



**Cordova Bay  
Elementary 5238**

**Principal: Kelly Urarii**

Cordova Bay Rd  
Grades: K-5  
Number of students:  
280

## **Survey and Walkabout Summary**

Cordova Bay 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**

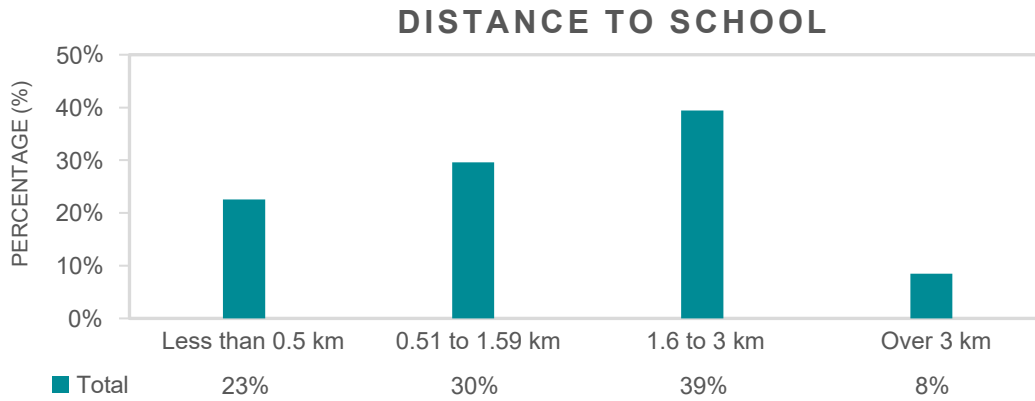
An on-line school travel survey was distributed to parents between October 16-27, 2017. 73 families completed the survey representing 102 children which is approximately 36% of Cordova Bay's school population. The purpose of the survey was to gain information about the schools travel choices. Below is a summary of the results from the completed surveys.

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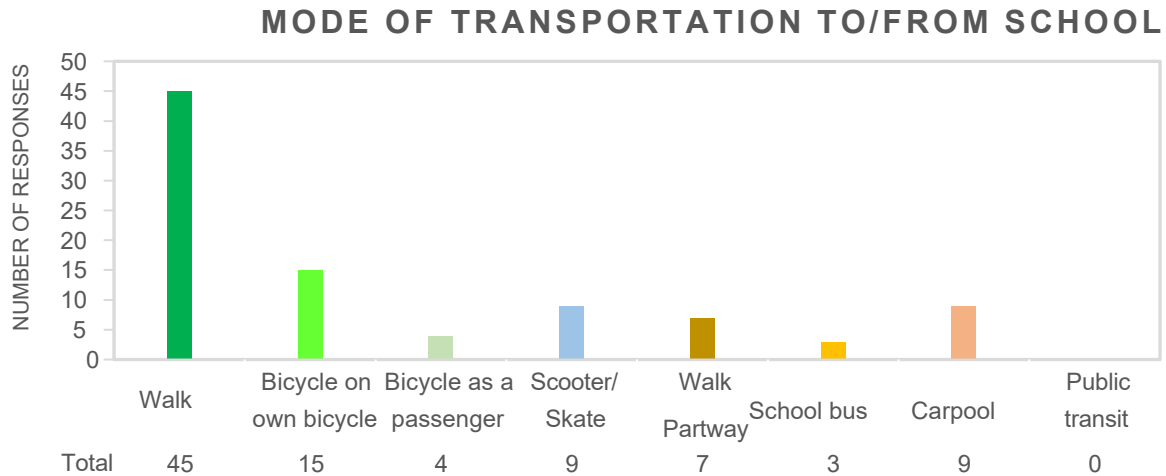
## Distance

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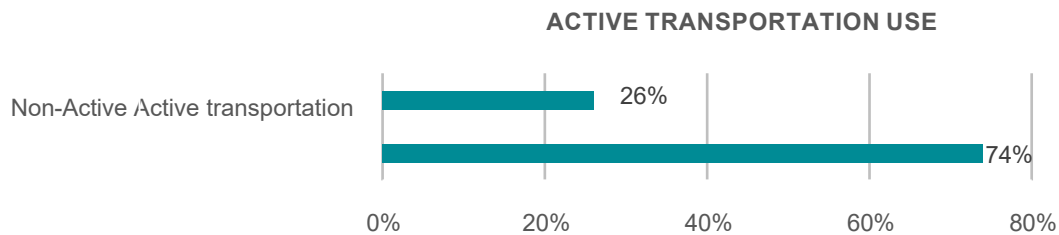
How far away from the school do you live?



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

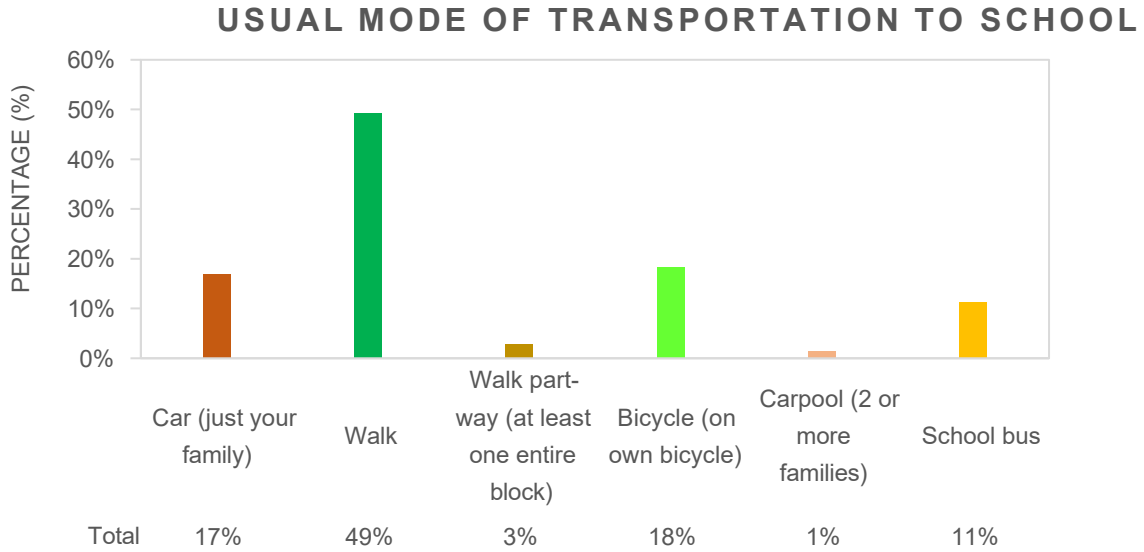


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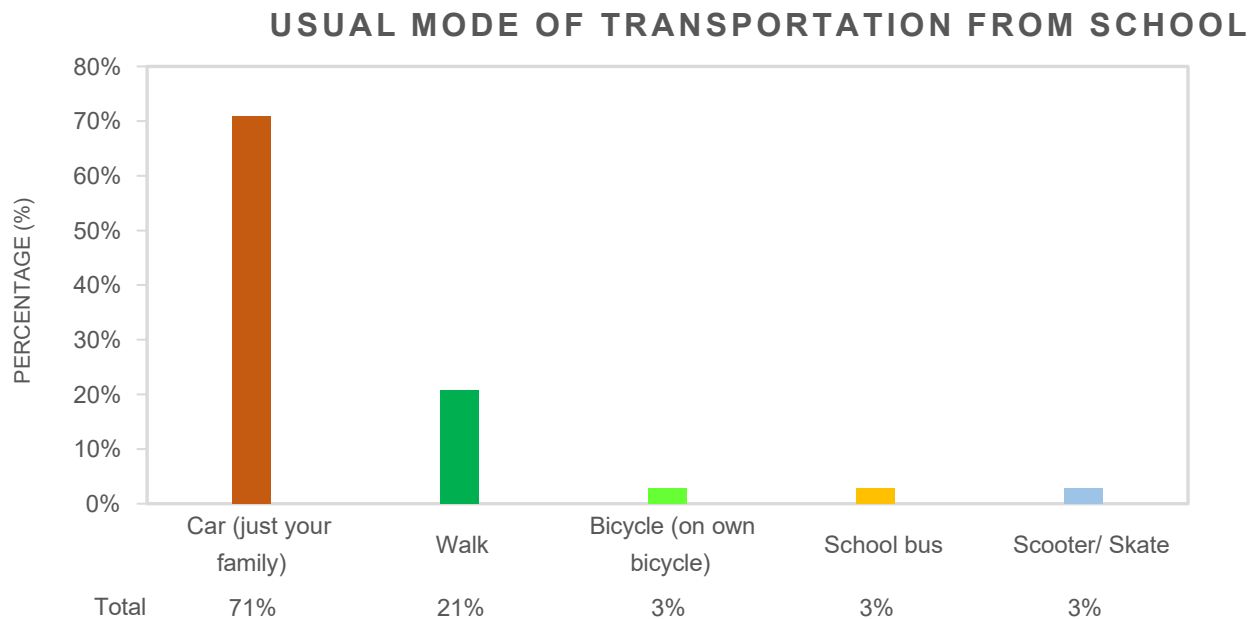
## Mode

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



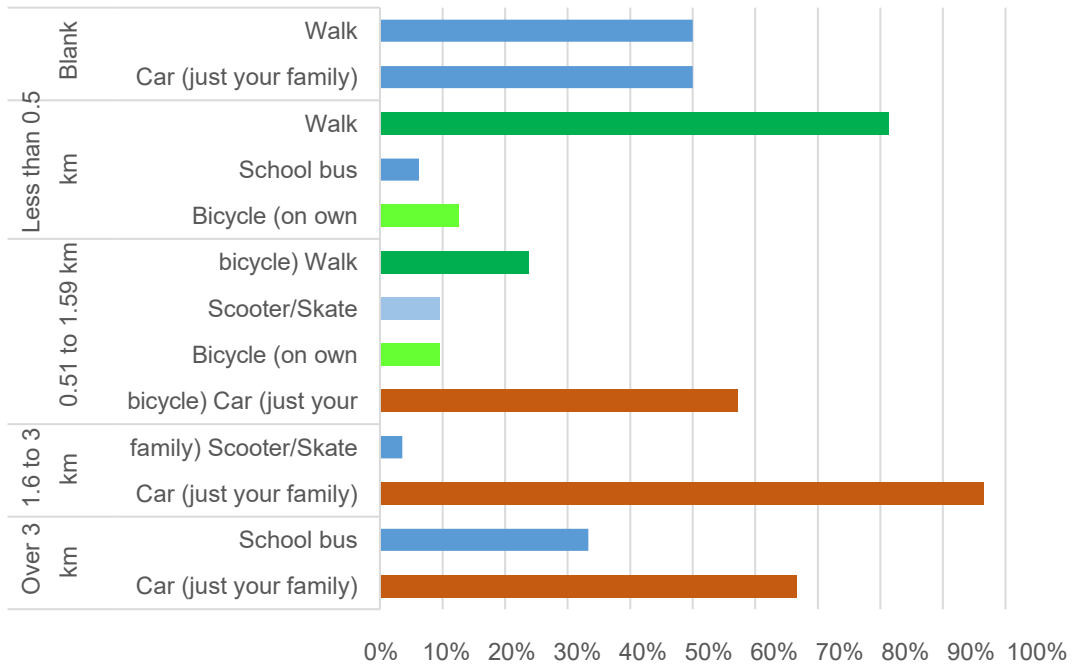
How does your eldest child usually get home from school throughout the year?



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Comparison of travel mode by trip distance:

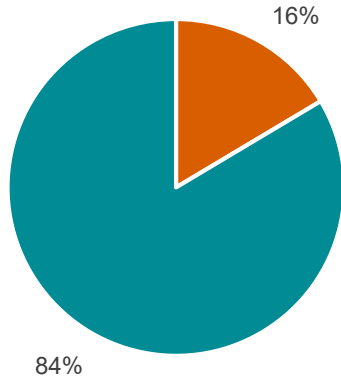
## MODE OF TRANSPORTATION BASED ON DISTANCE



## Travel companion

Is your eldest accompanied to school by an adult?

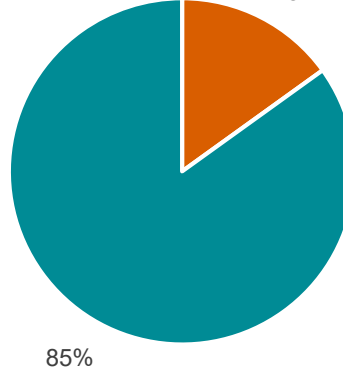
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED TO SCHOOL



■ No ■ Yes

Is your eldest accompanied from school by an adult?

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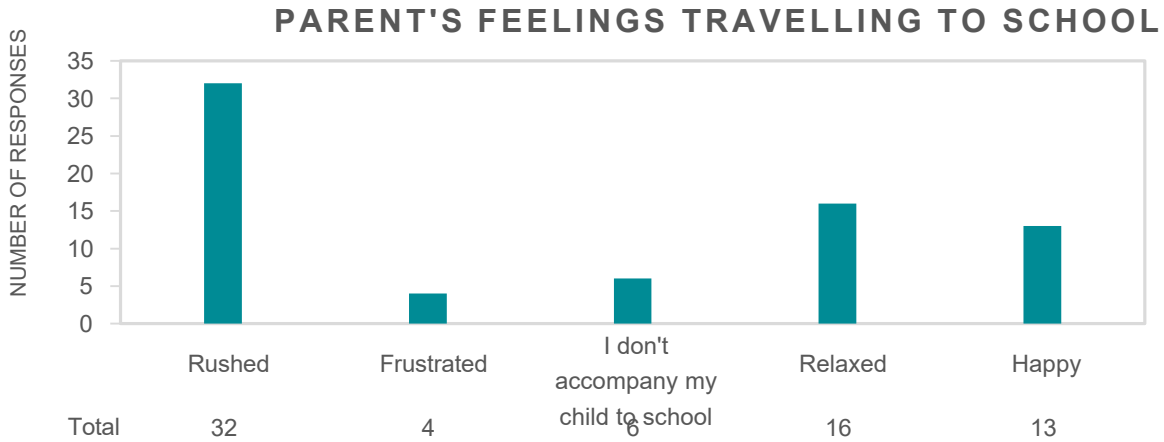
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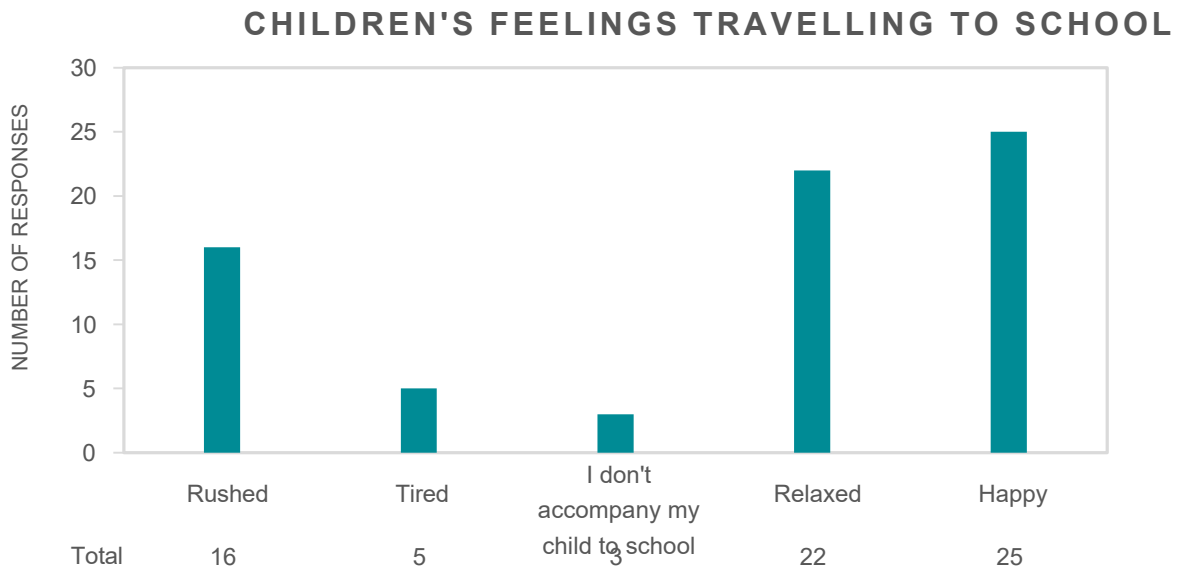
## Feelings

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



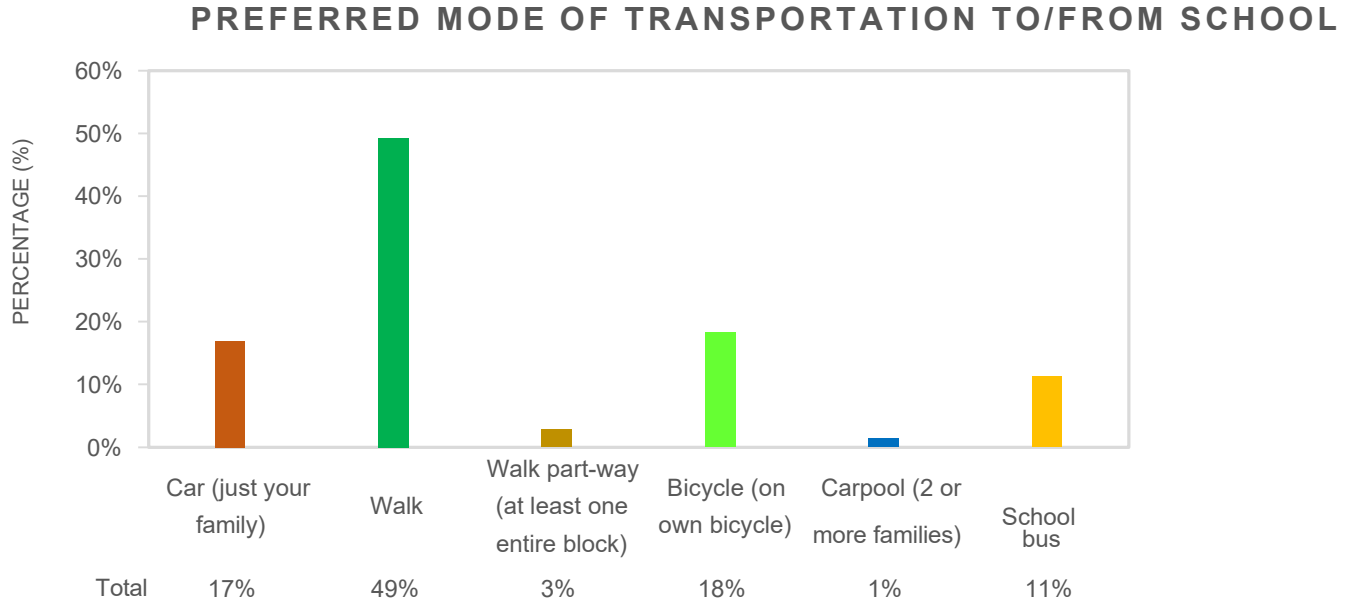
What feeling do you think your eldest child has most of the time when travelling to school?



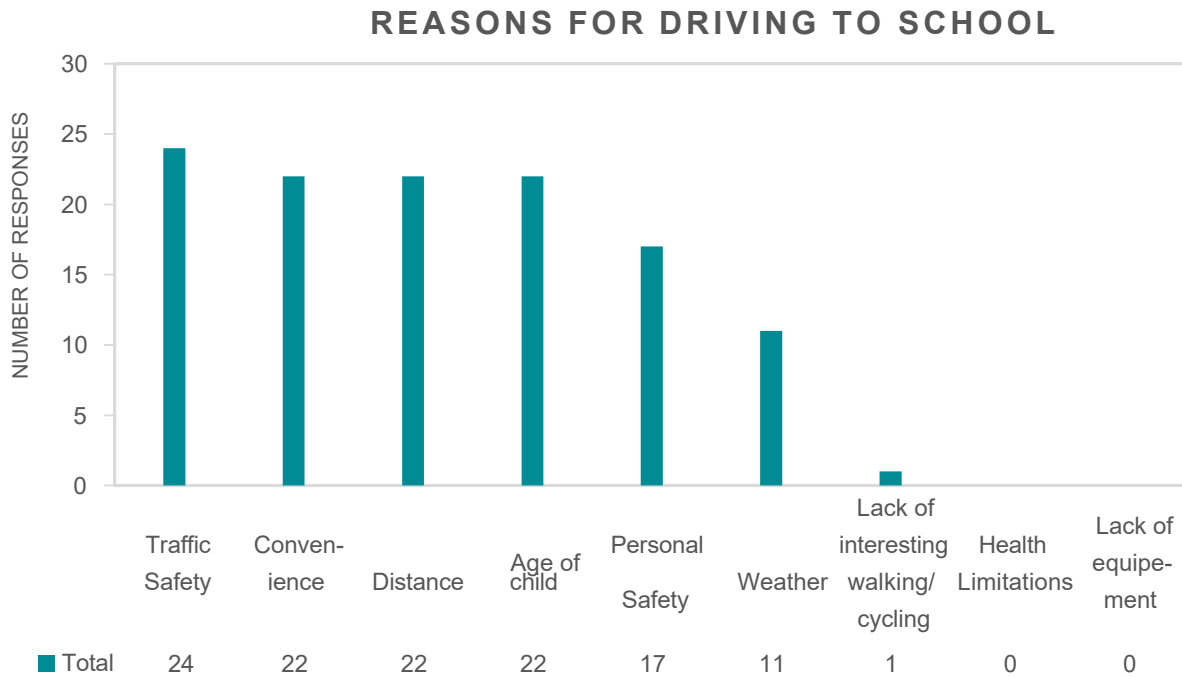
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## Preferred Mode

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)

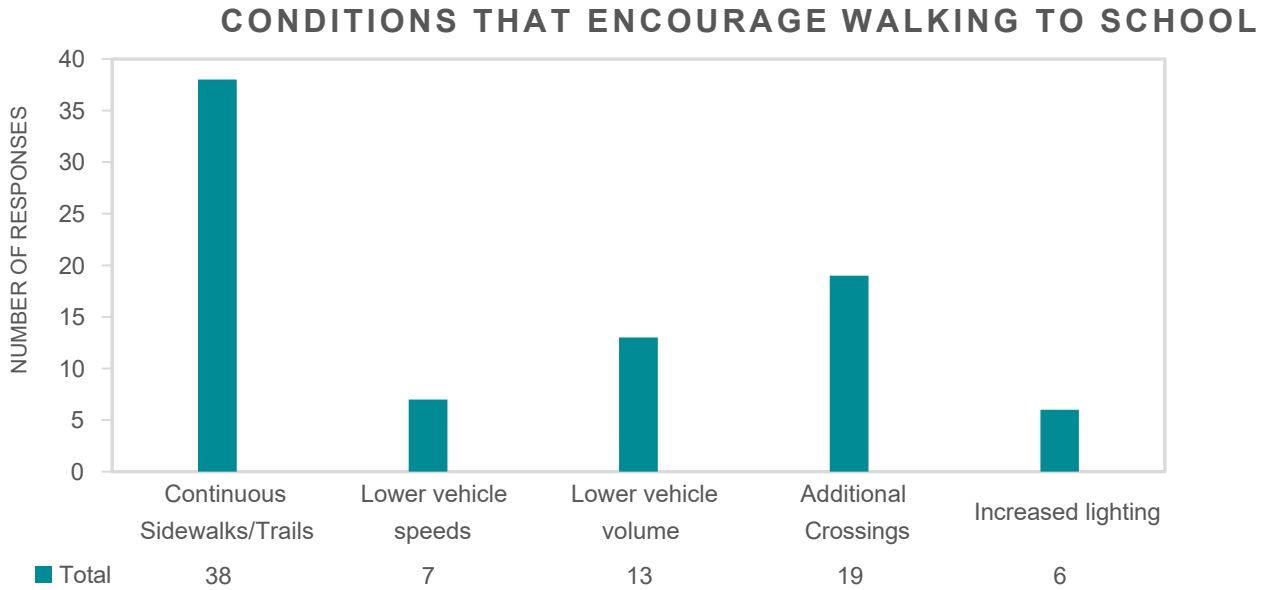


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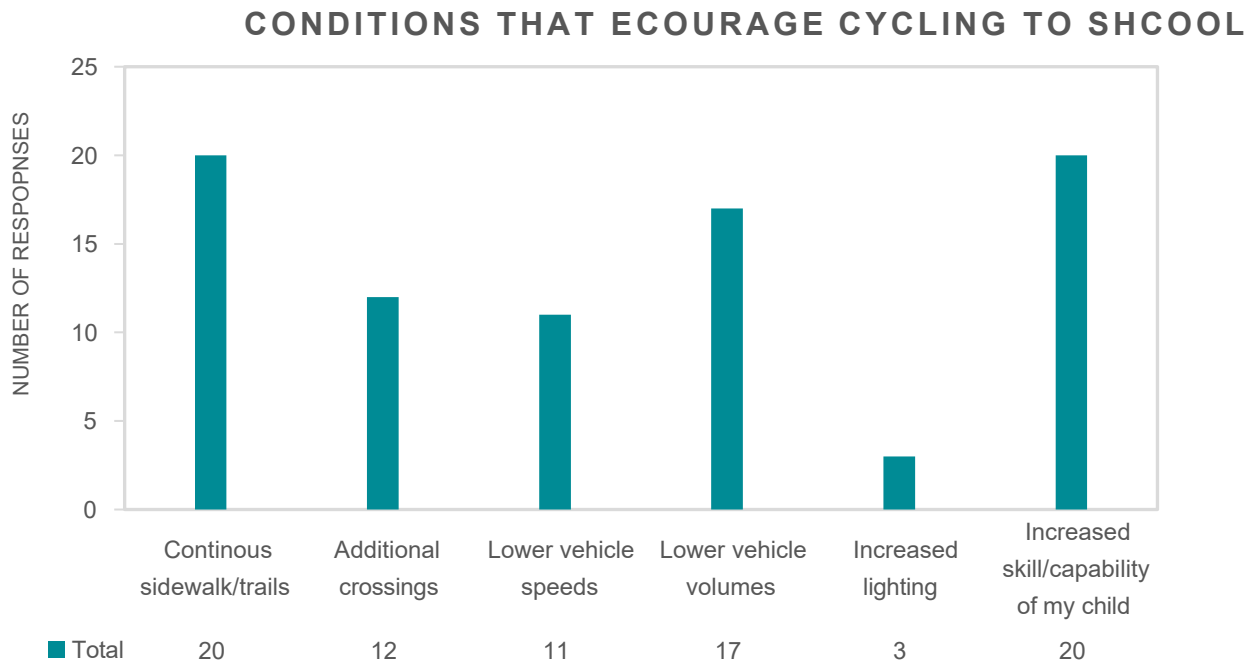
## Preferred Mode

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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)

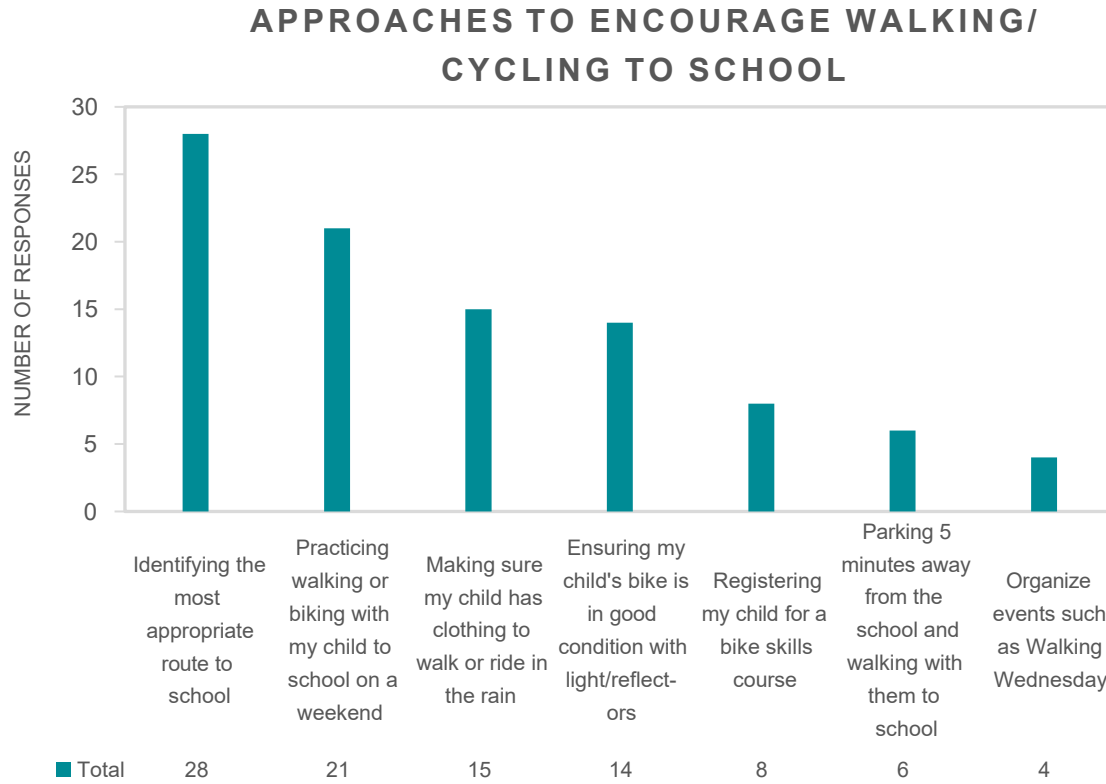


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## Preferred Mode

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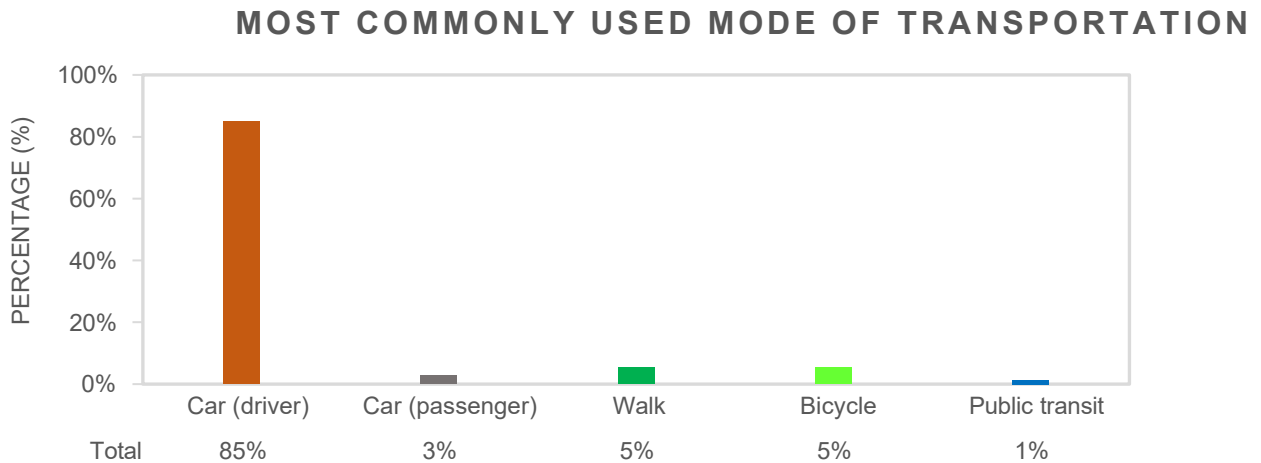
I am willing to encourage my eldest child to walk or bike to/from school by...(Check all that apply)



## Other Destinations

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

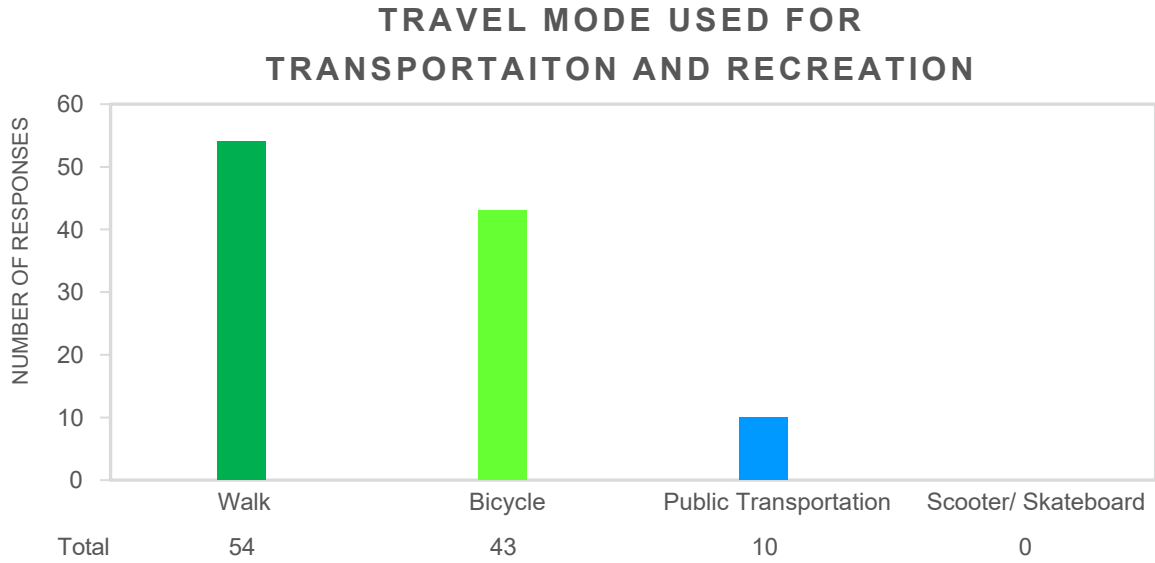




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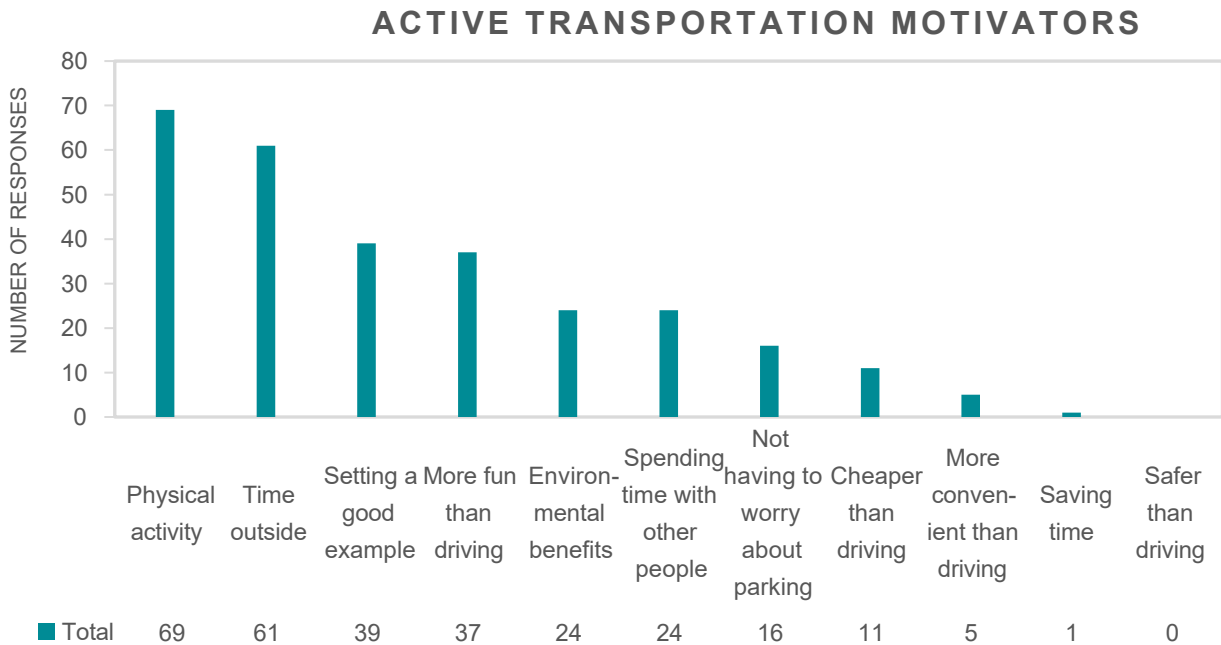
As a parent/caregiver, do you ever travel for transportation or recreation by: (Check all that apply)



## Motivation & Cycling Education

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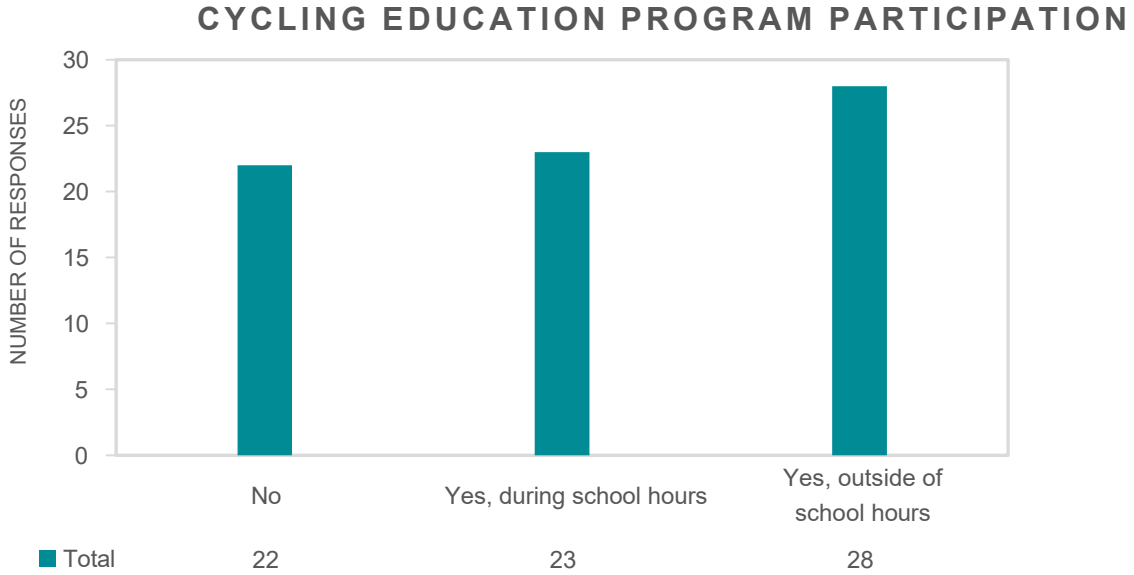
If/when you walk or cycle as a family, what motivates you? (check all that apply)



**Motivation & Cycling Education**

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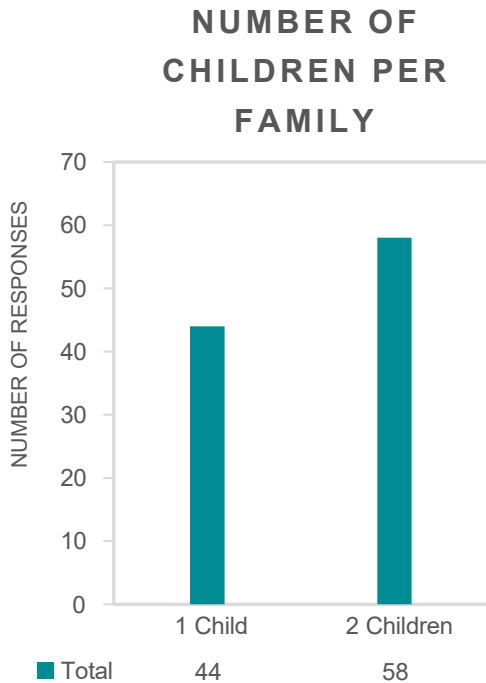
Has your child ever participated in a cycling education program?



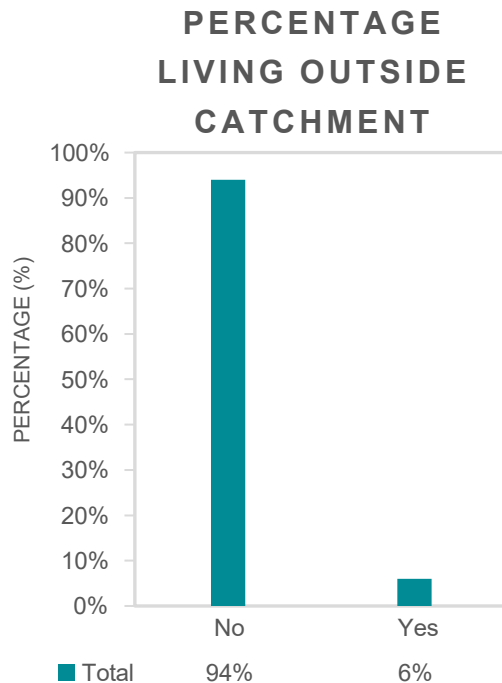
**Final Questions**

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How many of your children attend this school?



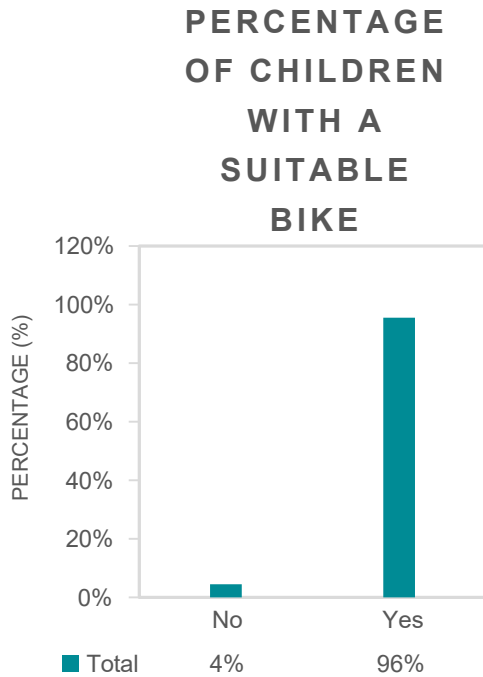
Do you live outside the catchment area?



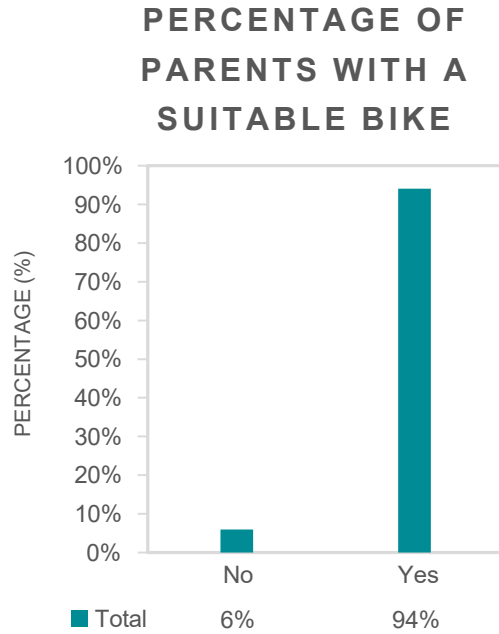
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Does your child have a suitable bike?



Does one or both parents have a suitable bike?



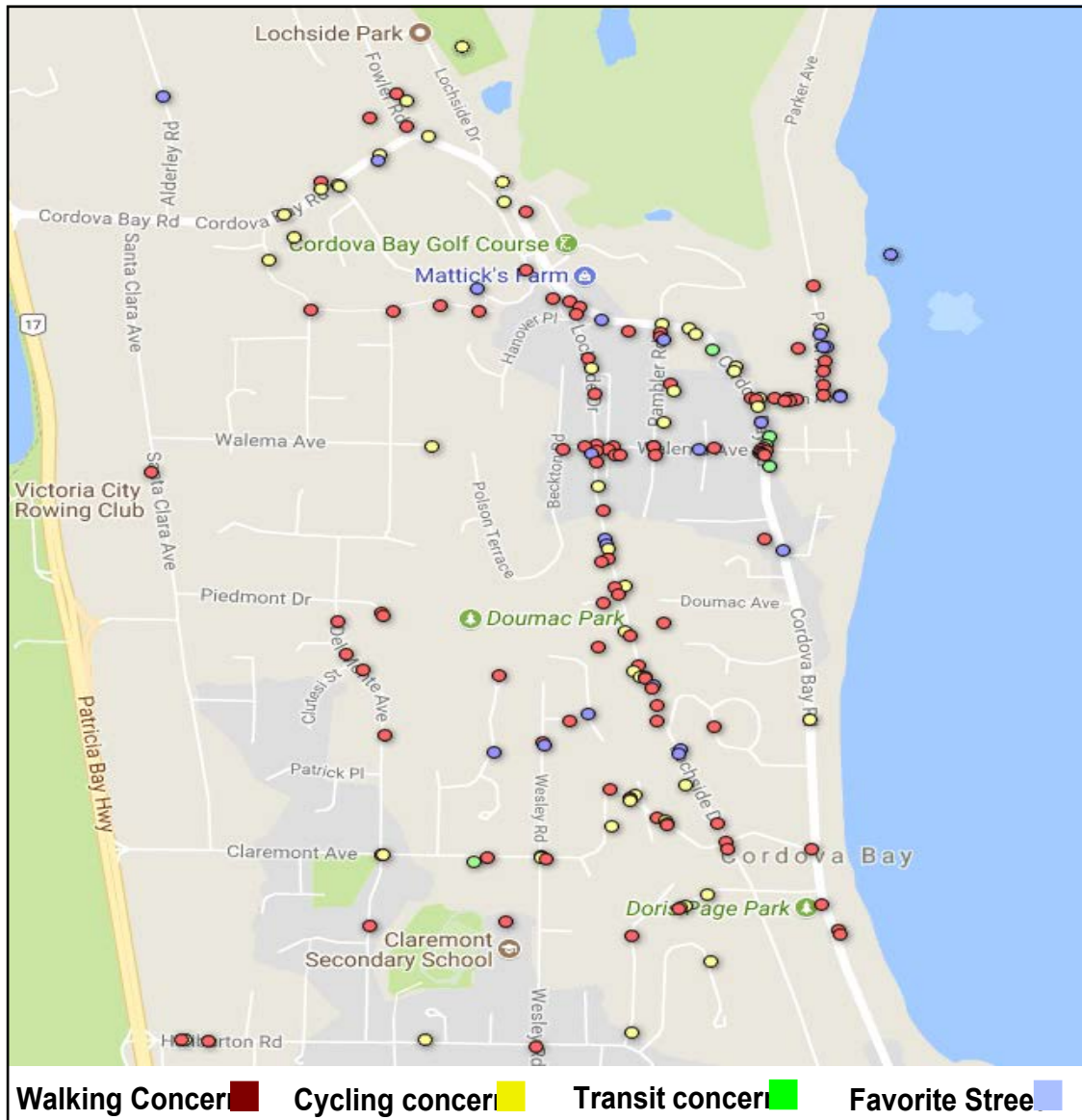
Do you have any further comments on the challenges and opportunities for active travel at your school?

— Analysis of the 37 comments is ongoing —

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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.

## Cordova Bay Elementary Obstacle Map



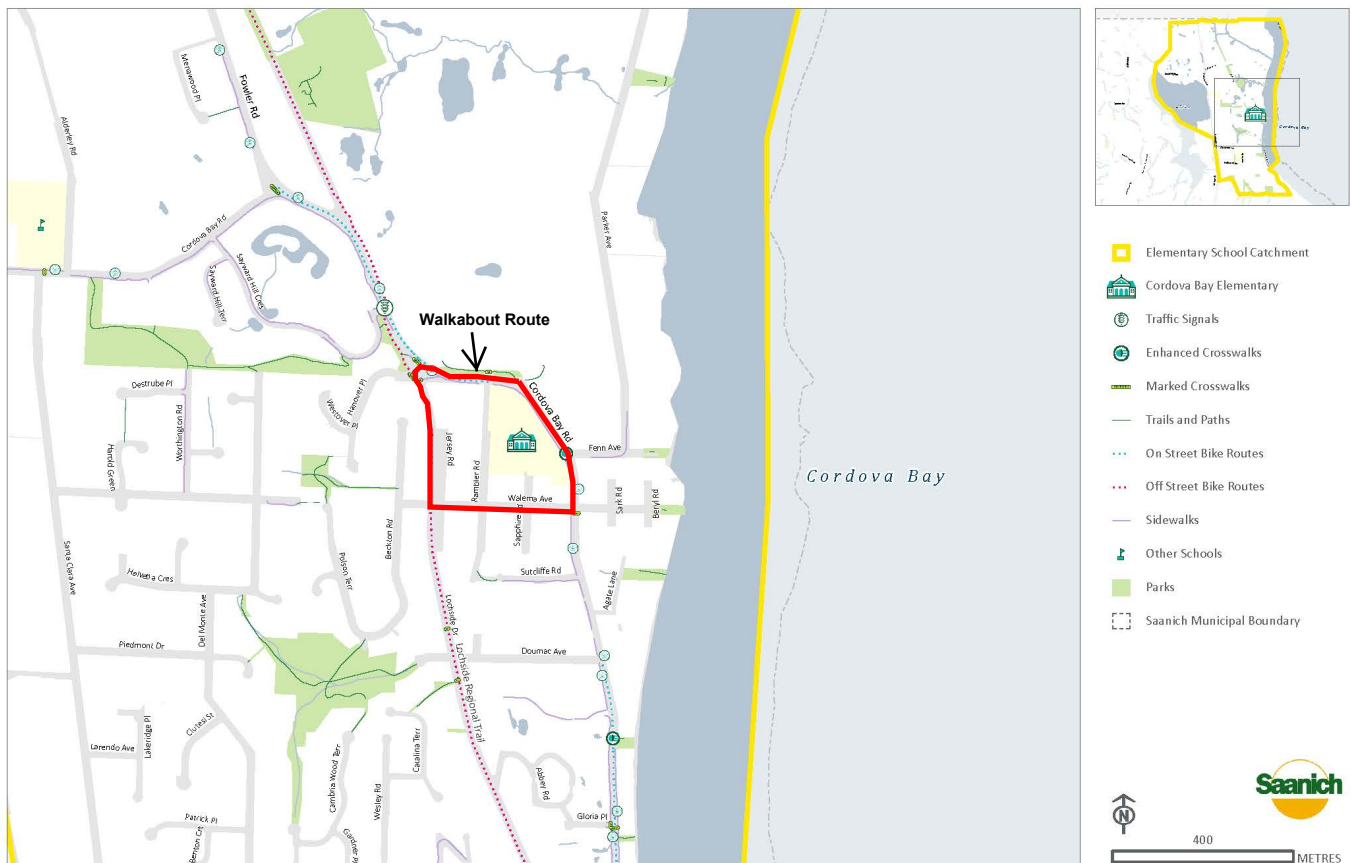
## Active and Safe Routes to School Neighborhood Walkabout

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 **Cordova Bay Elementary** Neighborhood Walkabout was held on **Thursday, November 9 at 7:45-10am.**

### Map of Cordova Bay Elementary Catchment and Walkabout Route



### Attendees:

Kelly Urarii – Principal  
Sanda Liddell – Saanich Engineering  
David Williams – Saanich Engineering  
Stuart White – Saanich Engineering  
Mike Goldsworthy – Saanich Parks  
Lisa Halliwell – Island Health  
Kate Berniaz – Capital Regional District  
Bryce Devereaux – Capital Regional District  
Lisa – Saanich Police  
Candace - Parent  
Trevor McRaynolds - Parent  
Denice Taylor - Parent  
Mark Peaty - Parent  
Chris Brown - Parent  
Payton – Student  
John Hicks – Parent  
Holly Fany - Parent

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

#### Fenn/Parker:

- Fabulous walk with 2 beach accesses and lots of dog walkers
- 90 degree corner where Fenn turns into Parker
  - Crest of the corner makes it difficult to see pedestrians
  - Asphalt shoulder has been installed
  - Concern about drifting corner
  - Current walking area around the corner is lumpy and curbing
- Development – lots of building vehicles travelling on the road and parking
- 117 houses along the road
- 22 kids that go to the school from Parker that drive
- Request for sidewalk installation and upgrade
- District of Saanich has identified Fenn/Parker in the long-term sidewalk network as part of the Active Transportation Plan

#### Cordova Bay:

- Cars are driving at reduced speed
- Would not ride with a trailer
- Curve by the field (30km) but cars speed up
- Request for crosswalk at Mattix Woods Ln (large gap between crosswalks; people are jaywalking at this location)
- Driveways where people come out and can't see because of hedges
- Concern about high vehicle speeds
- Kids are crossing road because of spacing issues between sidewalks
- Lights missing on crosswalks/missing crosswalks
- Narrow road with cars parked along both sides results in poor visibility

- Request to formalize sidewalks on both side of Cordova Bay Rd

#### Walema and Cordova:

- Lower part of Walema has street parking and no sidewalk
- Suggestion to normalize the curb and create a landing area; install bump outs
- Tree at corner
  - Concern about impact on visibility on the corner
  - Kids congregate under tree – school bus stop
  - Suggestion to remove the tree or limb up the branches
- Comment that asphalt curbs are effective (ie – Rambler + Cordova Bay)
- Concern that there is low visibility and it is a difficult to see people crossing
- Important crossing because the whole school crosses here to reach the beach access and go on school walks

#### Walema/Rambler:

- Gravel trail is behind the stop sign
- Concern about cars not stopping at the stop sign
- Allowing vehicle parking on Walema reduces the visibility of kids walking
- Stretch of Rambler between the intersection and school is nice
- Comment that the school has asked for a marked crosswalk at this location
- Gravel sidewalk was part of 2005 Lochside safe route program
- Gravel sidewalks used as parking, washed out sidewalks

#### Rambler:

- Lots of neighbor complaints about people parking on their boulevards
- There is a fence entrance at corner of the school
- Opportunity to let parents know where is the entrance

#### Lochside

- Part of the Lochside Regional Trail
- 2005 upgrades to the road included traffic calming and gravel trails
- Trail connects Lochside Dr to Jersey Rd, which the kids use on the route to school
- Drainage issues along the road
- Trails need maintenance + parking restriction because even if the trails were restored people would be parking on them
- One parent won't let their kids walk alone on the road because there is no separation between vehicles traffic and pedestrians
- Comment that traffic volume seems to have increased, but that may just be at peak times
- Road very narrow, no sidewalks, and is heavily used as a transportation route

#### Walema Ave/Lochside:

- Concern about vehicles not coming to a complete stop at the 4-way stop

#### Jersey Road:

- Used by most kids, no infrastructure or sidewalks to connect with Walema Ave

- Crossing at Jersey and Walema is very close to Lochside/Walema intersection

#### Rambler and Cordova Bay:

- Question about where the school zone; request for more information on school sign locations
- Request for flashing lights on the school zone sign
- Suggestion to define school zone more; hard to see where the school zone ends
- Request for flashing speed sign – comment that reader board seems to be effective and temporary signs are effective around the high school
- Comment that Saanich school busses are driving too fast, especially at end of day
- Request for marked crosswalk (with crossing lights) to the Mattick's Wood and trail

#### School

- Drop-off area
  - No pedestrian designated area when entered off the sidewalk north of the school
  - People are parking in unusual places on the boulevard and sidewalk
  - 55+ centre has a lot of patrons who drive and require parking, which causes particular challenges if programming at the centre starts at the same time as school begins
- At back of the school there are no barriers so cars are parking right to the fence and there is no safe path for children to walk to the school. Suggestion of adding wheel stops
- Suggestion to look at the different school accesses to give children routes off the roads
- Suggestion to stagger the drop off for primary and intermediate so that only half of the school is arriving at the same time

#### General:

- Sayward crossing mini-golf
  - Walk way up from mini-golf on the top of the hill has a sandy walkway that is good but the gravel one is not good
- People are parking on sidewalk on Claremont
- Access from up the hill – dark woods
- Claremont is awful but best option a route to school
- Catolina stairs are pretty good
- School supervision ends at 3pm; starts at 8:25am
- Question regarding how the crossing guards program works
- Rambler/Cordova – Kids directed off sidewalk straight onto the road (poor design)
- Trail maintenance, Lochside, Rambler
- Suggestion to coordinate a walking school bus or shuttle bus
  - Previously there was a walking school bus one day a month that left from TruValue when it was around; unknown whether it was organized by the school or by parents
- Badminton Club – pathway proposed with development
  - Extend through Rambler to Dumak to connect the trail through
- Planning – as part of the LAP process



- we expect a special working group to be created to talk specifically about Cordova Bay Rd including beach access and connections
- Lack of cycling infrastructure for all ages and abilities are a barrier to active travel to and from school
- Bike lanes are needed, especially in front of the school
- Catchment- up the hill – lots of people but only a few accesses down the hill
- Access to the highway – no left turns on to highway so people are coming
- Request for dedicated pedestrian and cycling facilities on Haliburton