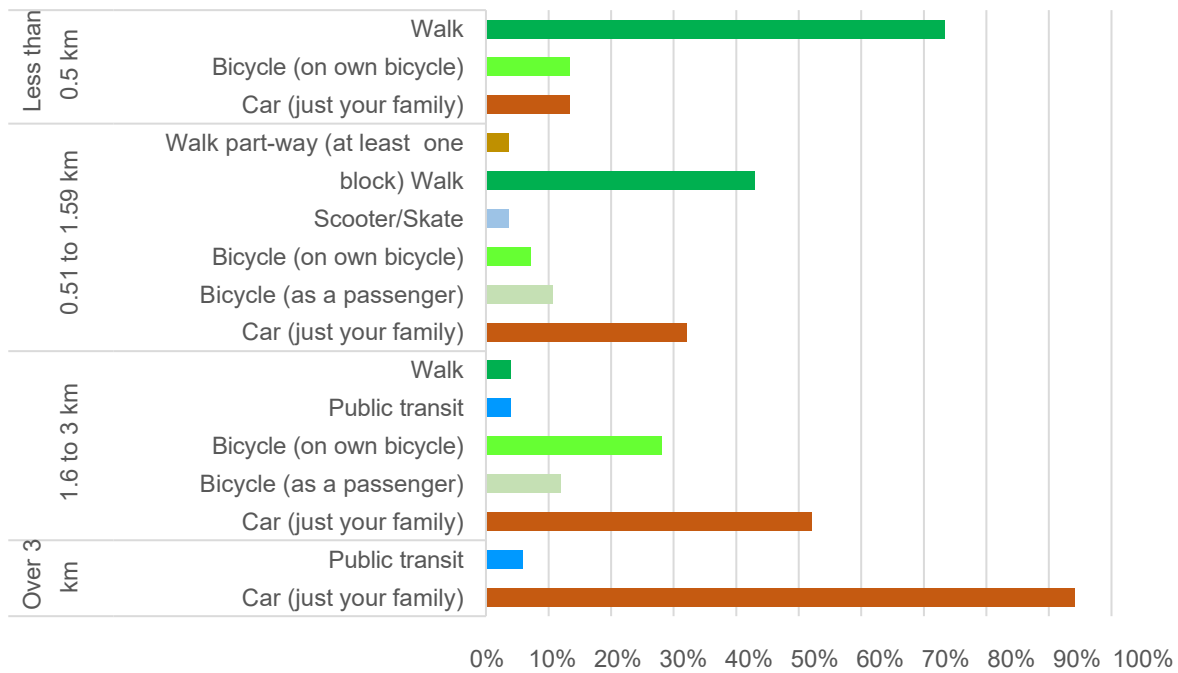


How does your eldest child usually get home from school throughout the year?



Comparison of travel mode by trip distance:

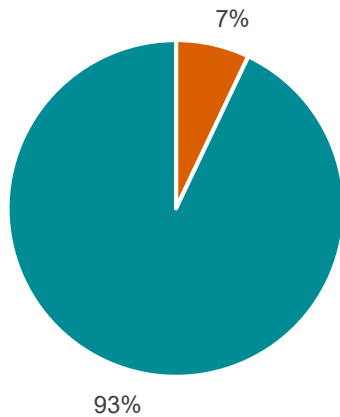
### MODE OF TRANSPORTATION BASED ON DISTANCE



### Travel companion

Is your eldest accompanied to school by an adult?

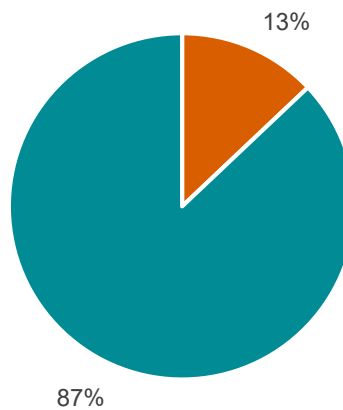
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED TO SCHOOL



■ No ■ Yes

Is your eldest accompanied from school by an adult?

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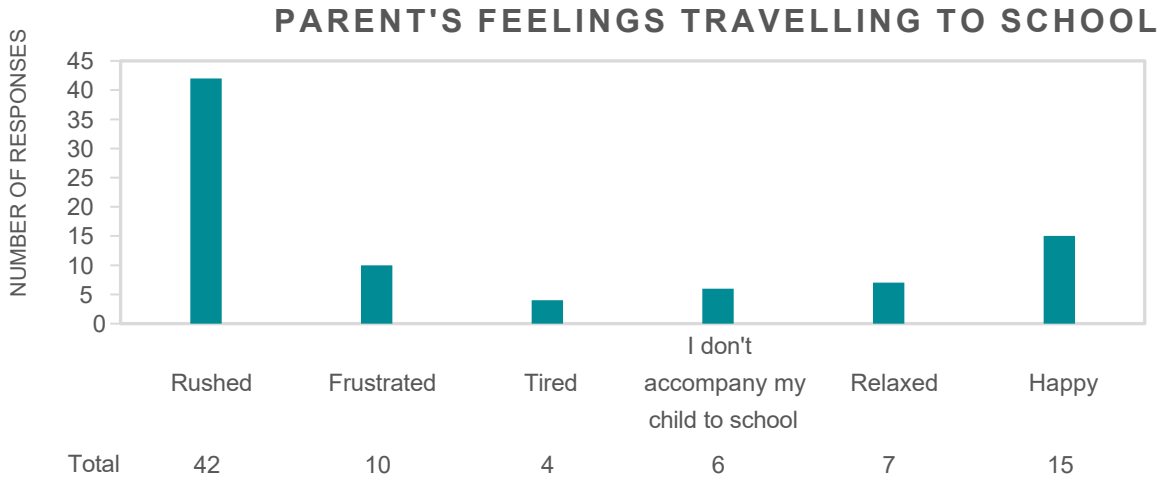
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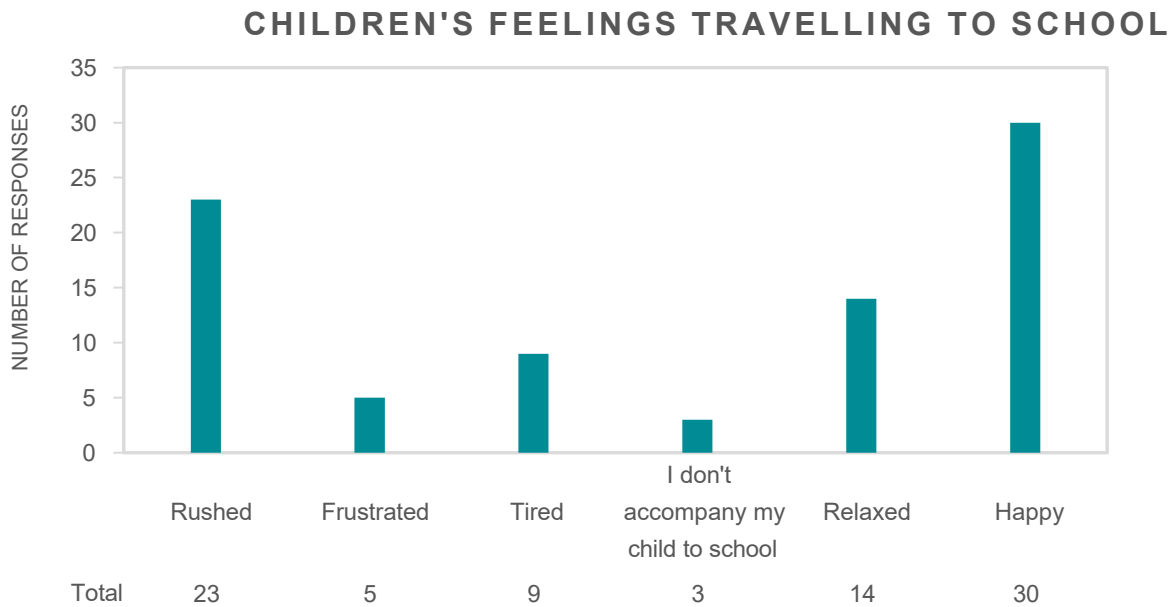
## Feelings

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As a parent/caregiver, what feeling do you have most of the time when taking your child(ren) to school?



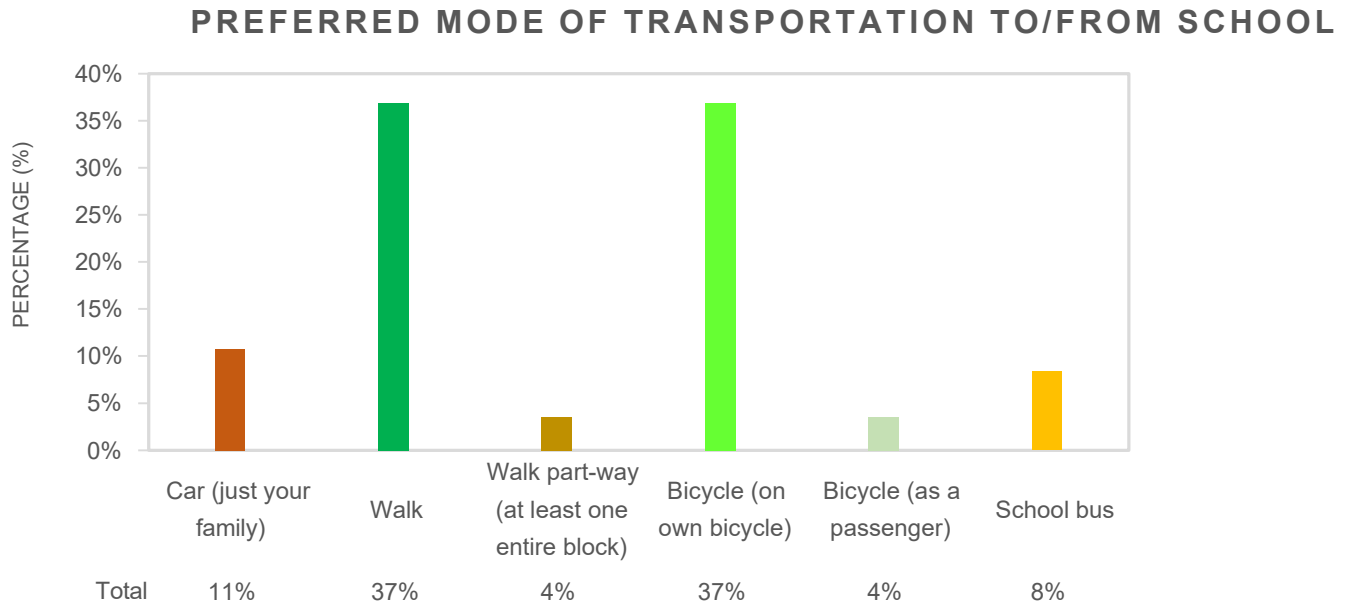
What feeling do you think your eldest child has most of the time when travelling to school?



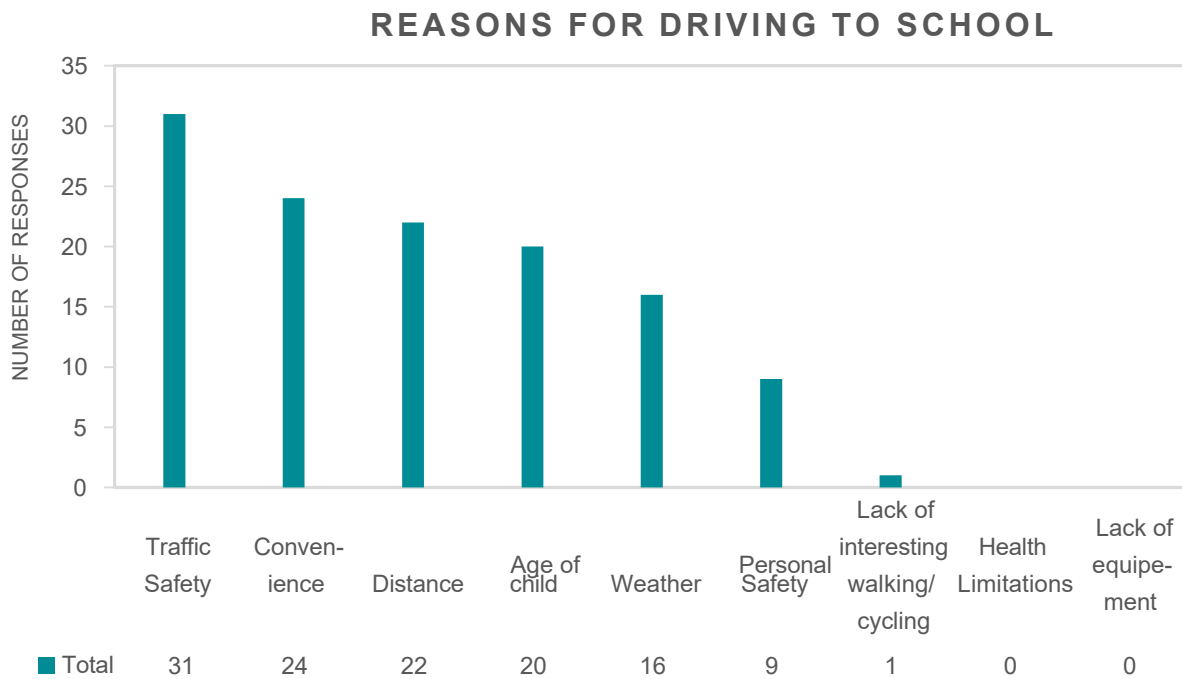
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## Preferred Mode

How would you prefer your eldest child travels to and from school?



What are the main reasons your eldest child is usually driven to/from school?(Choose up to three)

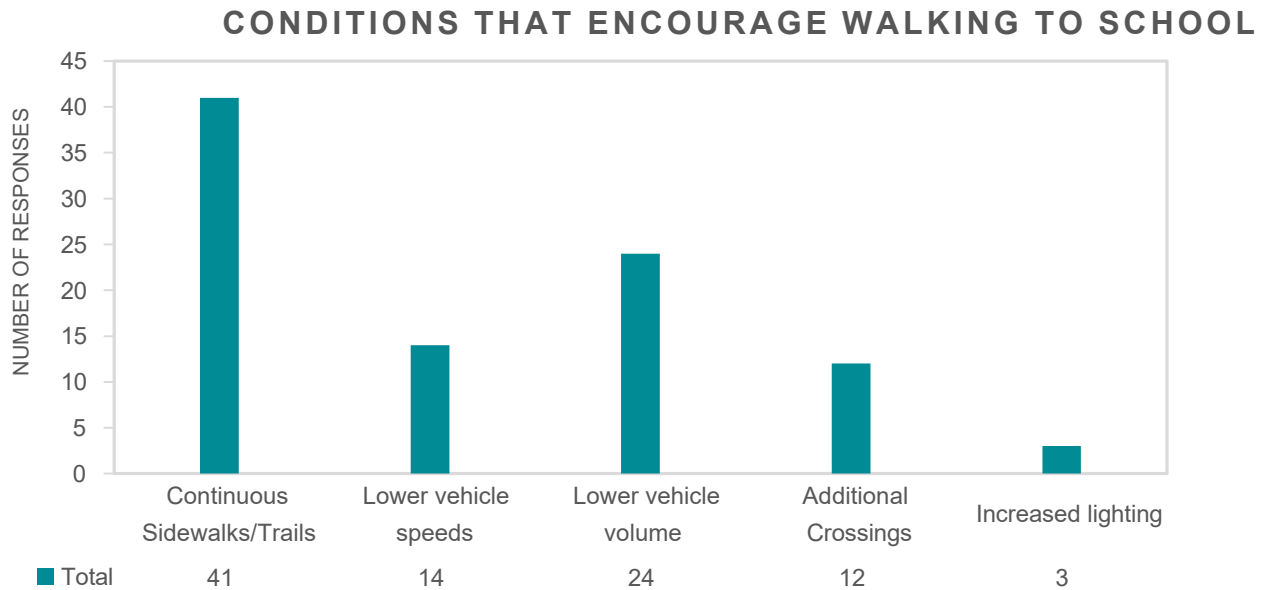


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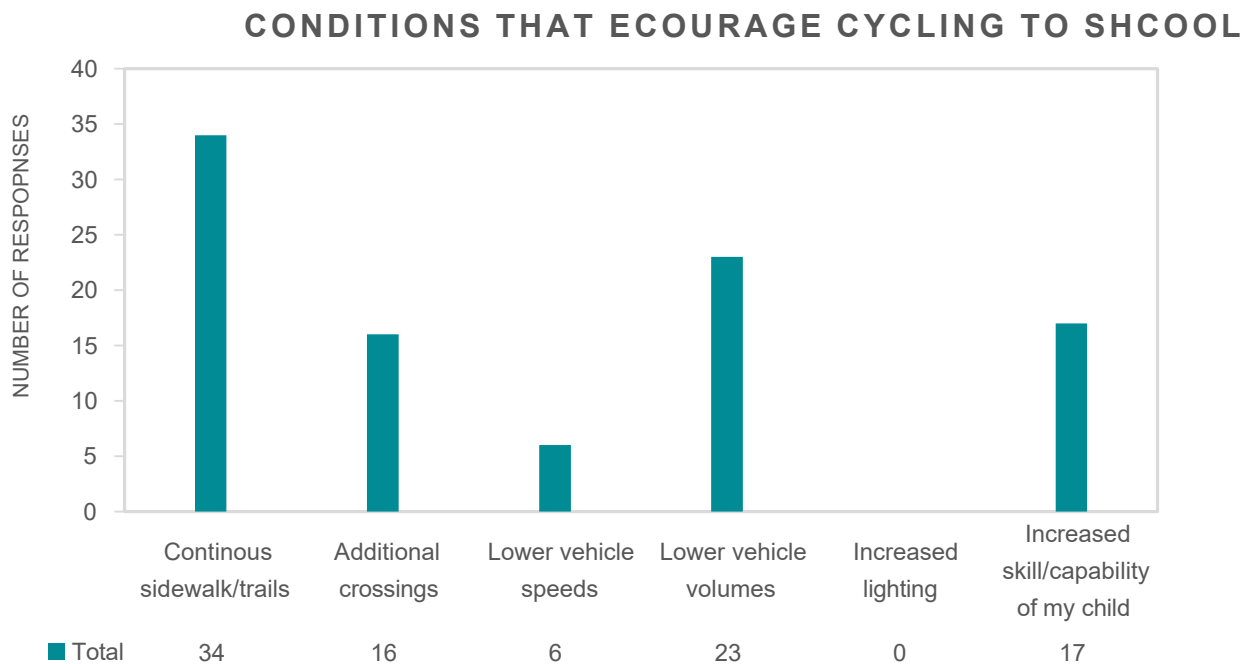
## Preferred Mode

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I would encourage my eldest child to walk to school  
if...(Choose up to two)



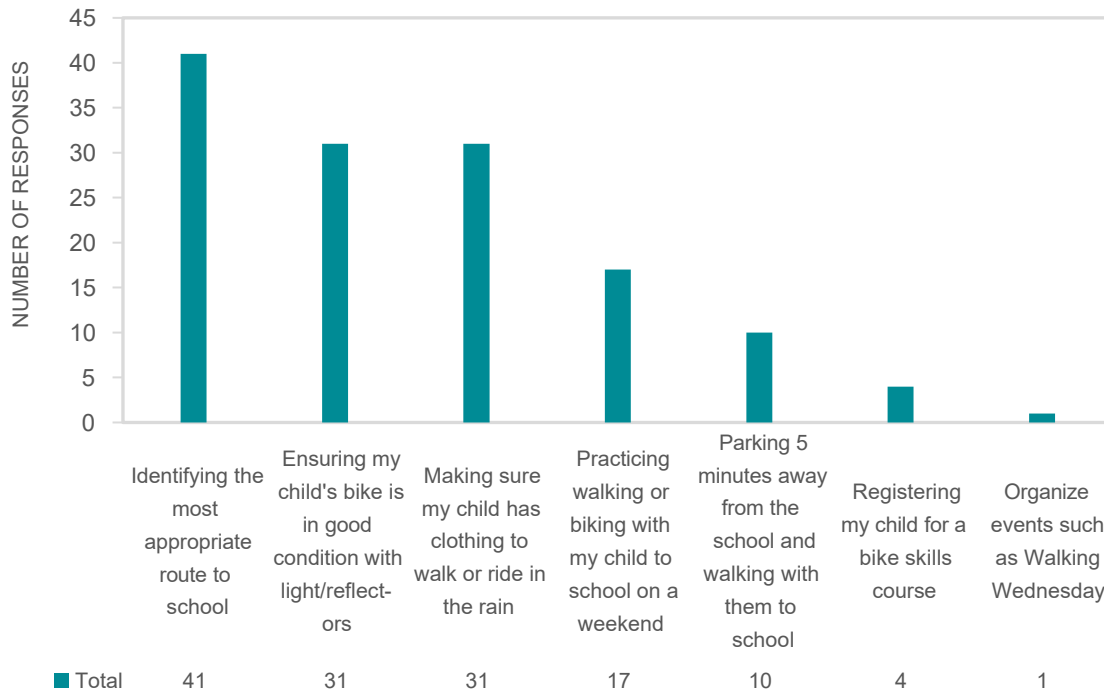
I would encourage my eldest child to cycle to school  
if...(Choose up to two)



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I am willing to encourage my eldest child to walk or bike to/from school by...(Check all that apply)

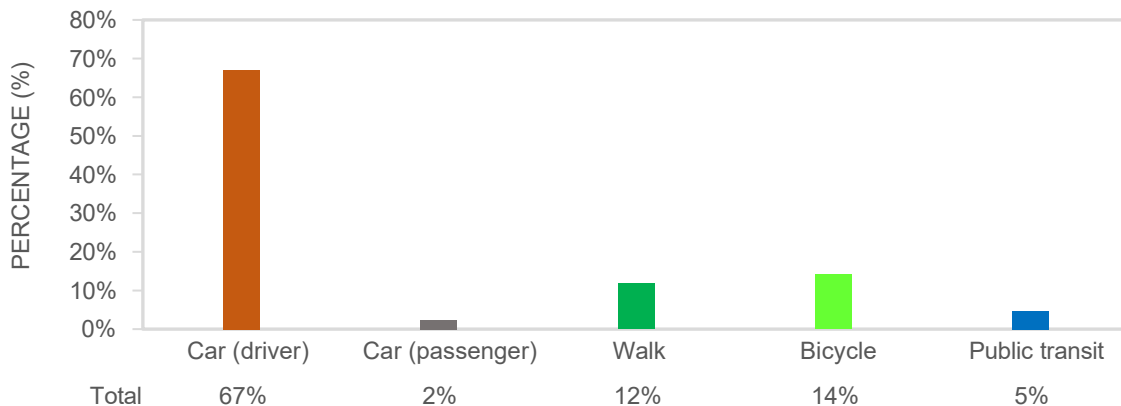
## APPROACHES TO ENCOURAGE WALKING/ CYCLING TO SCHOOL



## Other Destinations

As a parent/caregiver how do you usually travel to your most frequent destination?

## MOST COMMONLY USED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION



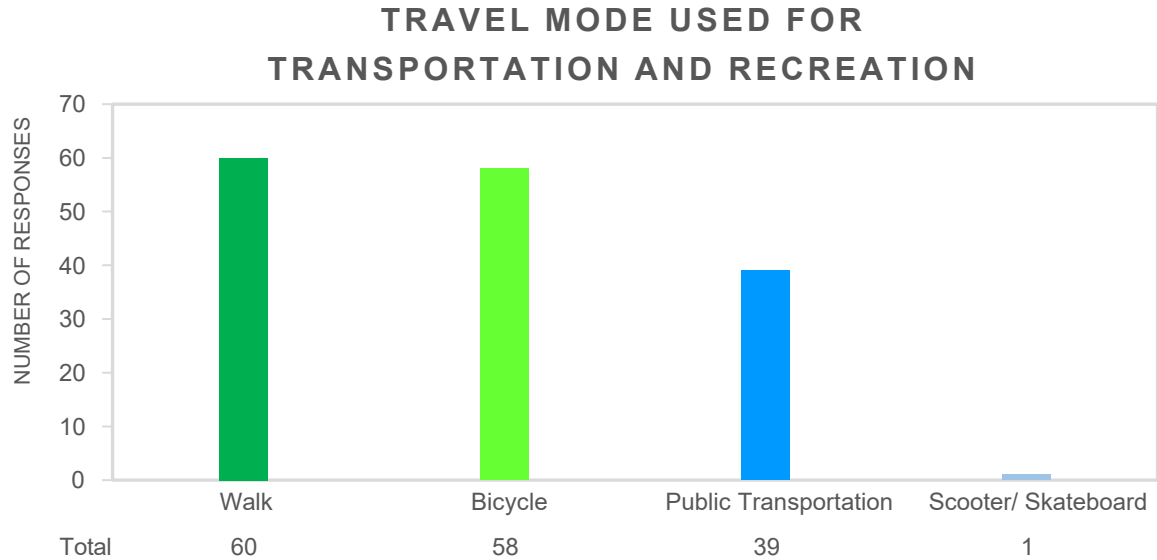


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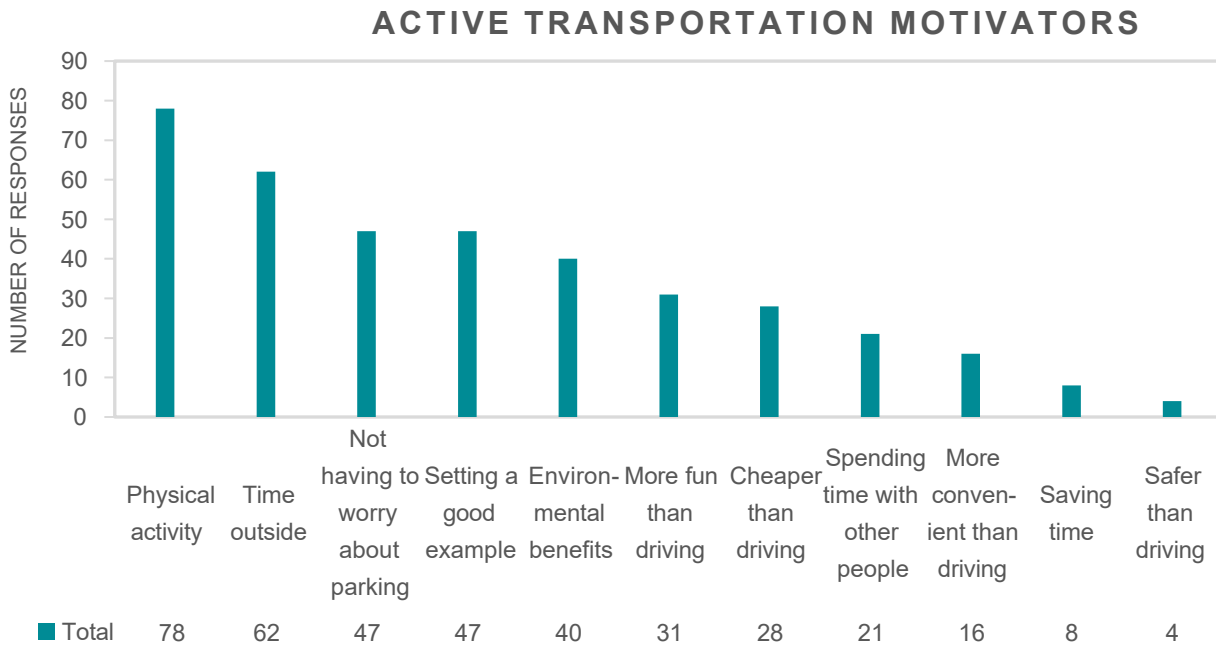
As a parent/caregiver, do you ever travel for transportation or recreation by: (Check all that apply)



## Motivation & Cycling Education

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If/when you walk or cycle as a family, what motivates you? (check all that apply)

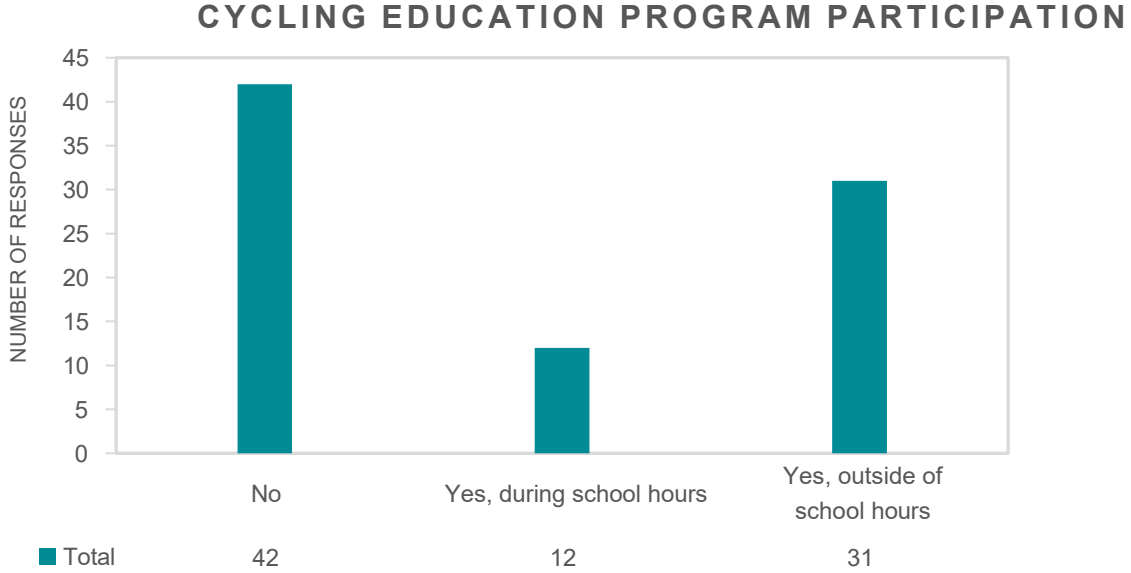


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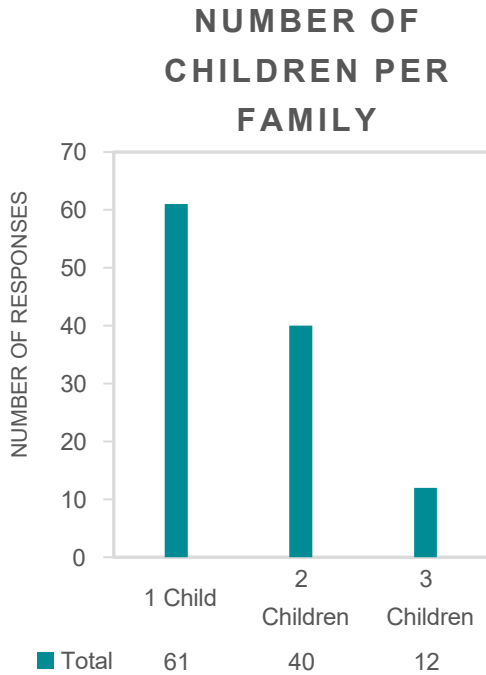
Has your child ever participated in a cycling education program?



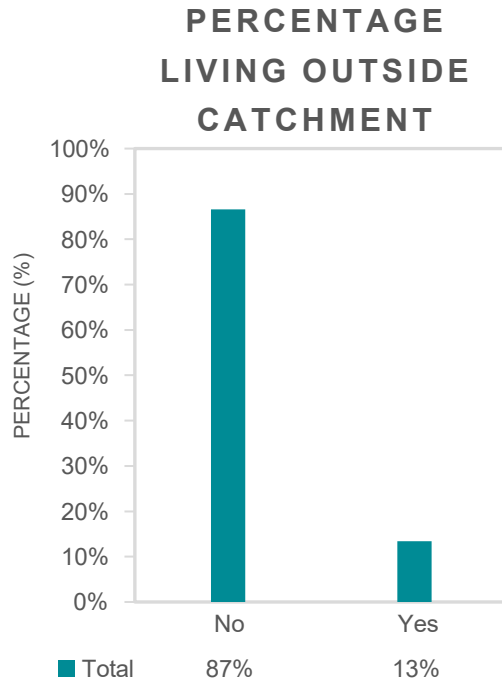
## Final Questions

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How many of your children attend this school?



Do you live outside the catchment area?

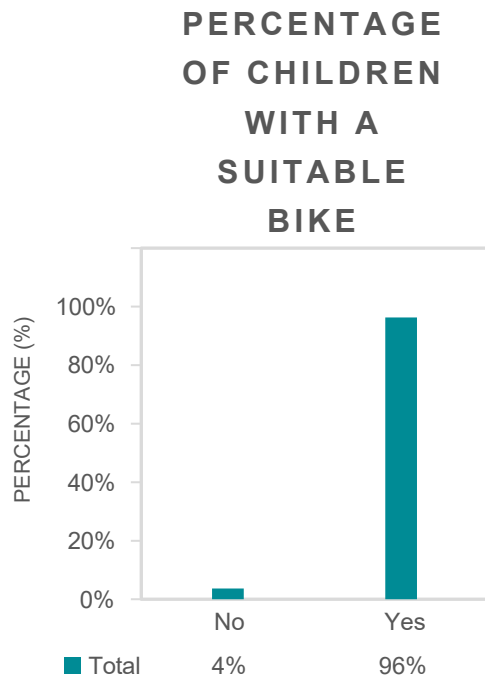


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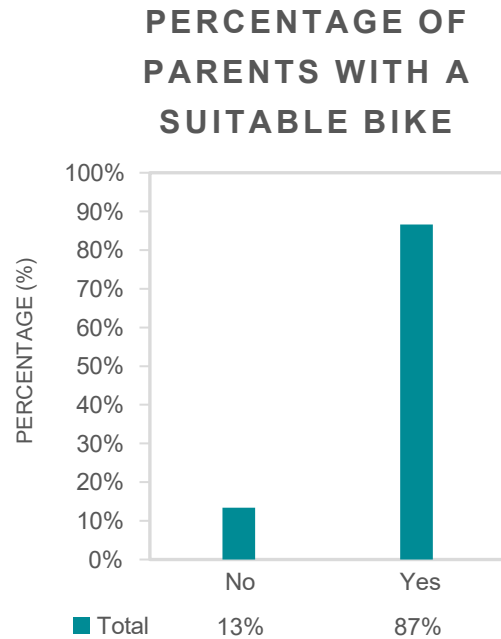
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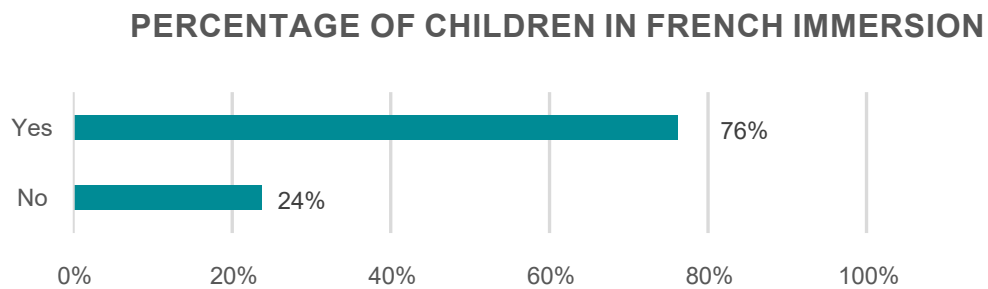
Does your child have a suitable bike?



Does one or both parents have a suitable bike?



Is your child(ren) in French Immersion?

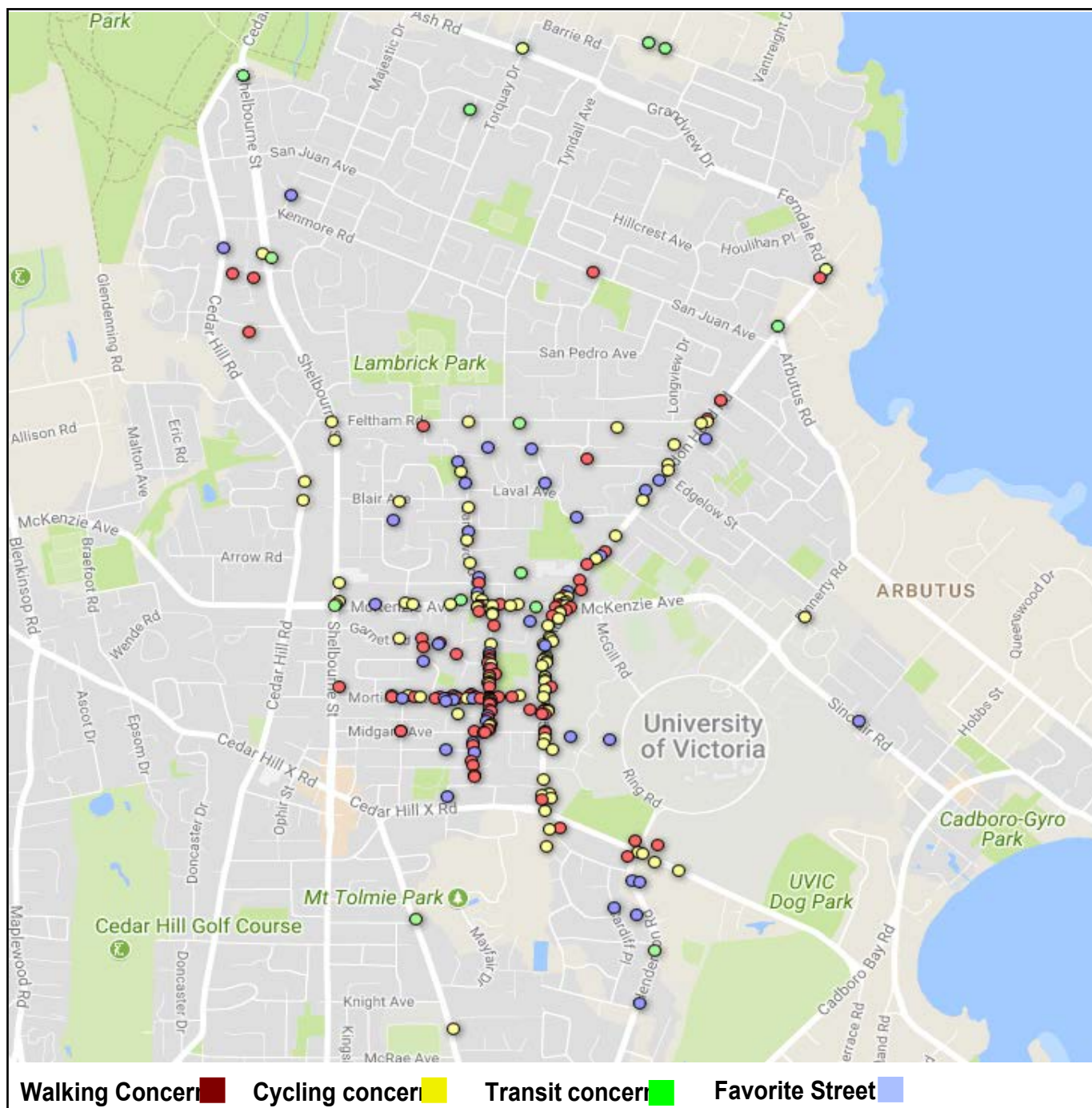


Do you have any further comments on the challenges and opportunities for active travel at your school?

— Analysis of the 59 comments is ongoing —

Respondents were asked to identify any obstacles, barriers, or challenges to walking and biking to school. They identified up to 10 challenges as their top priorities for themselves and their families. Also, they identified which streets they preferred to walk or bike on when travelling to/from school.

**Campus View Elementary Obstacle Map**



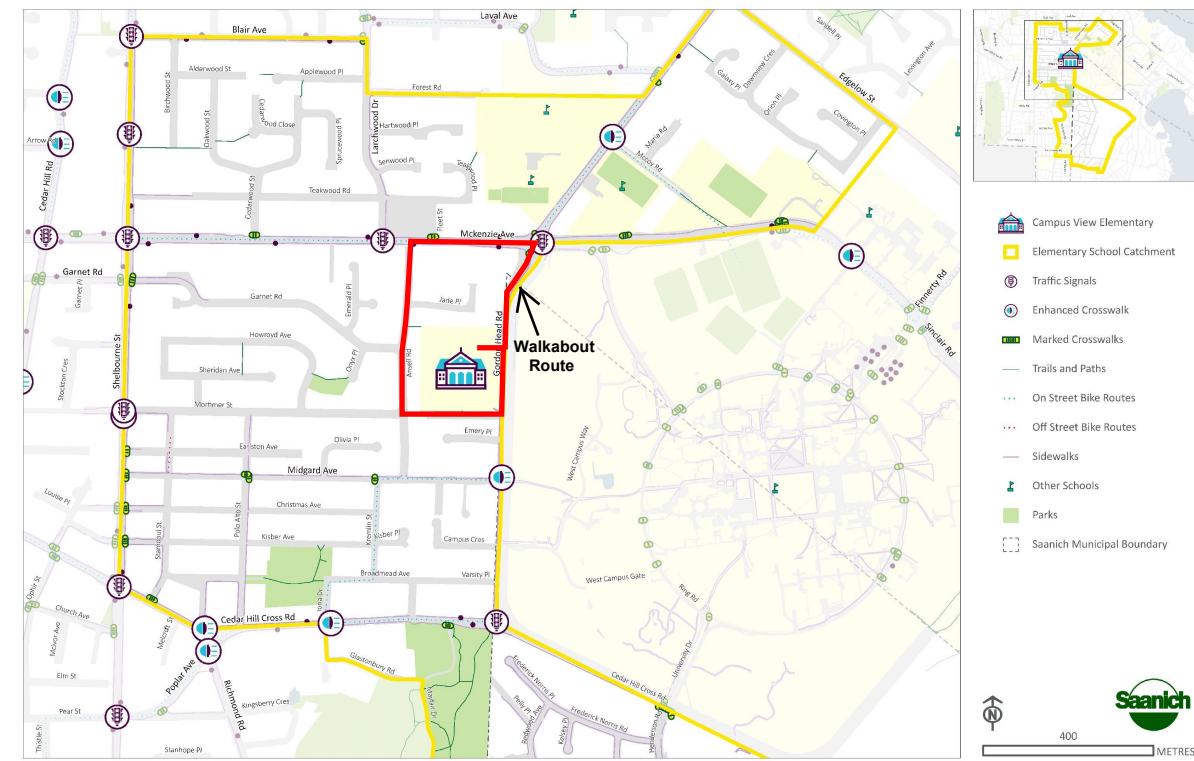
## Active and Safe Routes to School Neighborhood Walkabout

The neighborhood walkabout was used to look at locations of concern that were identified in the on-line survey. The walk was followed by a debrief discussion. Specifically the walkabout involved:

- Identifying active transportation safety concerns on our streets
- Brainstorming strategies with school district and municipal staff, local law enforcement and health professionals

The **Campus View Elementary** Neighborhood Walkabout was held on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7:45-10am.**

### Map of Campus View Elementary Catchment and Walkabout Route



### Attendees:

Sanda Liddell – Saanich Engineering  
David Williams – Saanich Engineering  
Stuart White – Saanich Engineering  
Lisa Halliwell – Island Health  
Lindsay Taylor – BC Transit  
Kate Berniaz – Capital Regional District  
Bryce Devereaux – Capital Regional District  
Barbara Ehling – Parent  
Sheryl Cooper – PHN student  
Janine Konkell – Parent  
Kern Shaw – Parent  
Lynn Cole – Parent  
Anne McKeachie – Parent  
Iain McKeachie - Parent

### **Walkabout Summary of Observations, Concerns, and Potential Solutions**

#### School – Drop-off Area

- Concerns about driver's behaviour:
  - Parking illegally in yellow zone
  - Ignoring the 'no left turn' restrictions
  - Cars backing up to leave drop off area; concerns about child safety (remind parents)
  - Lots of people parked on the sidewalk entrance idling
  - Idling in the drop-off loop
  - A car coming in through entrance/exit when everyone trying to get it
  - Cars blocking the front entrance
- Staff parking area
  - Narrow driveway – staff coming in and drivers going out
  - Not enough parking for staff
- Walking/biking
  - Request for a safe route where you don't have to cross driveways
  - Very uncomfortable to bike through the drop-off area
  - People biking on sidewalk to get to bike racks
  - Request for a more formal walking entrance at the north side of the school entrance
  - Gravel path by bike racks
  - Lack of curb letdowns from Gordon Head Rd in front of entrance to bike parking area
  - Lack of accessibility for pedestrian/cyclist/kids/parent
- Teacher patrol drop-off zone with reflective vest and slow down signs
- Lots of congestion in the drop off area
- Very busy with vehicle student drop off continuing past last bell
- At end of day is very difficult to turn left onto Gordon Head out of the drop off area

- Sightlines are blocked by parked cars
- After school care – parents have to park and sign them out
- Strategy: Enforcement; Behavior/education campaigns to remind parents they should not be getting out of their cars in the drop-off loop

### School South Pathway

*Paved pathway from Ansell Rd along school's southern fence to the school's side entrance.*

- Ansell Rd entrance to path
  - People parking in front of people's property (using it as a drop off or park and walk)
  - No sidewalk/crosswalk
  - Paths blocked off by cattle guards
    - Trailers having difficult access to the path
    - Forcing cyclist out to the middle of the road to work their way through
- Request for maintenance, including cutting back/removing bushes, and clearing snow and salting in the winter (concern about students slipping and falling in previous years)
- Path is narrow and has drainage issues (water pools on walkway as field floods in fall)
- Path is very busy with students, parents and strollers, and UVic students who cycle on it to get to campus
- Concern about the Oak trees by Ansell Rd entrance; dropping leaves and branches and tree cover hanging over the path
  - Request for risk assessment
- Pathways by portables
  - Narrow
  - Challenging for people trying to get to bike parking
  - People are walking in to the mud

### School – Other areas

- 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance – no paved path so only used in summer
- Request for better access to additional bike parking on the other side of the school
- North fence entrance – has stairs and no formal path to the school
- There are five different school entrances
- There are a number of pedestrian paths into school site, but most are not desirable to use during the winter

### Ansell Rd

- Road:
  - Very busy with people driving, walking and cycling and parking
  - Parking on both sides of the street results in a one lane with lots of strollers and kids walking
  - People in cars still stop when not supposed to
  - Resident only parking along the road
  - Concern about speed in school zone. Request for more enforcement.

- Neighbors not happy about parents parking to drop off their children or to park and walk their children to school
- Request for a behaviour campaign to improve drivers behaviour (speed, respect for vulnerable road users)
- Entrance to school pathways:
  - Very popular entrance to the school, both walking, biking and drop off/park and walk
  - Not easy with bike trailer with cattle gates
  - Awkward bike entrance at back of school
  - Currently not a welcoming, visually appealing entrance to the school
  - Used as a drop off zone to avoid the main drop off zone
- Sidewalk
  - Many complaints about lack of sidewalk
  - Request for sidewalk to improve walkability
  - Lack of sidewalks means people are forced to walk in the middle of the road
  - Neighbourhood thought a sidewalk was going to be installed with the underground work that occurred in summer 2017
  - District of Saanich staff: Ansell Road sidewalk (Midgard to MacKenzie) project tentatively scheduled for construction in 2018

#### Mortimer St

- According to District of Saanich staff a new sidewalk on Mortimer (Shelbourne to Ansell) scheduled for construction in 2018
- Concern about gap in the connection between planned sidewalks on Mortimer and Ansell intersection
- Request for crosswalk at Ansell and Mortimer to be incorporated in to the construction project in 2018

#### McKenzie Ave and Larchwood/Ansell connection

- Popular biking route down Larchwood to the school
- Informal path from sidewalk to Ansell on the east side of the intersection
- Awkward for people on bikes with trailers to access this connection; no curb letdown entrance off of MacKenzie
- Project in planning phase to improve the intersection (fully signalized with a bike phase), better pedestrian/bike connection to Ansell (including improving east side connection), upgrade the bus stop and connect two bike facilities (Larchwood and MacKenzie)

#### McKenzie and Gordon Head

- Strong concern voiced about letting children walk or bike through this intersection because of the number of different turning movements and the travel volume
- Parents stated that this intersection was a barrier and they knew parents who were not letting their children walk to school because of this intersection
- Crossing guard's presence is helpful and used
- Concern that new light at Larchwood would back up traffic



- Bike lane ends on Gordon Head Road
- Lack of awareness for cyclists in this area

### Gordon Head Rd

- Concerns with traffic volumes
- Cycling
  - Request for physical barriers on bike lanes along Gordon Head Rd
  - Try to avoid the bottom of the hill on Gordon Head where the hedge limits visibility
  - Concern about parked cars opening doors (some people bike down the middle of the road to avoid them)
  - Congestion means people bike in between parked cars and slowly moving cars
  - Request for additional curb letdown and fence opening and a paved path for bikes and walking from Gordon Head Rd to school entrance
  - Ferndale to Gordon Head – most direct route; Saanich calls it bike friendly route; sharp turns on Gordon Head and then there are sewer grates where people bike
  - Some parents take the lane with bike and then have their child bike beside them
  - Complaint that there was no safe space for cyclists on this road and cars looking for places to park forcing cyclists to swerve between them from McKenzie to Cedar Hill
- Walking
  - Narrow sidewalks on Gordon Head
  - Request for ramp to access sidewalk near school
- Request for another fence opening by playground
- Gordon Head in front of Mt. Doug High School
  - No school zone
  - Crosswalk there – lights are high and not noticeable/visible
- Poor connection between UVic path onto Gordon Head Rd
- No bus service on the south end of Gordon Head (south of McKenzie) so students would have to cross McKenzie/Gordon Head intersection, which is of concern to parents
- Lack of curb letdowns on some of the intersection on Gordon Head Rd are a challenge for people with strollers and wheelchairs

### General

- Walkabout was held on a Wednesday, a day when 100 students arrive at school early to participate in choir, as a result the drop off area is not as chaotic as a regular day
- School's French catchment means that students travel a longer way to attend the school, which makes it more difficult
- Bike routes are intimidating – would like more information on safe bike routes in the area
- Concern raised about Milgard Ave and Kremlin St crosswalk – lack of visibility of the crosswalk because of fading paint and location; doesn't connect sidewalks
- The closure of Fairburn school meant more students moved to Campus View
- Suggestion of having a school bus to alleviate so much vehicle use

- So many schools in the same area results in lots of vehicle traffic at the same time in the morning
- Request for consistent width of sidewalk that is wide enough for people walking
- Is there active travel education?
  - Suggestion to include active travel information in the Kindergarten initiation
  - Important to educate parents about safety
  - Active and Safe Routes to School program can provide newsletter content and some resources to PAC and principals
- Information provided on the District of Saanich Active Transportation Plan and University of Victoria Cycling Plan that is currently underway
- Drive to 5 – program where parents who drive are encouraged to park a 5 minute walk from the school; currently parents at Campus View don't do it because they don't know where they can park because residential parking
- Complaints about the number of streets above McKenzie that have no sidewalks
- There were walking school busses at the school in the spring
- Cycling to school faster than driving – mother who bikes with kids every day (2.5km) says she is always passing cars – suggestion for a poster or challenge showcasing this
- Suggestions: Sidewalks that create better connection, width for more room, better accessibility; Signage improvements; Better design to improve connection
- Promotion of health benefits of walking and cycling