

Clean Air & Safe Routes 4 Schools

A School Travel Plan

South Kelowna Elementary School



South Kelowna Elementary **Clean Air & Safe Routes 4 Schools—a School Travel Plan** is delivered in partnership with the City of Kelowna, Regional District of Central Okanagan, School District 23, Interior Health, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The Regional Air Quality Coordinator compiled this Plan.

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Project Overview

Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 Schools in the Central Okanagan

In 2019, the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO), in coordination with the City of Kelowna, started the implementation of the Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 Schools program at South Kelowna Elementary School. The Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 Schools program uses the "School Travel Plan (STP)" Toolkit created by Green Communities Canada in combination with the "Cleaner Air 4 Schools" toolkit developed by the City of London, England.

The development of the School Travel Plan and the implementation of school programming have been shown to reduce vehicle traffic and increase the number of students using active transportation. School Travel Planning involves collaborative work with multiple stakeholders to produce a plan that addresses safety concerns and necessary infrastructure improvements specific to each school. The STP objectives were expanded to include tools to identify areas of poor air quality around the school, promote student understanding of the causes and impacts of air pollution, and provide ideas for engaging staff, students and parents in improving air quality. The Regional Air Quality Coordinator facilitated the Plan's development and coordinated the Municipal Committee. This committee was comprised of numerous stakeholders who assisted in planning, including other City of Kelowna departments, Interior Health, RCMP, and School District 23. A school committee was also formed with school representatives and parents. By engaging various partners, the program created a greater sense of community, added broader implications for schools and neighbourhoods in adopting active transportation habits and improved air quality.

The School Travel Planning program involved baseline research through classroom and family surveys, observations and traffic count to establish the number of students currently using active transportation for school travel and to identify the real and perceived barriers that prevent students and parents from using active transportation. The Committees were involved in a school walkabout that identified areas of concern. This information was used to develop education and community mobilization programs within the school described in the Action Plan of this document.

After five years, several infrastructure improvements have been made around the school. The follow-up survey results 2024 show an overall increase of 7% in car trips to and from school; fewer kids walk, bike, or roll to and from school. The school is encouraged to continue implementing the action plan and recommended actions outlined in this document.

Background

The School Travel Plan

The School Travel Plan (STP) was developed with guidance from HASTE (Hub for Action on School Transportation Emissions) and the Provincial Coordinators for the School Travel Planning program. The Green Communities Canada toolkit has been developed and fine-tuned based on pilot programs across Canada over several years. A School Travel Plan is a living document belonging to the school. It should be revisited regularly to update the Action Plan items' status and incorporate future evaluation findings. It is part of a complete School Travel Planning process, shown in Figure 1, successfully developed and implemented across Canada since 2007.

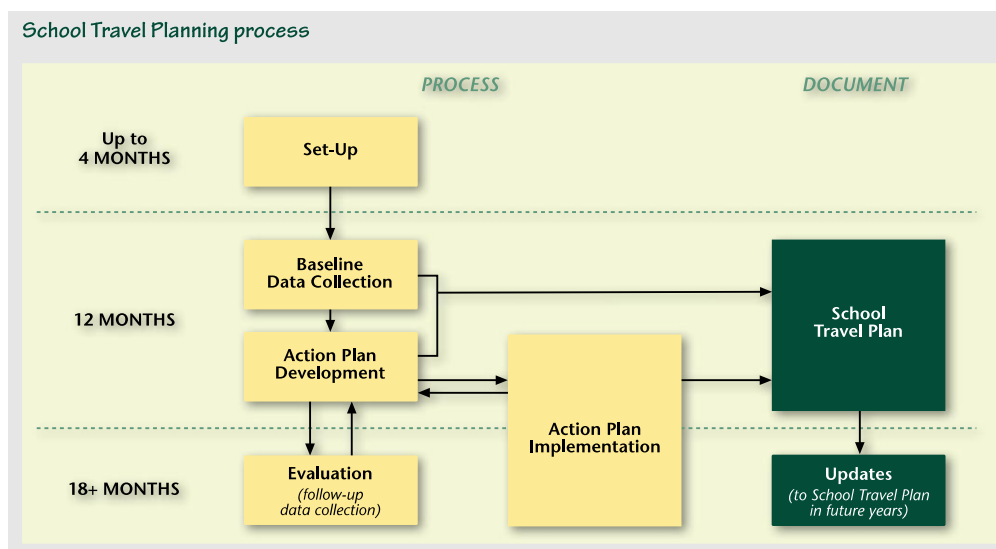


Figure 1. School Travel Planning Process

The National *Children's Health, Mobility and Happiness: A Canadian School Travel Planning Model* project completed in 2012 used Active and Safe Routes to School programming combined with Transportation Demand Management principles to encourage active and sustainable school travel modes for students, families and staff. The project was designed to address barriers to active travel caused by attitudes and car-dominated design in school neighbourhoods to reduce the health risks to children. Even before many Action Plan items had been fully implemented, by March 2012, some provinces saw a shift towards active travel of up to 6 percent and some individual schools saw a change of over 20 percent.

Safe Routes to School programs are focused on making it safer for more children to walk and bike to school, which helps increase their physical activity levels. Children and youth aged 5 to 17 should get at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. Currently, only 37.6% of this target group meets the recommendation.¹

Recent research states there has been a dramatic increase in unhealthy weight in children over the past four decades. In 1978, 15% were at an unhealthy weight; in 2007, Statistics Canada found that 29% of adolescents had an unhealthy weight.²

¹ [Children and physical activity - Canada.ca](http://Childrenandphysicalactivity-Canada.ca)

² [Healthy Families BC](http://HealthyFamiliesBC)

- Most adolescents have trouble outgrowing this problem; many continue to gain weight.
- Children and youth spend almost eight hours a day in front of screens, and 63% of their free time, after school and on weekends, is spent on sedentary activities.
- If current trends continue, by 2040, up to 70% of adults aged 40 years will be either overweight or obese.

There are many benefits to walking or cycling to school:

- Health- Active transportation contributes to children's physical activity participation and improves overall health.
- Social- Time spent walking to school allows students to interact with their parents, siblings or peers.
- Environment: Active trips are environmentally friendly and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Economic - Walking or cycling to school saves money on gas.
- Education- Physical activity before the school day helps to prepare students for learning by increasing concentration and reducing stress. Students arrive at school awake and alert.



Figure 2. Brain scans of students taking test

A recent Study³ analyzed the effects of physical activity on brain health. Figure 2 shows two brain images taken from the top of the head representing the average amount of students' neural activity during a test following sitting and walking for 20 minutes. Blue represents lower neural activity, while red denotes higher brain activity in each region. After 20 minutes at a moderate walking pace, children responded to test questions (in the content areas of reading, spelling, and arithmetic) with greater accuracy. Also, following physical activity, children completed learning tasks faster and more accurately and were likelier to read above their grade level.

Resources

- School Travel Planning (STP) is presented by a coalition of organizations across Canada working together to enable more children to walk and cycle to school. Green Communities' Canada Walks makes coordination of efforts and knowledge transfer between and among these organizations possible. This national website provides a wealth of resources with links to international and provincial/territorial organizations and their curriculum, as well as to campaigns that can benefit and complement a school's efforts for health promotion and environmental awareness:
- Toolkit resources and flexible templates are available to use in every phase of the STP process. Find the Toolkit at [School Travel Planning Toolkit](#)
- Cleaner Air 4 Primary Schools Toolkit was developed by the London Sustainability Exchange (LSx). This organization works to support London to become a sustainable city. It provides businesses, governments, communities and people with the motivation, knowledge and connections they need to implement sustainability.
 - The Toolkit can be found at: https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ca4s_toolkit.pdf

Central Okanagan used a combination of both toolkits to implement [The Clean Air & Safe Routes 4 Schools program](#) at South Kelowna Elementary School in the City of Kelowna.

³ [Active Living Research](#)

Introduction

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO), in coordination with the City of Kelowna, invited South Kelowna Elementary School to participate in the Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 Schools program to increase participation in active transportation, reduce the number of motorized vehicles used for travel to and from school and reduce emissions around and from school buildings.

South Kelowna Elementary School was invited to participate and signed the School Agreement on **November 22, 2018**. The facilitator and the air quality coordinator delivered a presentation to the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and administrative personnel to explain the scope of the project and their role in the process on November 20. An introductory document for parents and the Terms of Reference of the school committee were sent for their review.

Municipality representatives were invited to participate, and a package with an introductory document on the school travel planning and the terms of reference for the municipal stakeholder committee was provided. All members signed a statement of support, included in Appendix 1 of this document.

The school and municipal committees were established, and a general project timeline was presented to both committees for their approval.

City staff prepared maps for the Family surveys and the Walkabout route. City personnel also used traffic count data collected near South Kelowna Elementary and analyzed the family baseline surveys. The municipal and school committee members actively participated in the process. They provided feedback on the draft maps and surveys, discussed the walkabout findings and analyzed the graphs and baseline data to develop and implement programs to target specific behaviours and barriers included in the Action Plan.

The following sections include the results of all the baseline and follow-up information gathered.

School Profile

South Kelowna's principal provided the school profile on November 23, 2018, which contained general information on the main concerns and issues.

Table 1. South Kelowna's Profile

| Profile | Description |
|--|--|
| School Name | South Kelowna Elementary School |
| School Type, e.g. public, separate, private | Public School |
| Age of School / Year Opened | Original -1924 and 1952 Addition 1996 |
| Name of School Board | School District #23 Central Okanagan Public Schools |
| Number of Students | 243 |
| Number of Families | 163 |
| Grades, e.g. K-6, K-8 | K-6 |
| School Bell Times | AM 8:25, lunch from 11:00 to 11:58 Recces: 1:25-1:40 PM- 2:30 |
| Number of Parking Spaces, staff/visitor | Approximately 40 (this includes 2 disabilities) |
| Description of Location, e.g. District centre/suburban/rural | Kelowna |
| Is the school in a Neighbourhood Watch or Block Parent Community? | Block Watch Program through Facebook- South East Kelowna |
| % Bussed Students | 33% |
| Socio-Economic Description of Families | Mixed |
| Any local programs e.g. French immersion, fine arts, special needs, before and after-school day care etc. | City of Kelowna After School Programs facilitated by Kathy Sawchuk- 250-863-1136 |
| High-Level Description of Any Major School Travel Problems e.g. catchment size, driver behavior, on local or connector road, traffic speed, heavy trucks, bussing wait times | Traffic speed Distracted drivers Drivers making U-turns and double parking Trucks do speed in school zone |

| Profile | Description |
|--|--|
| Existing Facilities at School Site, e.g. bike rack/storage, kiss' n ride, school bus drop-off zone, adult or student crossing guards, public transit bus stops serving school, transport arrangements to after school programs | Bike Rack School Bus -2 stop in the bus loop to drop off and pick up kids School bus loop (parents drop off and pick up here) |
| Existing Safety Policy & Education, e.g. school safety policy and rules, current safety education programs | No students allowed at the front of the school except upon drop off and end of day pick up Sidewalks and walkways are to be utilized Helmets must be worn, no riding on school property Staff wear hi-vis vests when on supervision |
| Programs at this school that have goals similar to STP, e.g. environmental, physical activity, mental health | Health education- as per ministry curriculum. Bike rodeos (every 2 years) Safe routes for students |
| Types of school/parent committee communications used/available (i.e. newsletter, website, Facebook page) | School Website Newsletter Email list PAC Facebook Page |
| Other Information | |

Catchment

In 2019, there were 243 students in grades K to 6. In 2023-2024, there are 269 students. The catchment area is shown in Figure 3.

 South Kelowna Elementary Catchment

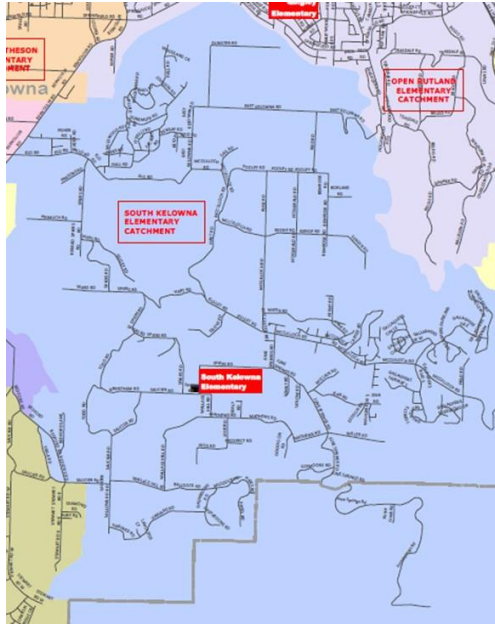


Figure 3. South Kelowna Elementary Catchment Area

GIS Analysis - Distance to School

Via the postal codes of all students attending South Kelowna Elementary School, general information was obtained to support some strategies and actions within the school. A GIS analysis using ArcInfo was completed to calculate the distance home-to-school for all students. The following are the results:

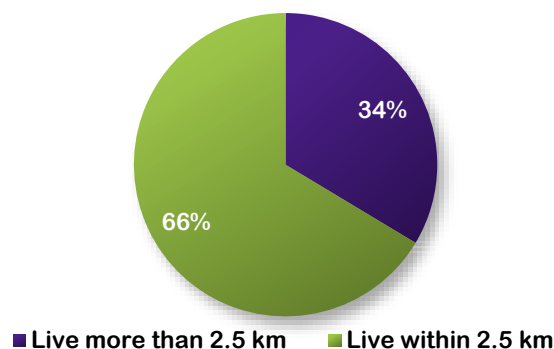


Figure 4. Distance to School

- 66% of current students live within 2.5 km from the school
- 34% of students require a longer walk/bike ride to reach school as they live more than 2.5 km away

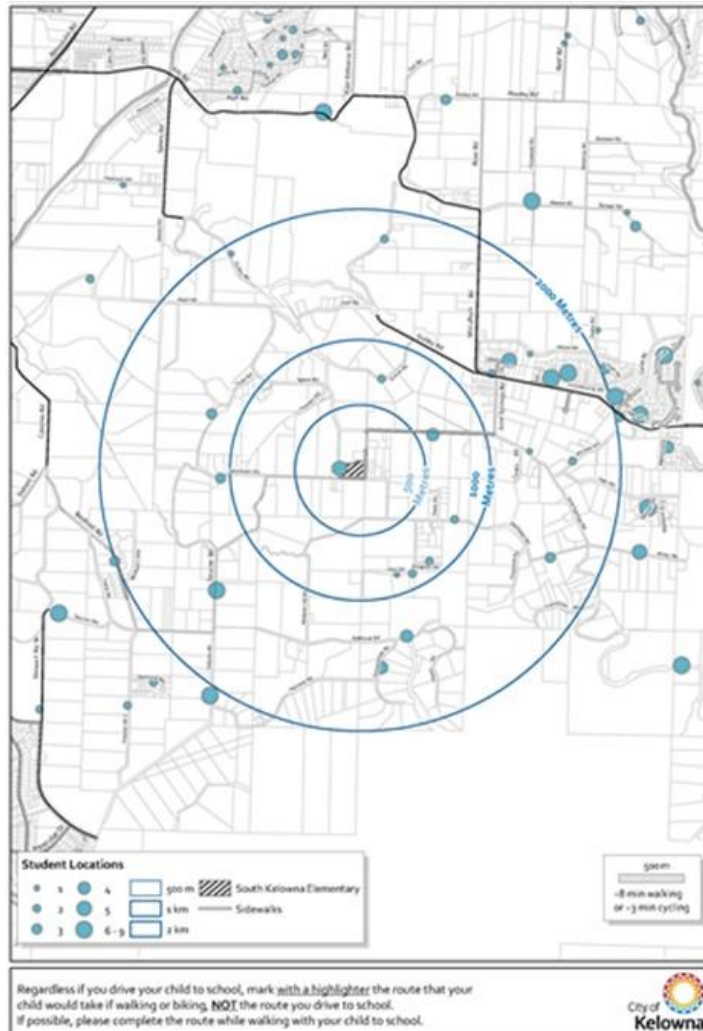


Figure 5. Students within catchment area by postal codes

- 44% of the students live within 2 km or



32 min walking

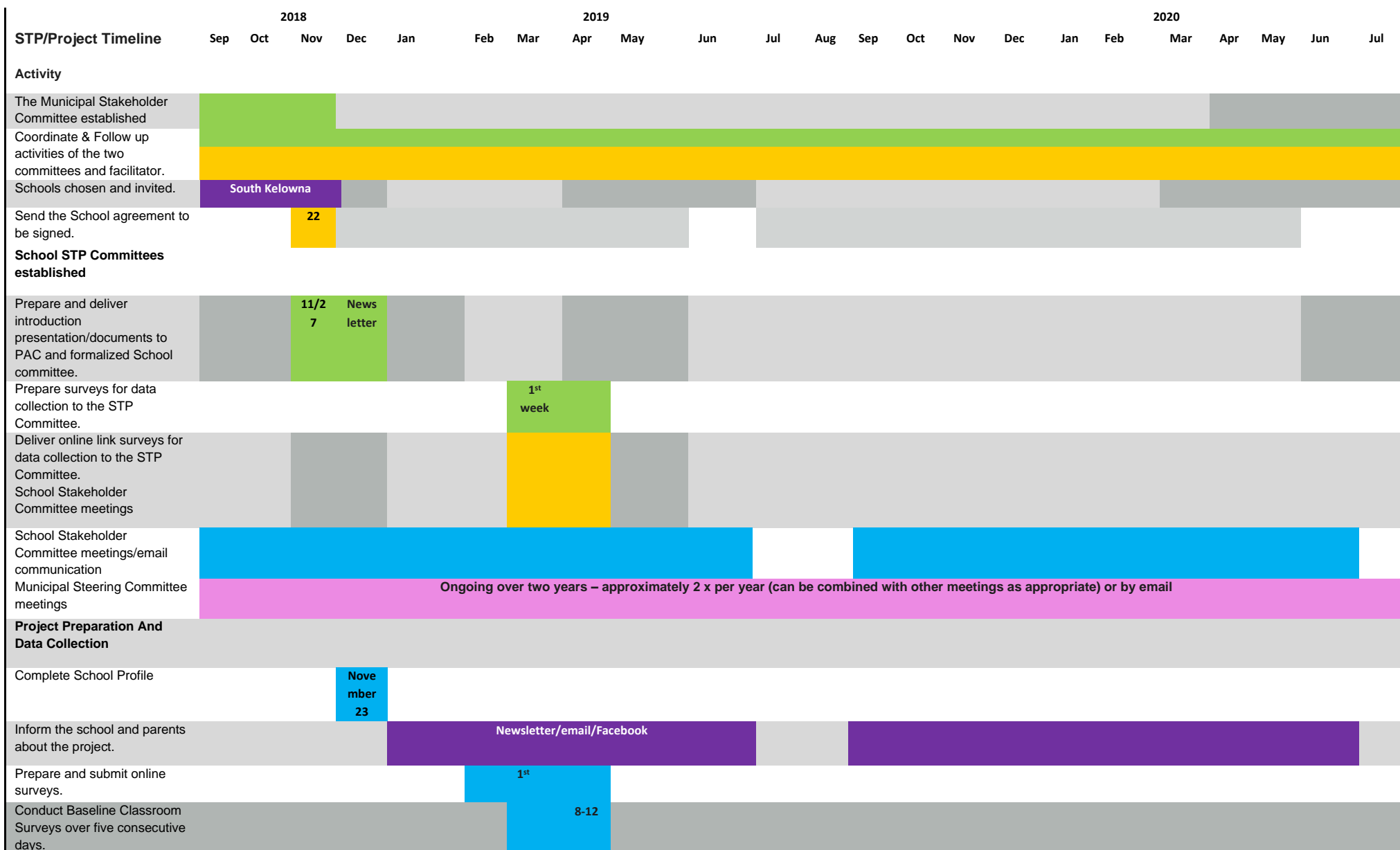
12 min cycling



CAUTION: ArcInfo was used to calculate the distance (in meters) from multiple points to one point, in this case, to South Kelowna School. Distances are calculated on a straight line to the reference point. Use caution regarding walk/bike distances; they do not account for walk/cycle paths that might connect roads.

Timeline of Main Tasks

Table 2. Timeline of Main Tasks





Responsible

Project Coordinator

Facilitator

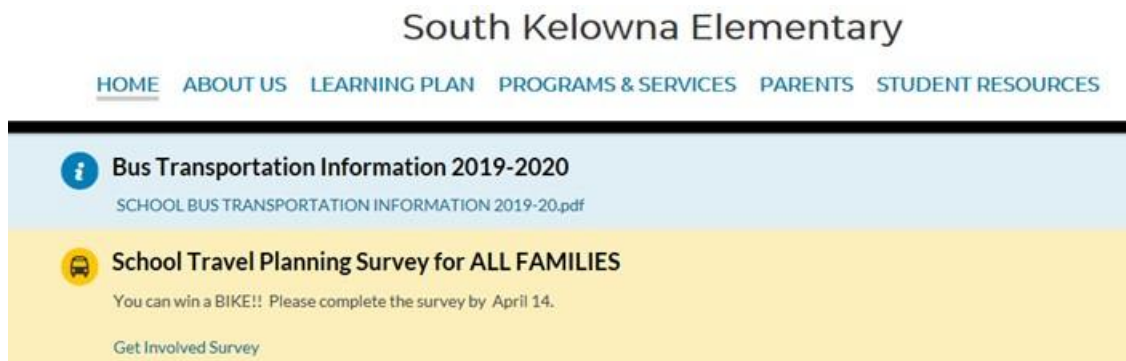
School Committee

Municipal Committee

All

Baseline Data Collection

South Kelowna is composed of approximately 163 families. An online survey was set up for South Kelowna parents on March 4 and was available until April 14, 2019. Over the week of June 3 to 7, teachers helped with ten classrooms' "hands-up surveys" and reminded their students to complete and submit the Family surveys. The survey was advertised through the school website:



To encourage students' participation, the RDCO provided:

- 11 prizes-packages, one for each classroom. The prize bags are one black SmartTrips bag, ten bicycle reflective stickers, one SmartTrip stainless steel water bottle, two bike bells, two SmartTrips reflective armband/pant straps, two note pads, and two pedometers.
- 1 Grand Prize included 1 bicycle, helmet and 1 package (above).

The prizes were distributed at the teachers' discretion, and there was a draw for the grand prize. The winner of the bicycle was **Addison Wozney**.



Figure 6. Facilitator Dave Gibson delivering the bicycle

Student Classroom Survey Findings

South Kelowna Elementary has 11 classrooms, and with the teachers' support, ten classroom surveys were received reflecting travel "to" school of eighty-four percent of the students, as shown in Figure 7.

Table 3. Summary - TO School (Frequency)

| | Walked | Walked part-way | Bicycle | School Bus | Public Transit | Carpool | Car | Other | Total |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| Monday | 8 | 18 | 11 | 54 | 0 | 9 | 112 | 1 | 213 |
| Tuesday | 7 | 18 | 13 | 52 | 0 | 11 | 109 | 0 | 210 |
| Wednesday | 7 | 18 | 8 | 52 | 0 | 11 | 108 | 0 | 204 |
| Thursday | 9 | 17 | 10 | 50 | 0 | 8 | 100 | 0 | 194 |
| Friday | 7 | 18 | 10 | 45 | 0 | 11 | 106 | 1 | 198 |
| Total | 38 | 89 | 52 | 253 | 0 | 50 | 535 | 2 | 1019 |
| Average | 7.6 | 17.8 | 10.4 | 50.6 | 0 | 10 | 107 | 0.4 | 203.8 |

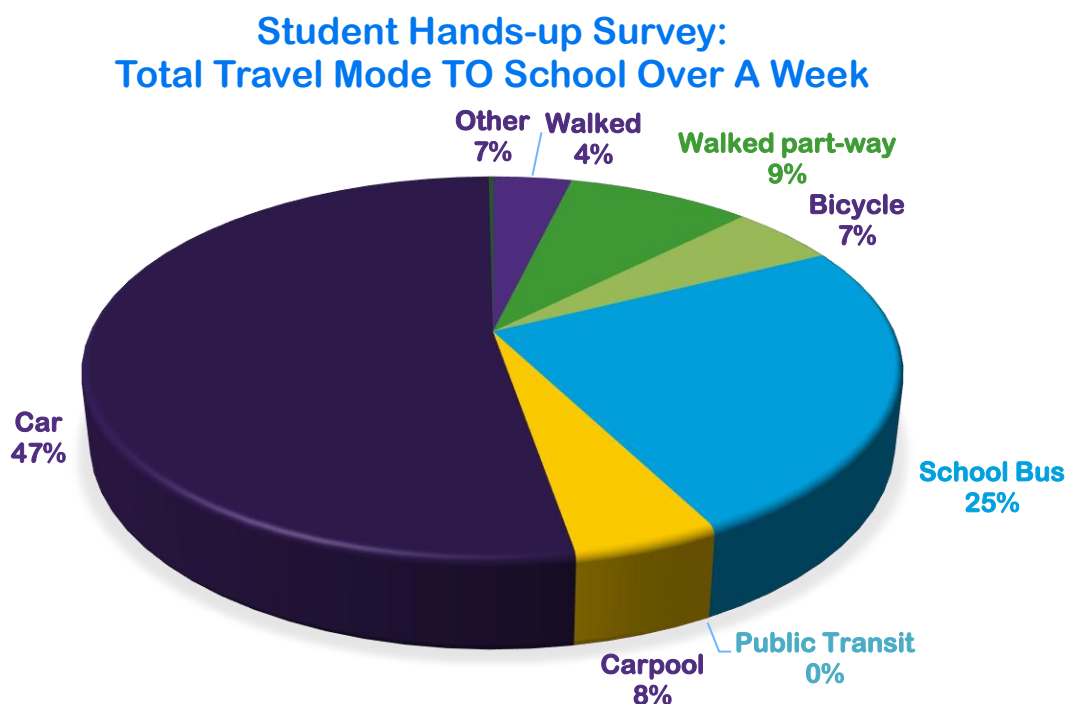


Figure 7. Total Travel Model to School over a whole Week-June 2019

We received 10 complete classroom surveys outlining "from" school results. Eighty-one percent of the 243 South Kelowna students were tracked over one week. As illustrated in Figure 8, more kids are driven from school in the afternoon compared to the "to" school results.

Table 4. Summary - FROM School (Frequency)

| | Walked | Walked part-way | Bicycle | School Bus | Public Transit | Carpool | Car | Other | Total |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| Monday | 11 | 18 | 11 | 57 | 0 | 6 | 104 | 0 | 207 |
| Tuesday | 11 | 15 | 13 | 56 | 0 | 12 | 101 | 0 | 208 |
| Wednesday | 9 | 11 | 9 | 56 | 0 | 8 | 99 | 0 | 192 |
| Thursday | 11 | 10 | 8 | 49 | 0 | 19 | 92 | 0 | 189 |
| Friday | 7 | 10 | 8 | 59 | 0 | 10 | 99 | 0 | 193 |
| Total | 49 | 64 | 49 | 277 | 0 | 55 | 495 | 0 | 989 |
| Average | 9.8 | 12.8 | 9.8 | 55.4 | 0 | 11 | 99 | 0 | 197.8 |

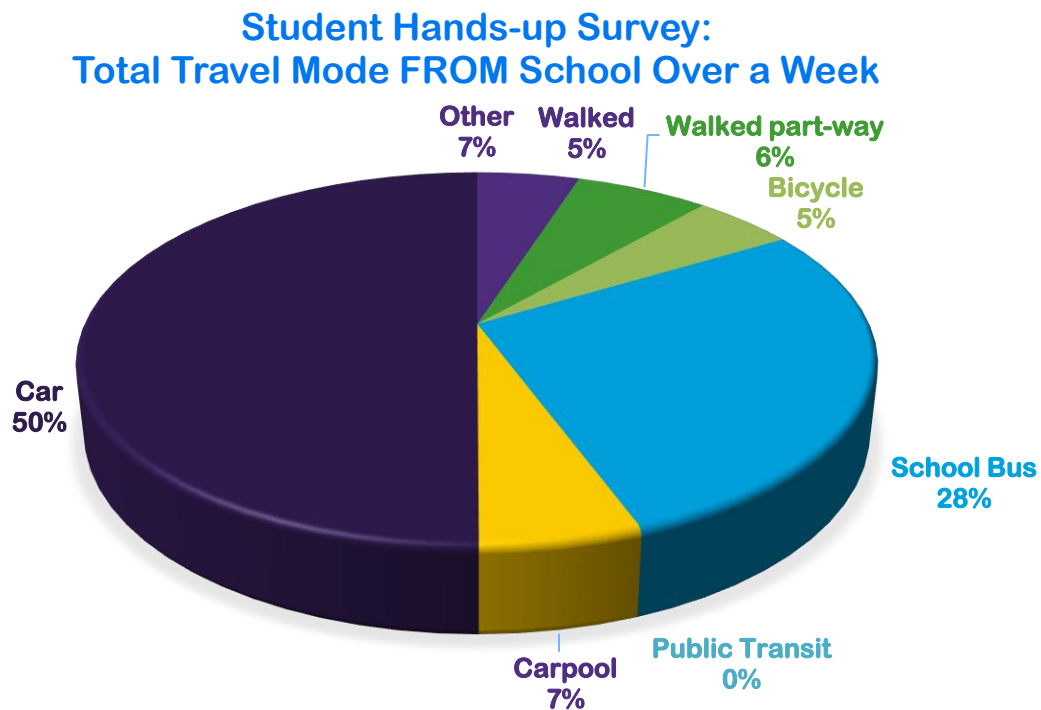


Figure 8. Total Travel Model from School over a full Week- June 2019

Baseline Family Survey Findings

Obstacle Map

Through the online family survey, parents identified obstacles they encounter on their way to or from school on a map.

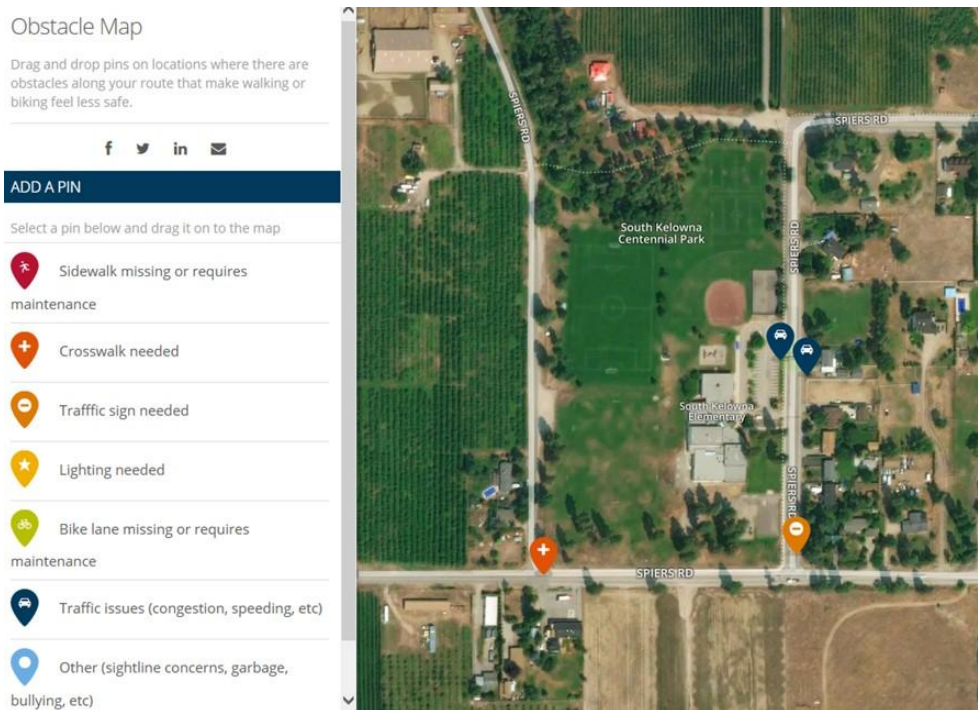


Figure 9. Traffic issues on Spiers Rd across the school

- Better school zone signage is needed to remind drivers to slow in school zone
- Children Crossing to the store or from the sidewalk to store safely
- Better school zone necessary signage to remind drivers to slow in school zone

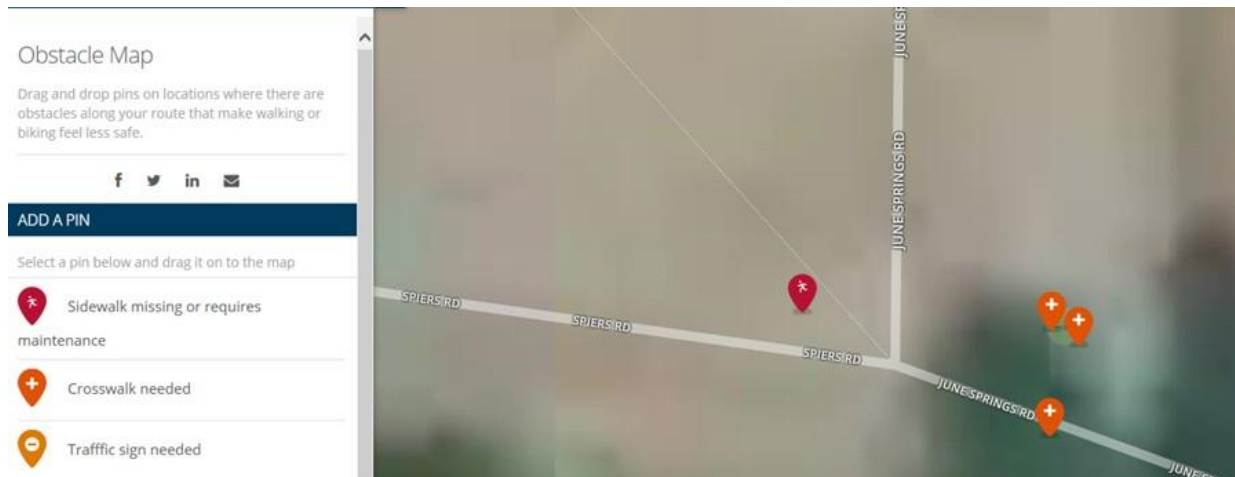


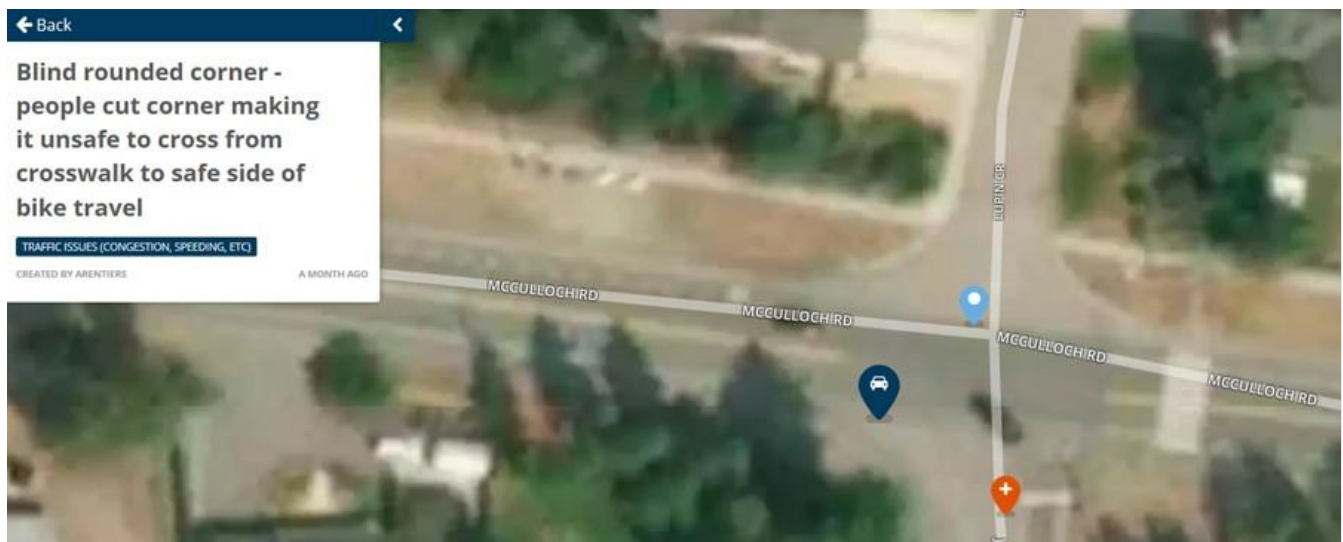
Figure 10. Crosswalk and sidewalk needed at Spiers Rd and June Springs rd

- Blind Corner
- Blind Corner - no crosswalk to cross safely from the correct biking lane going to school to cross over to the sidewalk



Figure 11. Blind spot turning right to June Springs

- Travelling along June springs turning right to June springs is a blind corner



- Blind Corner to cross safely from the current crosswalk to travel up June Springs toward school
- Blind rounded Corner - people cut Corner, making it unsafe to cross from the crosswalk to safe side of bike travel
- Blind Corner - unable to cross safely to travel in the correct bike lane going towards school

Walkabout and Route Map

The Walkabout was performed on **May 13, 2019, from 8:00-10:30 am**. Six members from the Municipal Committee and four from the School Committee attended. The following pages show a detailed overview of the walking route and key findings. The agenda, walkabout route map, walkability checklist, and important points of observation to consider during the route were provided to every participant before the meeting.

The agenda was as follows:

- 8:00 Arrival
- 8:05 Introductions
- 8:10 Brief summary of issues by Principal or PAC president
- 8:15 Group 1 - Observe the drop-off area (school parking lot-point 1 on the map). Group 2- Observe area of possible conflict/park and walk. Due limited time, group 2 will drive to Spiers Rd @June Springs Rd -point 2 on the map
- 8:45 Group 2 returns to point 1 (school parking lot)
- 8:50 Both groups start Walkabout to the back of the school- possible drop off area, any issues at Wallace and Spiers Rd
- 9:20 Return to the school's library– refreshments- coffee & cookies
- 9:30 Discussion of findings -Next Steps
- 10:30 Wrap-up

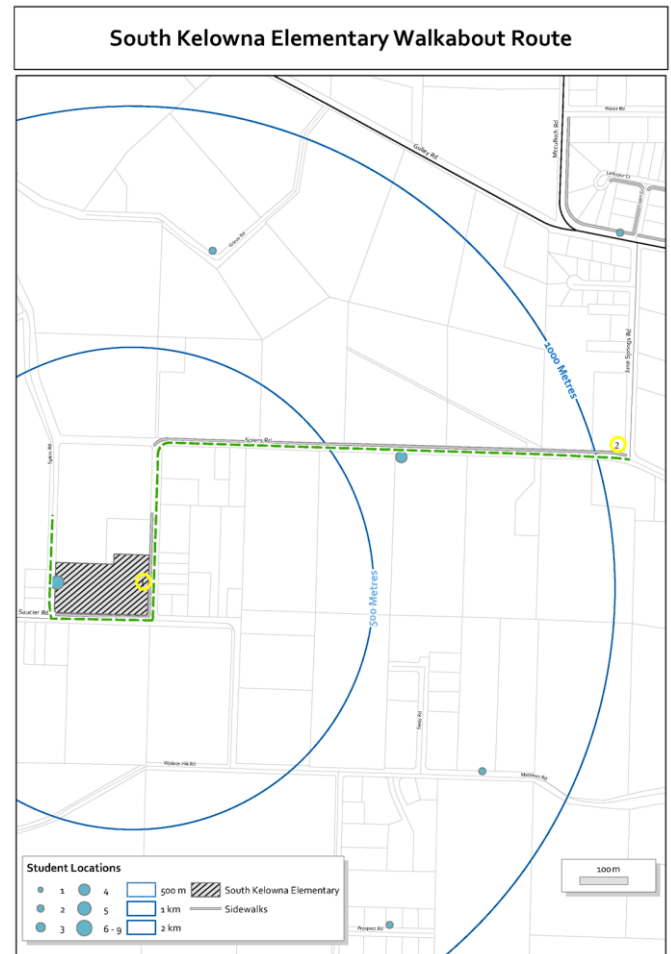


Figure 12. South Kelowna Walkabout Rout Map

The walkabout route was developed by city staff based on the information provided by the school committee.

Walkabout Main Findings

After the Walkabout, the Municipal and School Committee members discussed the main findings and issues South Kelowna faced. Attendees provided insightful information to consider in the development of the Action Plan. The following is a summary of the Walkabout findings. The complete list is in *Appendix 2*.

Table 5. South Kelowna Walkabout Main Findings

| The Walkability Checklist | General Findings |
|--|--|
| Parking lot or on-road parking at school | Possible stop signs on school parking lot exit onto street; failure to stop, rolling stops. * School speed sign on Wallace Dr is bent over needs to be straightened. *No lines on road* Need stop lines at intersection. *Slow down signs are needed. U-turn signage could be useful. *Parents don't really obey regular traffic laws. No proper place for deliveries (i.e. bottled water), therefore can create conflict during drop-off times. |
| Facilities for walkers on the street next to the school site | Possible set up a kiss & drop (Grade 6 Student Valet Service). * Spiers on the far back side of the school had blind corners and missing pavement, so cars swerved to oncoming. |
| Walking paths to the school | North driveway could use sidewalk continuation from street to exit. * Maintenance good along Spiers in front of the school - Other sides not cleared properly. |
| Bicycle facilities | Bike racks available. Share use path available. *Spiers Rd back of school has no shoulder/bike lane/sidewalk |
| School Bus/After School Care Loading Zone | Two buses, after 8:10 the bus lane is used by parents to drop off students. * Parent use the bus lane and leave unattended vehicles for long periods of time. |
| Walking facilities and traffic observations | Traffic count data from 2013 & 2015, shows vehicle volume is clearly higher at drop off/ pick up time 8 and 2pm. No traffic lines near the school |
| Alternative safe parking locations | Back of the school and share use path (Spiers/June Springs)- Add gate to city parking lot at the back of the school for easy access |
| General Comments | Speeding vehicles are frequently observed along Wallace/Spiers Rd, additional signage could be considered to bring awareness |
| General Suggestions | Reflective traffic markers could be installed across the school to discourage U turns |



Figure 13. Walkabout-Municipal and School Committees



Figure 14. Observed poor driving behavior by construction traffic trucks



Figure 15. Delivery trucks on bus lane for long periods of time during drop off



Figure 16. Rolling stops exiting parking lot



Figure 17. Speeding cars along Spiers- More School Zone signs are needed to bring awareness



Figure 18. Enough space at back of the school for park and walk alternative.

Traffic Count

Traffic data was available for the intersection of McCulloch & June Springs. A five-hour turning movement count (TMC) was completed on May 30, 2017, using a Miovision Video Collection Unit (VCU). The footage was also recorded on May 17 and 18, 2018 and reviewed for pedestrians. The following are the volume and speed statistics.

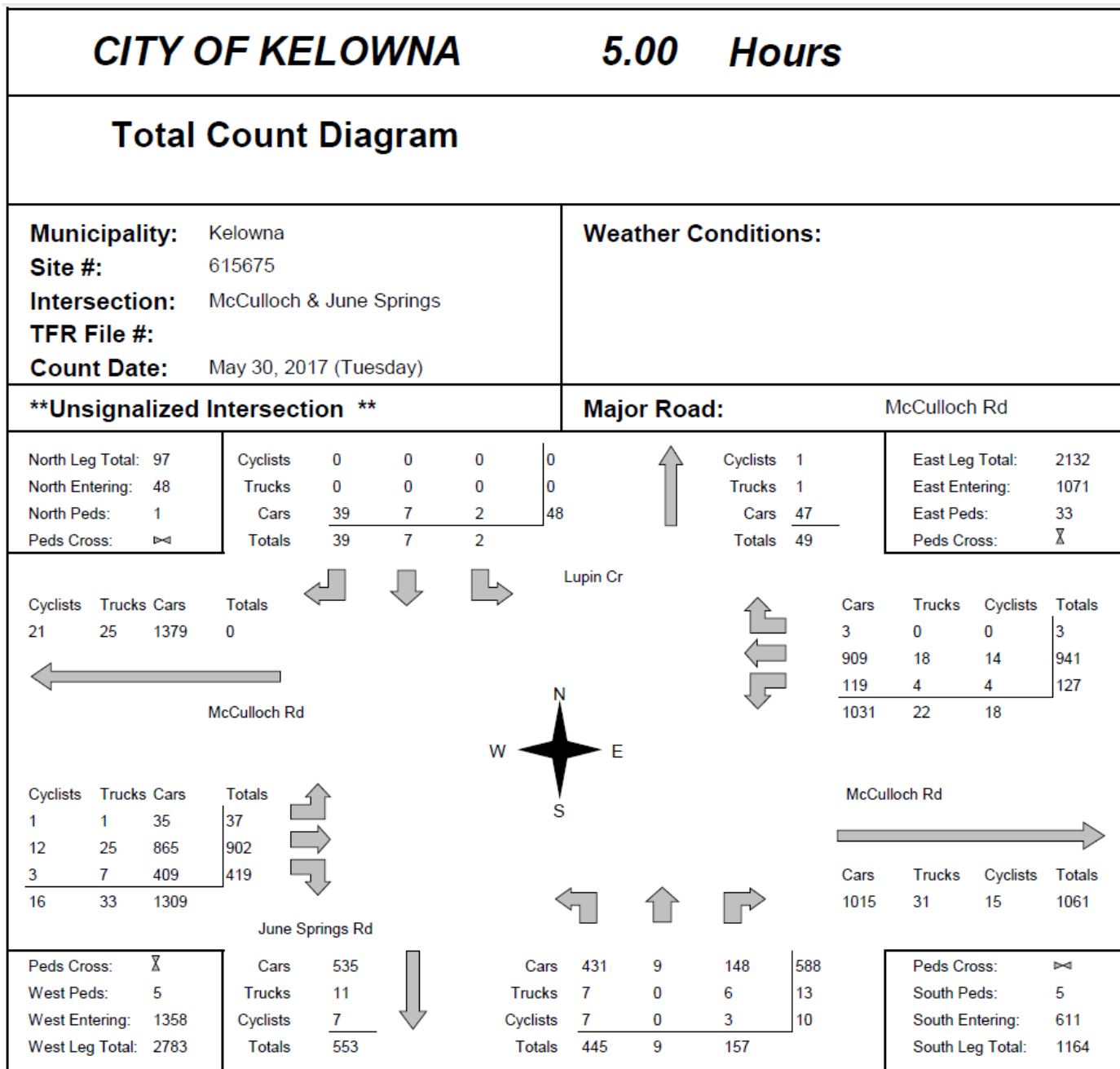


Figure 19. Vehicle flow report- Total count at McCulloch & Junes Springs, May 30, 2017

There is no speed information available for this location at this time.

June Springs Rd – Between McCulloch Rd and Spiers Rd

Station: 125486 - June Springs Rd

Data From 00:00 - 08/07/2013 To: 00:00 - 08/12/2013

Vehicle General Flow Report - Grand Totals

Note: ADT and Average are based on total value of all lanes printed (Together Print).

Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

| Weekday | | | Weekend | | | Total ADT | | |
|----------|------|-------|----------|------|-------|-----------|------|-------|
| Cars : | 1977 | (87%) | Cars : | 1787 | (88%) | Cars : | 1901 | (87%) |
| Trucks : | 293 | (13%) | Trucks : | 235 | (12%) | Trucks : | 270 | (13%) |
| Total : | 2270 | | Total : | 2022 | | Total : | 2171 | |

Speed Totals

| | | | | | |
|--------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 50 % : | 76.0 kph | Top Speed : | 196.0 kph | Average Truck Speed : | 76.3 kph |
| 85 % : | 87.4 kph | Low Speed : | 5.3 kph | Average Car Speed : | 74.7 kph |
| Avg : | 74.9 kph | 20kph Pace Speed: | 66.6 - 86.5 (63.4%) | | |

Peak Hour Totals

| AM Peak Hour (Volume) | AM Peak Hour (Speed) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Weekday : 11:00 - 12:00 (Avg 159) | 04:30 - 05:30 (81.3 kph) |
| Weekend : 10:45 - 11:45 (Avg 174) | 04:30 - 05:30 (77.6 kph) |
| PM Peak Hour (Volume) | PM Peak Hour (Speed) |
| Weekday : 16:15 - 17:15 (Avg 183) | 22:45 - 23:45 (78.8 kph) |
| Weekend : 14:45 - 15:45 (Avg 171) | 21:15 - 22:15 (78.1 kph) |

Grand Totals

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Cars : | 9507 (1901 ADT) | Average Length : 391 cm | Average Headway : 39.6 sec |
| Total Trucks : | 1350 (270 ADT) | Average Axles : 2.2 | Average Gap : 39.4 sec |
| Total Volume : | 10857 (2171 ADT) | | |

Figure 20. Vehicle flow Report-June Springs Rd

According to the flow report at June Springs Rd – Between McCulloch Rd and Spiers Rd, there's an average of 2,270 vehicles during weekdays with an average speed of 74.7 km/h.

Average Weekday Volume on Spiers Rd Between Wallace Hill Rd and June Springs Rd-2015

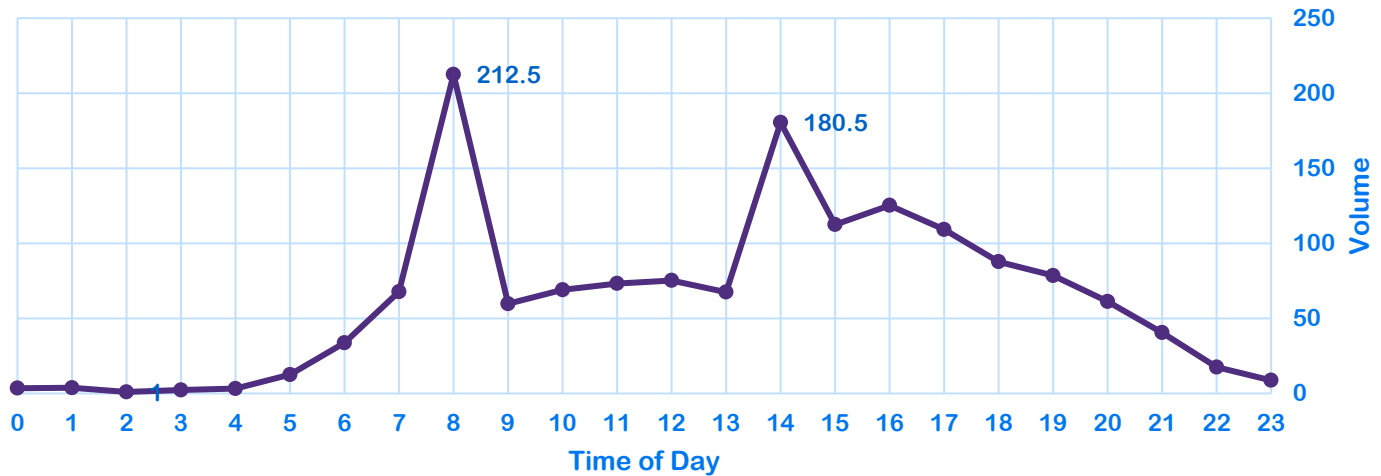


Figure 21. Average weekday volume on Spiers Rd between Wallace & June Springs

According to data collected from May 27, 2015, to June 2, 2015, vehicle volume can be identified during drop-off and pick-up hours. The average daily traffic is 1500 vehicles.

Average Weekend Volume on Spiers Rd Between Wallace Hill Rd and June Springs Rd-2015

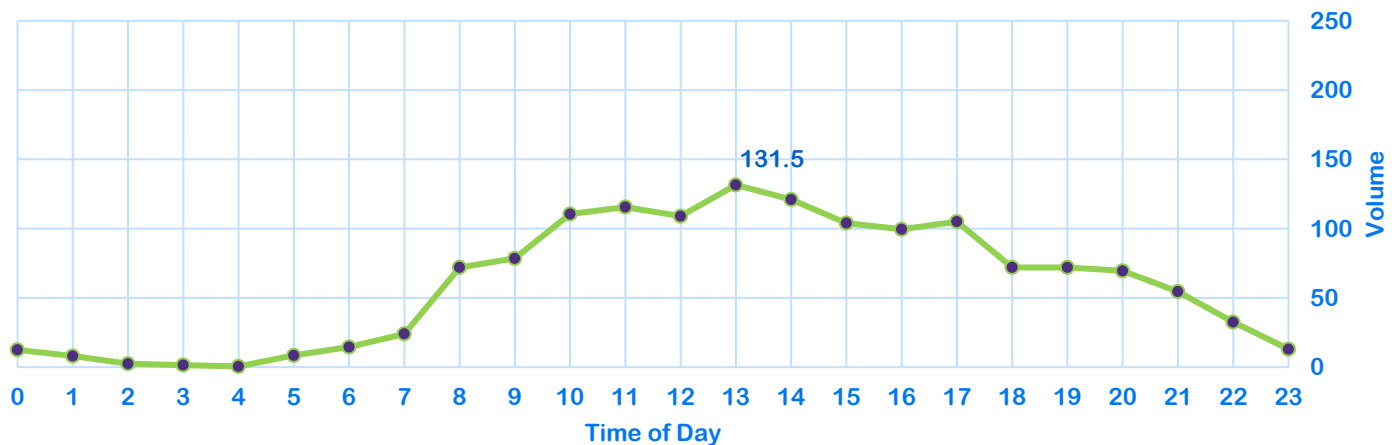


Figure 22. Average weekend volume on Spiers Rd between Wallace & June Springs

Reducing Emissions from School Buildings

All but the most efficient buildings release emissions of gaseous pollutants, including nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter and carbon dioxide. These pollutants contribute to poor outdoor air quality and climate change and give rise to poor indoor air quality. Inadequate ventilation can lead to high concentrations of air pollutants in buildings, which can cause a health risk.

This section aims to identify some of the critical sources of building-related emissions. By implementing the recommendations set out in the action plan, the school will not only reduce the emissions of pollution from the building but may be able to reduce energy costs as well. Projects to reduce school building emissions also provide an opportunity to influence and educate the school community on the issues of air quality and energy consumption.

Where do emissions come from?

It is estimated that the energy consumption from school buildings will account for roughly 37% of the school's overall greenhouse gas footprint. The contribution of school buildings to local air pollution is more challenging to establish. However, we know that equipment such as boilers make a significant contribution.

Typical sources of pollution from school buildings include:

- Boilers (combustion of gas releasing nitrogen dioxide)
- Back-up generators (combustion of gas)
- Air conditioning systems
- Kitchens and canteens
- Vehicle: school transport, supplies and deliveries, cars idling
- Garden equipment (lawnmowers, leaf blowers, etc., running off gas)
- Other equipment, such as gas-fired water heaters

Opportunities for Emission Reduction

In most cases, understanding and managing school energy consumption will also enable you to reduce pollutant emissions. Several actions South Kelowna can undertake to reduce energy consumption and pollution emissions have been identified. Those actions are described in the Action Plan.

School GHG Emissions by Transportation

The Greenhouse gases (GHG) were estimated for South Kelowna School using the baseline classroom and family survey data and some average statistics:

- The postal codes of all the students attending South Kelowna; those postal codes were transformed into Geocodes using <http://www.gpsvisualizer.com/geocoder/>
- Based on the classroom survey, an average of 82% of the kids are driven to and from school (driven + carpool + bus), and 17 % walk and/or bike/other.
- The emission factor of 0.2296 KgCO₂/km – "Average Emissions and Fuel Consumption for Passenger Cars."

| Description | GHG(Tonnes/year) |
|--|------------------|
| Baseline: South Kelowna School GHG emissions due to kids being driven to and from school. Average 82% (driven + carpool+ bus) | 82.1 |
| GHG that could be saved if reaching the rest of the students who live in longer walking / short bike distance (less than 2.5 km, or 3 min drive time). | 43 |
| GHG already being saved; Baseline: 17% of the students walk and bike to and from school. | 1.2 |
| GHG potentially saved if 100% of parents driving their kids don't idle (considering 156 families). | 25.5 |

In addition to the GHG emission reduction from those who can bike or walk to school because they live nearby (less than 2.5 km), the Cleaner Air 4 Schools Program includes an idling campaign which involves the teachers' and parents' collaboration. If that program is implemented and assumes:

- At least 190 families attending South Kelowna (average drivers) sign the idling reductions pledge. Considering 82% of students are driven to and from school, it is estimated that 156 drivers are picking up/dropping off kids around the school on average. One car per family – light-duty vehicle
- National surveys show Canadians idle between 6 to 8 minutes per day
- Emission factor-2.3 Kg CO₂/litre and cost of fuel 1.68 \$/litre
- If 156 drivers of light-duty vehicles avoided idling for 6 minutes a day*, each driver would save **66** litres of fuel, **\$111** in fuel costs, and contribute to the reduction of **151 kg** of GHG emissions annually.

| | If 190 families don't idle (6 min/day) | If 156 families that usually drop off the kids don't idle (6 min/day) |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Fuel savings (L/year) | 12,483 | 10,236 |
| CO ₂ savings (tonnes) | 28,711 | 23,543 |
| Cost savings (\$/year) | \$ 21,016 | \$ 17,233 |

Every tonne of CO₂ reduced counts!

School resources are available on the [City of Kelowna](#) website. Parents and staff can check out this [interactive story map](#) to learn more about idling and use the [Idling Fuel and Money Estimator](#) to learn how much fuel and money can be saved. As of Monday, July 25, 2022, residents and visitors can no longer idle within the City of Kelowna boundaries for more than one minute. For more information, please visit www.rdco.com/airquality.

*Source: [Factors that affect fuel efficiency \(canada.ca\)](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Why is indoor air quality important?

The [British Columbia Lung Foundation](#) states that Canadians spend 90% of their day indoors, with about 70% at home and 20% at work or school. Poor indoor air quality may cause headaches, tiredness, coughing, sneezing, sinus congestion, shortness of breath, dizziness and nausea. It can irritate the skin, eyes, nose or throat. Allergy or asthma symptoms could get worse. Poor indoor air quality is caused by indoor air pollution. Knowing possible causes will help you improve the quality of the air you breathe indoors.⁴ Three basic ways to improve indoor air quality are to control the source, improve ventilation and clean the air.

SD23 and school administration should work together to ensure the best indoor air quality in school buildings. Here are some valuable resources for creating Healthy Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Schools:

- [Framework for Effective School IAQ Management](#)
- [IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit](#)
- [IAQ Tools for Schools Preventive Maintenance Guidance Documents](#)
- [IAQ Tools for Schools Video Resources](#)
- In BC, [Safety measures](#) are in place to protect students and staff and reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- [The IAQ Fact Sheet Series](#) is designed to help people without a technical background understand details about indoor air quality (IAQ) so that they can make critical decisions for their schools, e.g ventilation, HVAC filtration, in-room air cleaners, germicidal, electronic air cleaners and disinfectants.
- [Radon testing](#), mitigation and awareness.
- Implement a [sustainable procurement](#) policy. This helps to make measurable progress towards sustainability goals, such as greenhouse gas emissions, zero waste goals, and social, diversity, economic, and local responsibility.

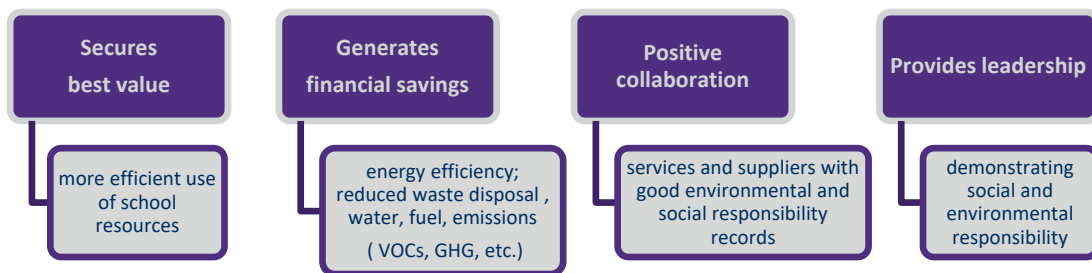


Figure 23. Benefits of Sustainable Procurement

School Travel Planning and Clean Air Goals

Considering all data from the Family Surveys, traffic count observation, classroom surveys and the GIS analysis, the Municipal and School Committees defined the Goals and Strategies to implement the Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 South Kelowna. The three main goals were:

- Reduce congestion within school premises and increase safety at the school site;
- Increase active school travel on the school journey, and
- Reduce overall school emissions

⁴ [Indoor Air Quality | HealthLink BC](#)

Action Plan

This Action Plan includes short, medium and long-term measures. All measures were identified, including who will be responsible for the tasks and target completion dates.

Table 6. South Kelowna Action Plan

| Action/Initiative | Tasks | Responsibility | Start Date | Completion date | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|--|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Objective 1: Improve the safety of children on the active school journey | | | | | |
| Pedestrian and bike safety presentations | Seek road safety curriculum resources for classroom teaching. ICBC road safety teaching resources: Road safety (icbc.com) | STP facilitator-he will deliver the presentation School Committee-help set up a date for presentation during a school assembly | October 2020 | October 2020 | none |
| Parent role-modelling messaging | Provide messages for use in school and parent communications https://www.scanva.org/support-for-parents/parent-resource-center-2/parents-as-role-models/ | School Committee-share information through newsletter | TBD | TBD | |
| Road safety/personal safety presentation | School wide assembly combined presentations from STP facilitator & Street Crime Unit - School Resource Officer, RCMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources available for teachers and parents at KidSmartz (missingkids.org) Contact B.C. RCMP - Speed Watch (rcmp-grc.gc.ca) Road safety for your kids (icbc.com) | RCMP- delivers the presentation School committee- for presentation during a school assembly-usually while pedestrian bike presentations | October 2020 | October 2020 | |
| School speed zone awareness | Seek road safety curriculum resources for classroom teaching. ICBC road safety teaching resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach road safety (icbc.com) Pace Car Community Guide (parachute.ca) Contact community police for speed watch. | School Committee-share information through teachers and newsletter | TBD | TBD | \$ |
| Improve vehicle and walker/cyclist separation at and on school site | A stop sign could be installed at the parking lot exit to avoid vehicle/pedestrian conflict. This should be authorized by the school and submit a work order. | School Administration- | Depending on priority with other projects | TBD | |
| Improve access points for students | A gate to city parking lot at the back of the school could be added for easy access. The school would need to authorize it and submit a work order | City of Kelowna | Depending on priority with other projects | 2020 | \$ |

| Action/Initiative | Tasks | Responsibility | Start Date | Completion date | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|--|---------------------|---|----------------|
| Sidewalk/Curb | Identify potential options: Delineator posts, concrete curb extensions, and curve radius reduction at applicable intersections. Curb extensions at driveways and at the start/end of parking lanes for narrowing travel lanes. Walkway to the rear parking lot. | City of Kelowna | 2020 | 2020 & 2021 | |
| Crosswalks | Identify potential options: Curb letdowns and concrete pads for accessibility. In-street delineator posts (depending on outcome of 2019 pilot). Channelization islands or curb extensions for shorter crossing distances. | City of Kelowna | 2020 | 2020 | |
| School Zone Signage enhancement | Identify potential options: Portable signage to compliment MUTCD signage. In-street delineator posts (depending on outcome of 2019 pilot). | City of Kelowna | 2020 | 2020 | \$ |
| Signage | Identify potential options: Larger sized signage. Parking restriction signage depending on the parking plan. Additional multi-use pathway signage. | City of Kelowna | 2020 | 2019 | |
| Pavement markings | Identify potential options: Buffered bike lanes where space permits. Twin parallel bar crosswalk lines at stop control intersections where appropriate. Repaint faded or missing lines/stencils. Realign centerline if required. Bike lanes on Spiers Rd depending on the parking plan. Traffic calming speed boxes. | City of Kelowna | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Best Walking Routes Map brochure | Create map showing best routes and distribute to families along with walking safety information | City of Kelowna | 2020 | 2020 | |
| Bike Rodeo | Youth learn basic rules of the road, hand signals, obstacle avoidance and scanning techniques/Cycle Education Program "Learn2Ride" for Gr. 3-6 students. | STP facilitator/School Administration | May 2020 | Every two years | |
| Objective 2: Raise the awareness of the environmental and health benefits of active travel | | | | | |
| Provide a Cleaner Air 4 school Program | <p>The program is designed and will be provided by the Air Quality Program and the lesson will be delivered to grades 3-6 by the school teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Quality/ provides ready to use materials Parents Council shares info through newsletter School Administration supports delivering at least one lesson (around 30 min) a year through teachers grades 3-4 <p>Check the Resources section at kelowna.com/airquality.</p> | Air Quality/ provides ready to use materials Parents Council shares info through newsletter School | March of every year | June of every year to 3 rd grades. | \$ |
| Have students create artwork for temporary/permanent outdoor signage | Identify classes that can make an art project or run an Art contest. Art Contest Theme should be: Clean Air/Safety/Active transportation. The STP Program will pay to produce 6 signs (20 in height x 18 in width) The school committee will pay to produce any extra signs. | School Committee/classroom teachers City of Kelowna-provide guidelines | February 2020 | April 2020 | \$ |
| Have physical activity benefits message in newsletters/health presentations. | <p>Review information on Public Health Agency of Canada website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HealthPromotion/Pages/default.aspx http://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/SchoolDistricts/Pages/HealthPromotionResources.aspx Online Action School (actionschoolsbc.ca) | Interior Health/School Committee- share information through newsletters | TBD | TBD | |
| Sustainable Happiness lesson plans | <p>Distribute teacher resources found at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH Teacher's Guide NSNov19 (resources4rethinking.ca) Sustainable Happiness and Health Education Teacher's Guide- Elementary Sustainability Classroom Resources at Resources for Rethinking (resources4rethinking.ca) http://www.cleanairchampions.ca/programs.php | School Committee – share information | TBD | TBD | \$ |

| Action/Initiative | Tasks | Responsibility | Start Date | Completion date | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|--|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Objective 3: To encourage more students to walk to school | | | | | |
| Drop & Go / Walk a Block or Two | Identify suitable locations for students to be dropped off outside the school zone. | School Committee with support of STP facilitator | TBD | TBD | \$ |
| Buddy Scheme | Set up scheme to encourage students to walk and cycle with others | Parents Council with support of STP facilitator | TBD | TBD | \$ |
| Walking Competition | Detail a challenge and advertise Walking Wednesdays (other days). Walking Competition. Set up a walking competition for 3-4 weeks (March-June). Regional Air Quality could provide pedometers for each participant class and the pool entry fee to the H ₂ O Aquatic Centre for one winner class. School committee pays for class transportation to H ₂ O | Parents Council with support of STP facilitator | TBD | TBD | \$ |
| IWALK (International Walk to School Month – October) | Organize a Walk to School Week. How to set a walking competition.pdf (kelowna.ca) | School Administration | 2020 - October | Every year | \$ |
| Bike and Walk to School Days | Encourage students and their families to walk, scooter, skateboard or ride their bikes to and from school. Detail a challenge and advertise Walking/Biking Wednesdays or other specific days (March-June). How to set a walking competition.pdf (kelowna.ca) | School Administration | May 2020 | Every year | \$ |
| Appropriate dress | Organize a fashion show for Be Seen, Be Warm. | School Committee | TBD | TBD | |
| Bike and Walk to School Week agreed | Encourage students and their families to walk, scooter, skateboard or ride their bikes to and from school. Homepage - GoByBike BC | School administration | May 2019 | Every year | |
| Carpool month | Promote Carpooling as a simple way for individuals to participate in the climate change challenge while saving money, reducing congestion and conserving energy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Carpool and Rideshare Listings (carpoolworld.com). Carpooling Software for Schools (carpoolworld.com) Carpooling and Car Sharing - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca). Commuter Challenge Carpools and ride share in Kelowna (shareyourride.net) | Parents Council | October 2020 | Every year | |
| Clean Air Day | Participate in activities that contribute to cleaner air, healthier communities and a better quality of life for all. Promote things you can do to help improve local air quality . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.cleanairchampions.ca/programs/air_aware.php Okanagan Regional Library Introduces Air Quality Monitor Kit to Help Patrons Breathe Easy (orl.bc.ca) | School Committee-share information through newsletters | 1 st week June 2020 | Every year | |
| Objective 4: To facilitate safe bicycling to and from school | | | | | |
| Cycle Storage | If additional bike racks are needed/secure location on school site. The principal should request it to Director of Operations. Add work to Annual Facilities Grant and/or Capital Plan). Bike registration to reduce theft and help recovery 529 Garage (project529.com) | SD23/ School Committee | Depending on priority with other projects | TBD | \$ need to review with school |
| Objective 5: Reducing Emissions from School Buildings | | | | | |
| Understanding Energy Use, and Improving Monitoring and Measurement | Monitor usage over a period of time, e.g. a week, a month. When and how often is the emissions source used? Report on areas of waste, across all spectrums of school (each year groups, staff department etc.) • Where possible, establish permanent mechanisms to monitor energy or equipment use (e.g. meter readings, use of smart meters) | SD23 | Ongoing | | \$ |
| Reducing Energy Demand & Improving Building Efficiency | •Reduce energy waste (switching off appliances when not in use, installing occupancy sensors for lights, installing Thermostatic Radiator Valves to control temperature etc.) | SD23 | Ongoing | | \$ |

| Action/Initiative | Tasks | Responsibility | Start Date | Completion date | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate energy efficiency of key building systems (i.e. most efficient boiler in place, investigating more suitable solutions such as Combined Heat and Power CHP). School IAQ Fact Sheet: Overview U.S. Green Building Council (usgbc.org) | | | | |
| Investigate Opportunities for Renewable Energy Provision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential for on-site renewable energy generation, e.g. Photo Voltaic solar panels, wind turbines, ground source heat pumps etc. • If renewable energy options are not possible, ensure energy supplies are from a green provider. | SD23 | Ongoing | | |
| Reducing Emissions from Procurement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source supplies locally where possible - reducing emissions from transport and delivery (e.g. food/stationery supplies) Use sustainable products (i.e. recycled paper and stationery, cleaning products with low environmental impacts, energy efficient kitchen/office equipment – Energy Star Label) | SD23 | Ongoing | | \$ |
| Test for radon gas and ensure the lowest levels are reasonably achievable, with all space below the Canadian Guideline of 200 Bq/m ³ | <p>Screen each building by deploying detectors during the cold months of the year for a minimum of 91 days in the lowest level of the building receiving occupancy >4 hours/day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement interim and permanent radon reduction measures in obvious areas of concern, and especially in areas testing high. Test buildings per the Health Canada Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings, Workplaces, Schools, Day Cares, Hospitals, Care Facilities, Correctional Centres https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/radiation/guide-radon-measurements-public-buildings-schools-hospitals-care-facilities-detention-centres.html Make radon inclusive of general building oversight, maintenance and data collection; obtain a portable radon monitor and routinely check buildings under different seasons, HVAC and energy efficiency adjustments, and after significant indoor renovation or equipment alterations Be transparent with radon test results to staff and parents along with promotional material encouraging staff and parents to test their indoor environments. <p>Resources available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Baytalan, Specialist Environmental Health Officer, Interior Health (250) 469-7070 ext. 12273 greg.baytalan@interiorhealth.ca IH Healthy Community Development team at HBE@interiorhealth.ca Information and links on the Interior Health Radon Page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Step-By-Step Manual for Radon Reduction, by Douglas L. Kladder, Protecting Your Home From Radon in Canada : a Step-by-step Manual for Radon Reduction Okanagan Regional Library BiblioCommons School Resources - Take Action on Radon Radon and Energy Efficiency BC Lung Foundation | SD23 | TBD | 2020 Radon screening | |
| Objective 6: To monitor the effectiveness of initiatives and revise the School Travel Plan | | | | | |
| Monitor transportation mode | Conduct Follow-up Classroom Survey- South Kelowna Elementary-STP Follow up - BikeWalkRoll How Did You Get to School Today? | Air Quality/ School Committee | Spring 2021 | Spring 2024 | |
| Monitor behaviour changes | Conduct Follow-up Family Survey | Air Quality/ School Committee | Spring 2021 | Spring 2024 | \$ |
| Report on implementation of STP and initiatives | Follow-up of first-year actions or when substantial work has been completed. Revise the Plan and compile a final report with recommendations. | Air Quality | May 2024 | September 2024 | \$ |
| Oversee the implementation of Action Plan items and track changes over time. | The follow-up hands-up classroom and family survey should be performed every second year if possible. | School Committee | May 2022 | September 2024 onward | \$ |

Follow-up activities 2019-2024

School Committee Activities

March 2020

As part of ongoing efforts to improve and address the unique traffic safety challenges around the school, an Art Contest was completed with the support of city staff and the school. On March 13, enthusiastic students in grades 1 to 6 received 116 drawings. A city body voted on the top fifteen drawings. The digital images were colour scanned, printed on vinyl, and mounted (signs size 20 inx18 in). The school installed the signs around the school in June. Below are a few examples of these drawings.



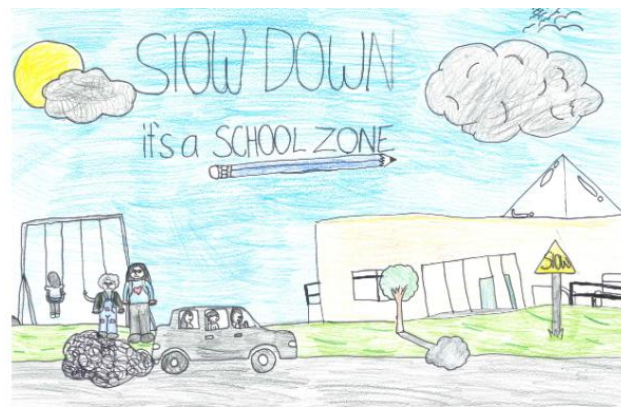
Ellie
South Kelowna Elementary
Grade 2



Jasreet
South Kelowna Elementary
Grade 6



Vanessa
South Kelowna Elementary
Grade 3



Addriaana
South Kelowna Elementary
Grade 4



Figure 24. Art Contest- examples

Winter 2021

The original PAC is no longer active, but a new PAC was integrated. All the STP information was sent to SKE families and the school staff. The PAC received the clean air program and access to all four addendums.

The Safe Routes map was posted on the school website and will remain active throughout the school year.

City of Kelowna

September 2019

The traffic safety officer and city staff installed more than 10 school zone awareness signs on the perimeter: "Slow Down- School Zone."



Figure 25. School Zone Awareness

Summer 2020

City staff collaborated with the school committee to create the Best Route to School map. The routes were traced based on the available infrastructure and the feedback received through the "obstacle map" exercise from the Family surveys. The school committee helped localize possible "Park and Walk stations" and provided comments and suggestions to clarify the map to the school community. The [Best Route to school map](#) was created by City staff.

- Traffic calming curbs were installed at 5 locations along routes to the school.
- They were installed as traffic calming measures to create a safer environment for pedestrians/cyclists
- Traffic calming curbs were installed at the following locations:



Figure 26. Traffic calming curbs -McCulloch & June Springs



Figure 27. Traffic calming curbs- Spiers & June Springs



Figure 28. Traffic calming curbs and sharrows- Spiers fronting SKE north of parking lot access



Figure 29. Traffic calming curbs and crosswalk- Spiers fronting SKE at main entrance



Figure 30. Traffic calming curbs- Wallace Hill & Spiers

- The McCulloch & June Springs intersection received a parallel bar crosswalk on the south leg to facilitate crossing activities.
- Crosshatching was installed adjacent to the SB bike lane to accommodate larger vehicle turn paths
- At the Spiers & June Springs intersection, a parallel bar crosswalk was installed on the north leg to connect the multi-use path to the bike lane and facilitate crossing activity
- The SB approach was reconfigured to intersect with Spiers at more of a 90-degree angle to improve motorist safety. A painted median was installed to facilitate larger truck turning movements
- A Zebra crosswalk was installed at the front entrance of SKE
- Sharrows were installed on Spiers fronting SKE to remind drivers to share the road with cyclists
- Parallel bar crosswalk markings and stop bars were installed at the Wallace Hill & Spiers all-way stop
- An asphalt sidewalk was installed on Spiers at the rear of the school to facilitate an alternate parking and pick-up drop-off option. An additional fence opening was added at the terminus of the path.
- Bike lane symbols were added or refreshed at various locations



Figure 31. Asphalt sidewalk on Spiers at the rear of the school

Summer 2021

- Based on review and feedback, traffic-calming curb positioning was adjusted at McCulloch & June Springs and Spiers & June Springs.
- An additional traffic-calming curb was added at McCulloch and June Springs to prevent EBR vehicles from cutting behind the Corner.

Air Quality

Winter 2020

In September 2020, the Air Quality program successfully applied for and received \$20,200 in funding from Health Canada for a Radon Outreach Project. The project's goal was to initiate screening of radon levels in selected schools in the Central Okanagan so school operators would learn how easy it is to test for radon, get radon on their agenda, mitigate where necessary to lower radon exposure to children and staff, and raise radon awareness region-wide through an online campaign.

This collaborative project with School District 23, Independent Schools, Interior Health, CARST and Health Canada helped 55 elementary schools screened for radon in 2020-2022. South Kelowna screened several school classrooms for radon in 2020.

When testing schools for radon, [Health Canada's Guide for Radon Measurement in Public Buildings](#) is to be followed, which involves testing every ground-contact occupied room. This comprehensive approach requires many radon detectors, whereas this screening program provided only a sample number. According to Health Canada's guidelines, all schools that were not thoroughly tested were provided with recommendations to purchase additional detectors to ensure the school was tested entirely.

A summary School report was created: [School screening results 2021-2022](#)

Spring 2021

[The Cleaner Air Program](#) was shared with the school committee. This program is part of the [School Action Plan](#) and is intended for teachers to deliver to grades 3 to 6. The activities, presentation, and materials are ready to print and use and can be edited.

- The Cleaner Program 4 Schools (word document)
- Four appendices: "Things you can do to improve Air Quality," "Let's Talk air pollution", "Air Pollution facts" and the Air pollution Lesson (PowerPoint presentation)

Air Quality provided instructions and the link to set up [walking competitions](#) during the school year.

- October International Walk&Wheel to School Month
- Earth Day, April 22
- Environment week (First week of June)

Spring 2024

The school participated in a [Pollution Pit Stop Idling Awareness Campaign](#) for two weeks from April 12-28, 2024 and completed the follow-up surveys on progress.

- A pizza lunch was provided as a prize for a [Pit Stop Idling Pledge](#) competition.
- Two grade-2 classes enjoyed a pizza lunch on May 8, 2024.
- A couple of idling banners were displayed around the school fences for two weeks, April 12-26.
- The Air Quality program provided 210 idling awareness packages to all families and staff.
 - The package includes City of [Kelowna postcards](#), [RDCO postcards](#), [stickers](#) and [decals](#).
- A standard school package to run subsequent idling awareness campaigns can be ordered online at [Air quality | City of Kelowna](#)



Figure 32. Idling banner displayed



Figure 33. Pizza Lunch ling Pledge winner classes



Follow-up Traffic data

Baseline Data

Average Weekday Volume on Spiers Rd Between Wallace Hill Rd and June Springs Rd-2015

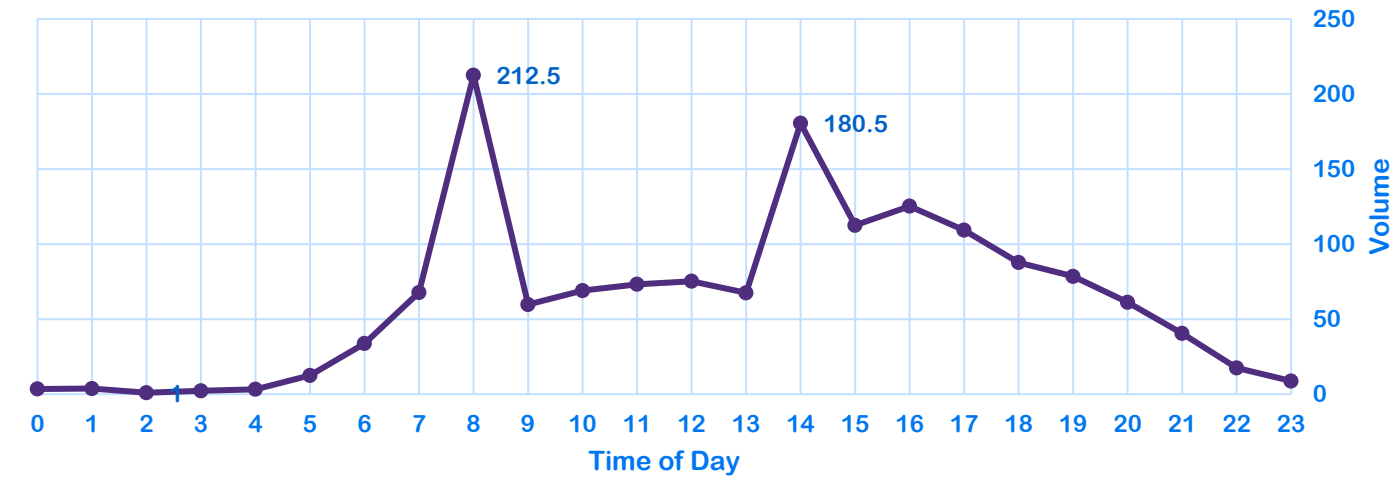


Figure 34. Average weekday volume on Spiers Rd between Wallace & June Springs

According to data collected from May 27, 2015, to June 2, 2015, vehicle volume can be identified during drop-off and pick-up hours. The average daily traffic is 1500 vehicles.

Follow-Up Data

New traffic speed and volume data was collected in May 2024 using in-street traffic counting equipment. The counters were set up just north of the school's main parking lot on Spiers Rd. Below is a summary of the results.

Speed

- Average Speed = 40 kph
- 85th % Speed = 51 kph
- Average Speed During School Hours = 37 kph

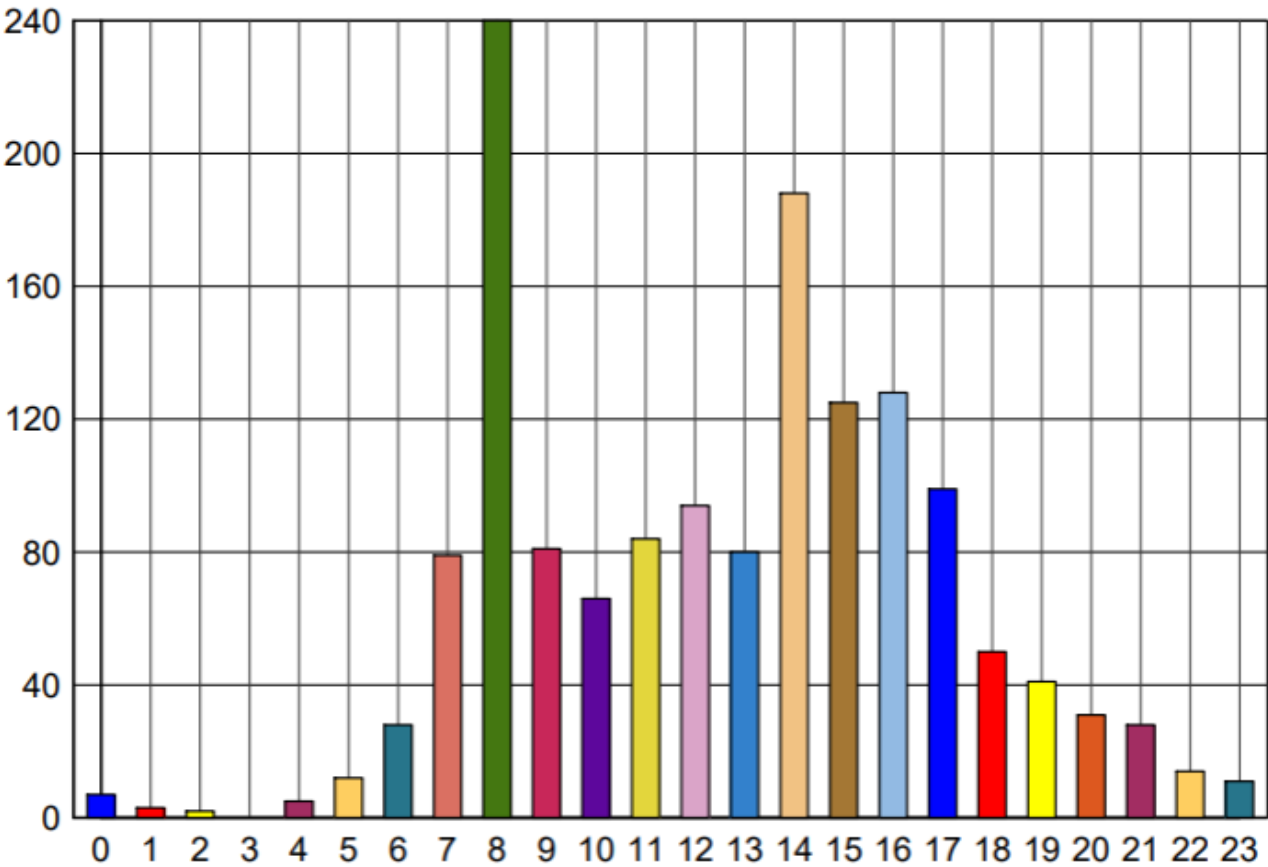
Volume (Weekday)

- 1,437 Average Daily Traffic

In the subsequent figure, it can be seen that weekday traffic volume spikes during school drop-off and pick-up periods (8:30AM and 2:30PM).

Time/Volume Graph

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Device ID: 408237 | Location: 4197 | Raw Count: 10,059 |
| Operator: | Lane: Both | AADT Count: 1,437 |
| Begin: 05/22/2024 01:00 PM | Street: Spiers Rd | AADT Factor: 1 |
| End: 05/29/2024 01:00 PM | City: Kelowna | Speed Limit: 50 |
| Hours: 168.00 | County: | |
| Period (min): 60 | State: BC | |



The drop-off and pick-up pattern remains unchanged compared to the 2015 data. Similarly, the ADT has also remained relatively consistent at approximately 1,400-1,500 vehicles. Although before data was not collected fronting the school, the 2024 data indicates speeds are moderate overall; however, they are still above the 30 kph school zone speed limit during school hours at 37 kph.

Follow-up Classroom Survey results: 2019-2024

During the week of April 22 to 26, 2024, the teachers completed a follow-up online classroom survey; [South Kelowna Elementary-STP Follow up - BikeWalkRoll](#), providing the mode of transportation "To" and "From" school. The BikeWalkRoll report for one-week data collection can be found at [BikeWalkRoll School Report](#)

In 2019, South Kelowna had 243 students. Over the week of June 3 to 7, 2019, teachers helped with 10 classroom "hands-up" surveys, reflecting travel "to" school of eighty-four percent of the students. In 2023-2024, South Kelowna had 269 students registered; 10 teachers collected data over one week, reflecting travel "to" school of thirty-eight percent of the students.

A comparison between the baseline and follow-up data is presented. The survey results below reflect changes in the transportation mode share "To" and "From" school, considering the below confidence level and margins of error.

| | Baseline 2019 To School | Follow-up 2024 To School |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Population size (expected number of trips tracked TO school over 5-days) | 243x5= 1,215 | 269x5=1,345 |
| Number of respondents (actual trips TO school tracked over 5-days) | 1019 | 516 |
| Confidence level | 95% | 95% |
| Margin of error | 1.23% | 3.39% |

The figure below compares the travel mode before and after implementing the School Travel Plan.

Travel Mode TO South Kelowna

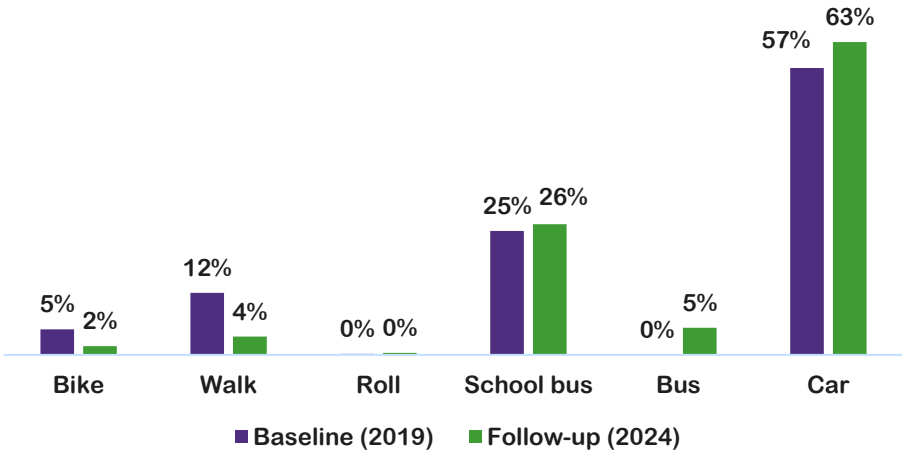


Figure 35. Total Travel Model to School -Follow-up

Before implementing the School Travel Plan, data shows, with a margin of error of $\pm 1.23\%$ and 95 % confidence level, that 56.1% to 58.6% of the kids travel "To" school by car in 2019.

After the School Travel plan implementation, data shows, with a margin of error $\pm 3.39\%$ and 95% confidence level, that 59.2% to 66% of the kids travel "To" school by car. That means, on average, 5% more kids travel "To" school by car in 2024.

| | Baseline 2019 From School | Follow-up 2024 From School |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population size (expected number of trips tracked TO school over 5-days) | 243x5= 1,215 | 269x5=1,345 |
| Number of respondents (actual trips TO school tracked over 5-days) | 989 | 362 |
| Confidence level | 95% | 95% |
| Margin of error | 1.34% | 4.40% |

Travel Mode FROM South Kelowna

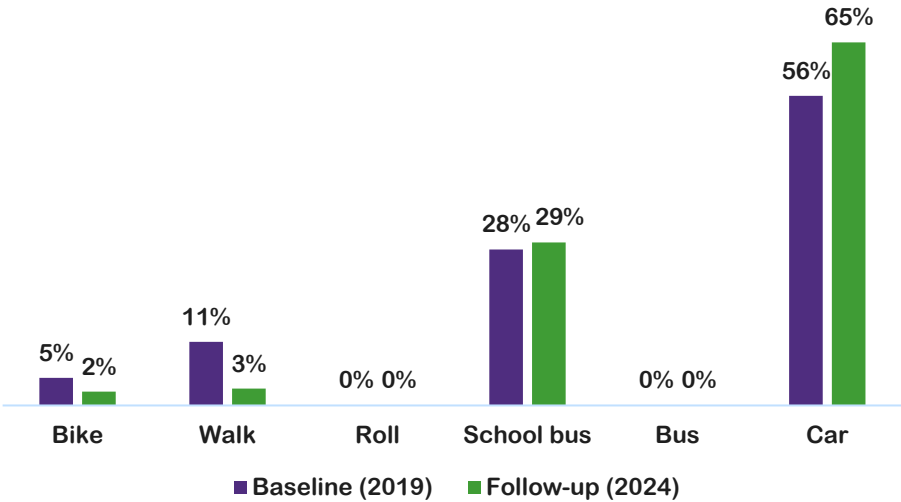


Figure 36.Total Travel Model From School -Follow-up

Before implementing the School Travel Plan, data shows, with a margin of error of $\pm 1.34\%$ and 95 % confidence level, that 54.3% to 57% of the kids travel "From" school by car in 2019.

After implementing the School Travel plan, data shows, with a margin of error $\pm 4.4\%$ and 95% confidence level, that 60.8% to 69.6% of the kids travelled "From" school by car. That means on average, 10% more kids travel From school by car in 2024.

On average, after the school travel plan implementation, 7% more kids travel by car "To" and "From" school.

Follow-up Family Survey Results: 2019-2024

In 2019, twenty-seven family surveys were received out of 163 families, which means only 17% of South Kelowna School families provided insightful information. In 2024, the school was integrated with 190 families, and only 23 responses were received through the online family survey: [School travel planning program](#), which means only 12% of parents provided feedback.

Due to the minimal number of family surveys received, **data samples are not large enough to reflect changes related to barriers, real or perceived**. Nevertheless, a comparison between the baseline and follow-up data is still presented:

| | Baseline 2019 | Follow-up 2024 |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| School population (number of families) | 163 | 190 |
| Number of respondents (surveys received) | 27 | 23 |
| Confidence level | 95% | 95% |
| Margin of error | 17.28% | 19.21% |

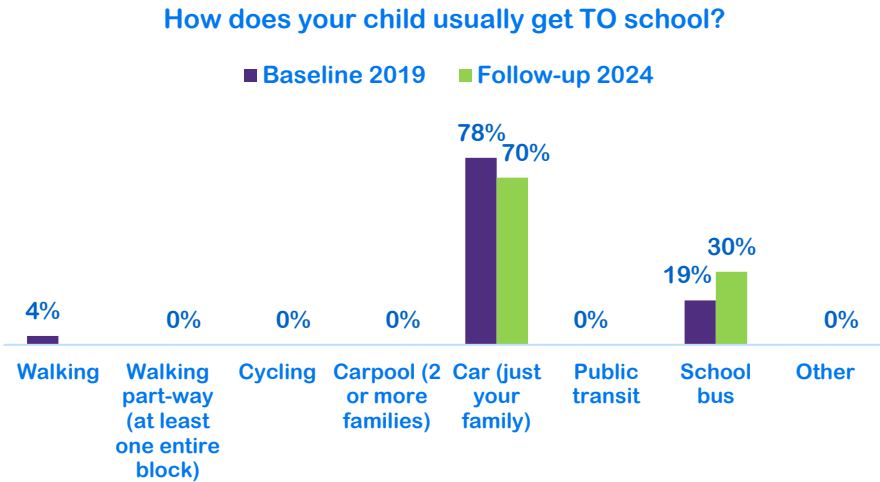


Figure 37. How does your child get to school? -Follow-up

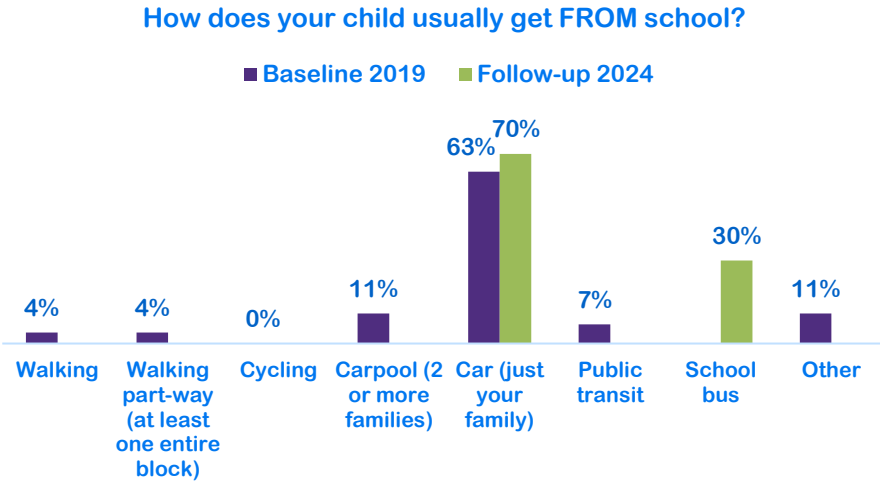


Figure 38. How does your child get from school? -Follow-up

The follow-up Family survey and additional comments from parents are included in Appendix 2.

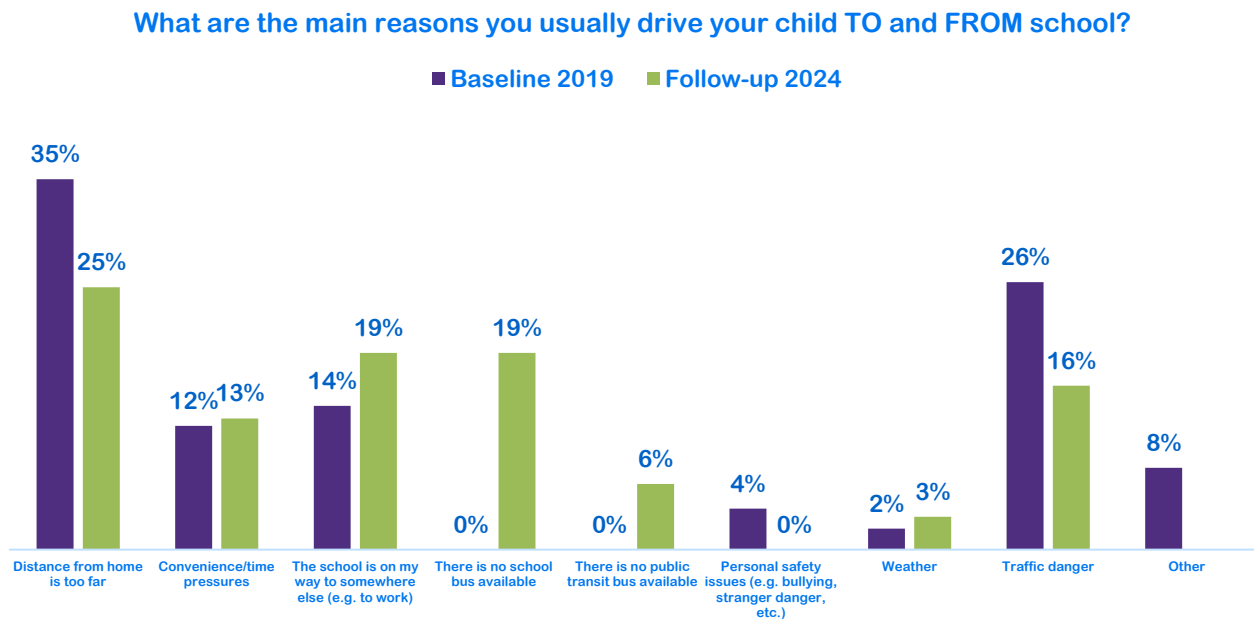


Figure 39. Main reasons you usually drive your child to and from school- Follow-up

Reasons provided in "Other": There is No bus option. I wish there were unsafe crossing at intersections, blind corners, no full sidewalks from neighbourhoods all the way, and distance. She is too young now, but I would like her to bike to school with her brother and work nearby in the coming years.

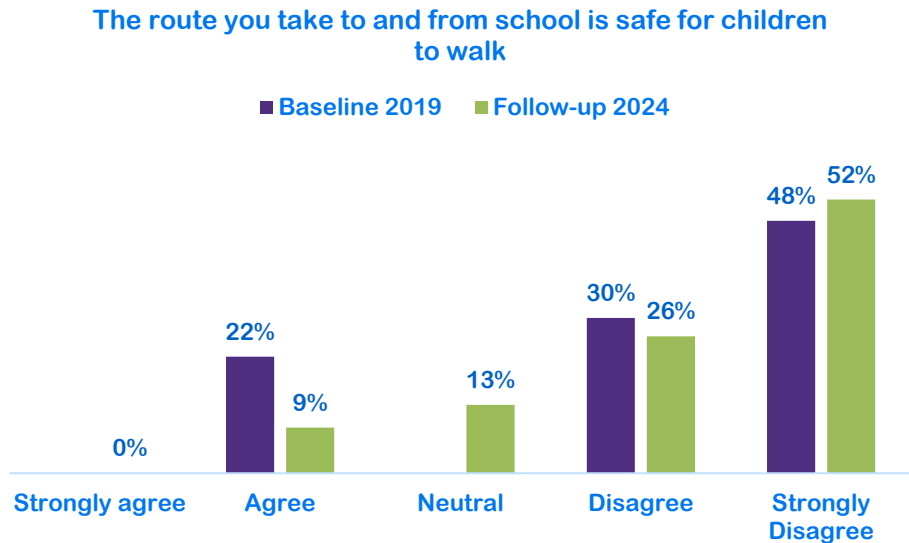


Figure 40. The route you take to and from school is safe for children to walk- Follow-up

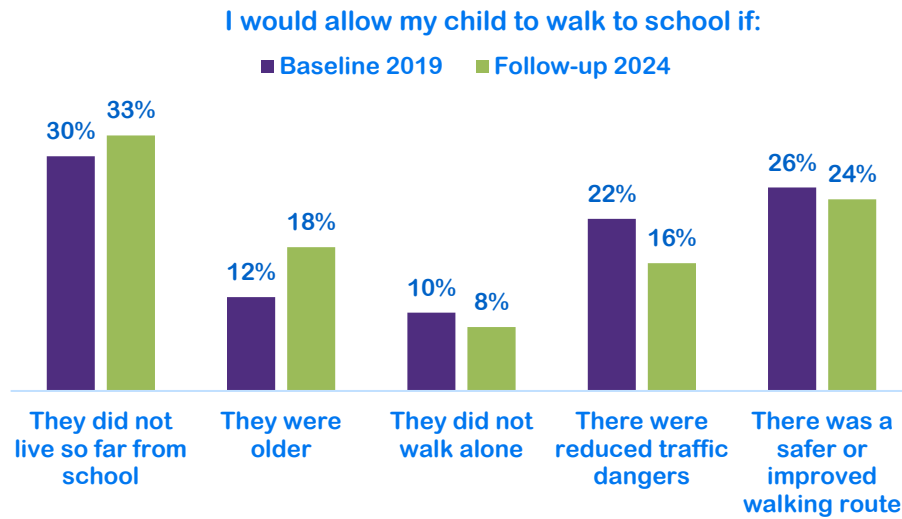


Figure 41. I would allow my child to walk to school if- Follow-up

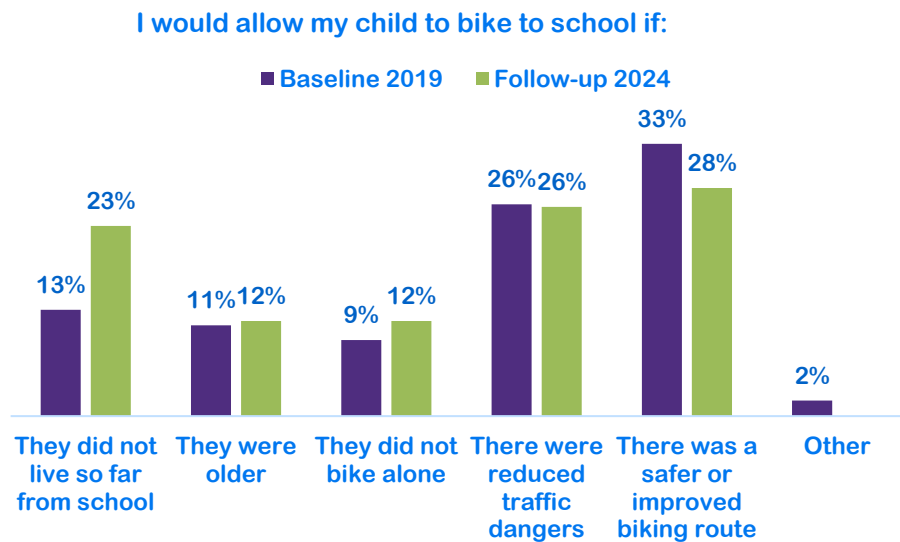


Figure 42. I would allow my child to bike to school if- Follow-up

"Other" included; Child needs to learn to ride bike.

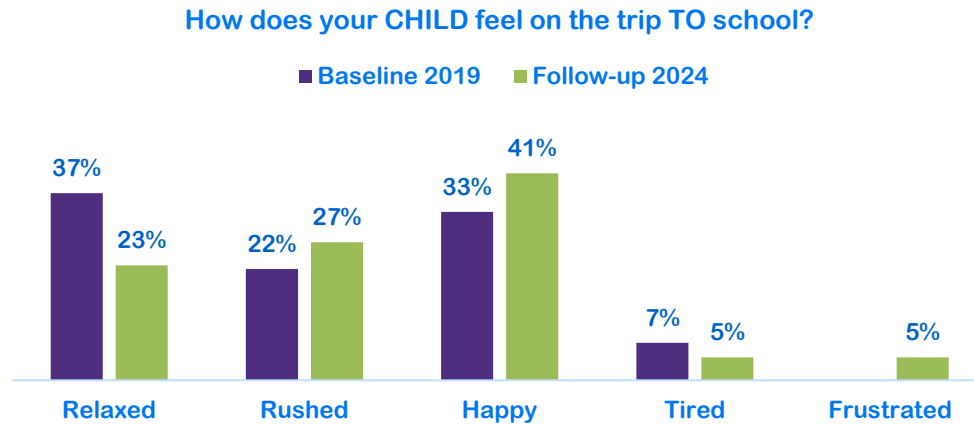


Figure 43. How does your CHILD feel on the trip TO school?- Follow-up

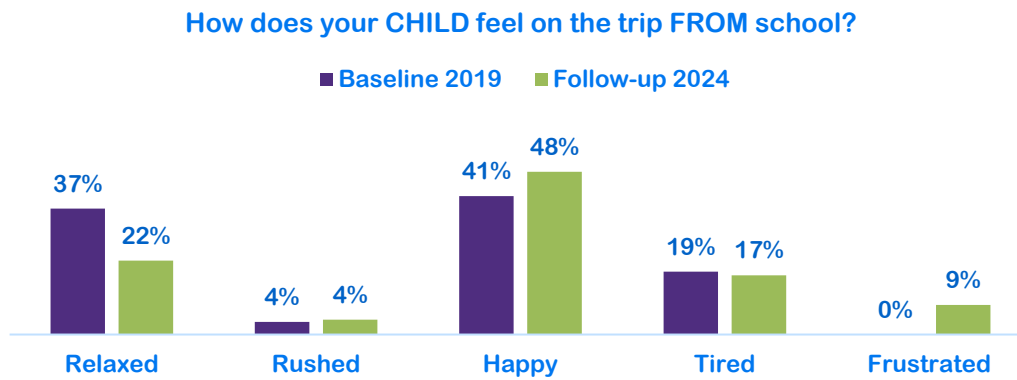


Figure 44. How does your CHILD feel on the trip FROM school?- Follow-up

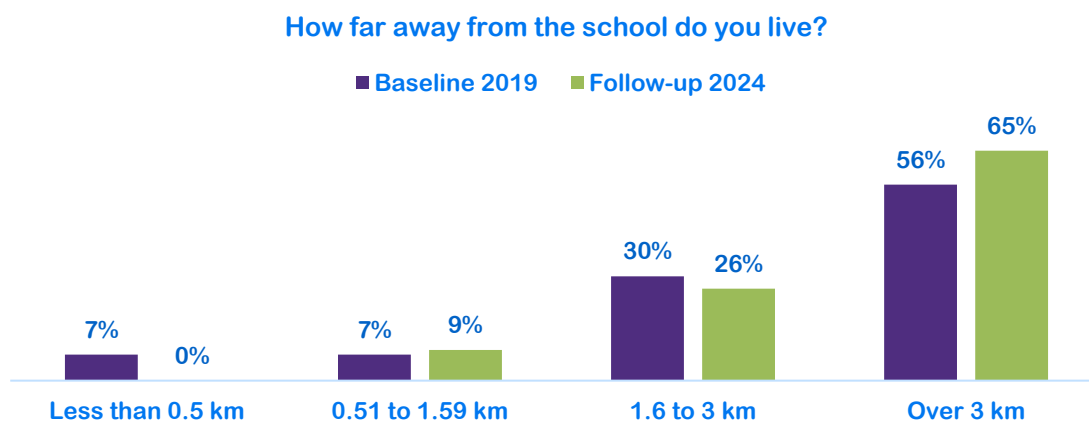


Figure 45. How far away from the school do you live?-Follow-up

Additional comments from family surveys are included in Appendix 2.

The following graphs show the sentiments of 12% of the parents who provided feedback related to the actions performed around the school since the School Travel Planning project began.

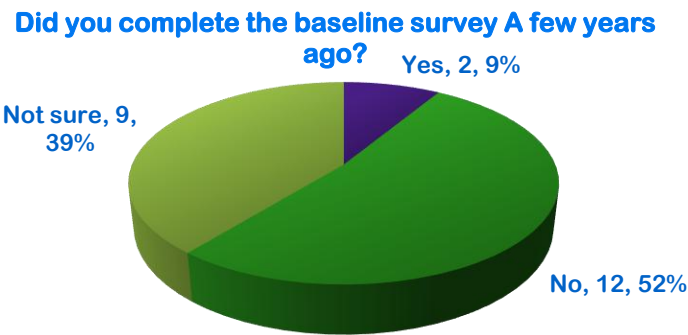


Figure 46. Did you complete the baseline survey A few years ago?

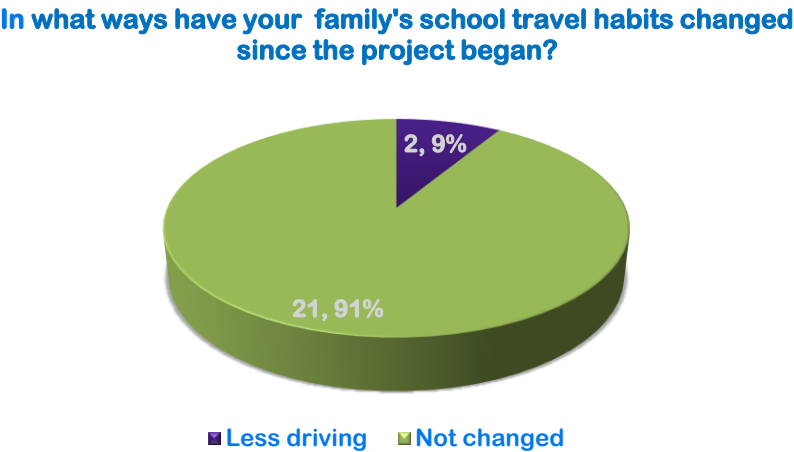


Figure 47. In what ways have your family's school travel habits changed?

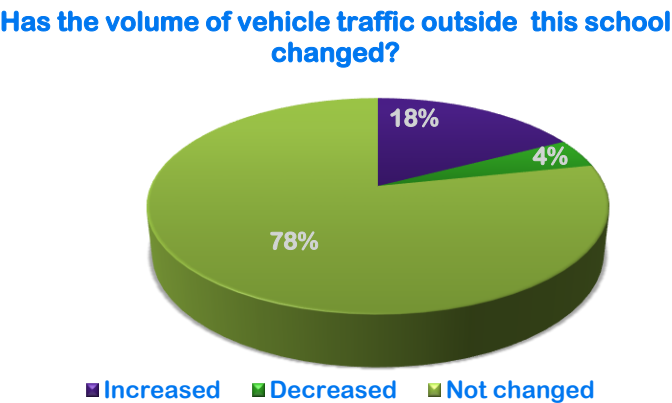


Figure 48. Has the volume of vehicle traffic outside this school changed?

Which school programming activities were implemented, and how effective were they for your family?

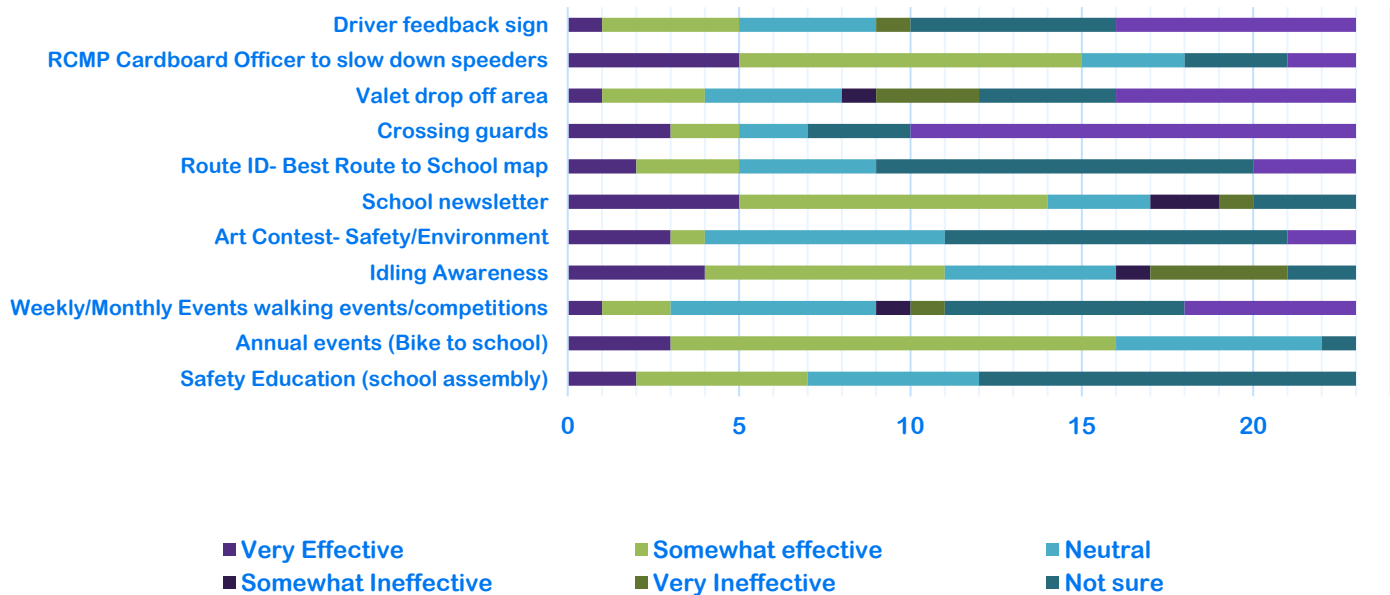


Figure 49. Which school programming activities were implemented, and how effective were they?

The RCMP Cardboard officer and annual events are the most effective activities for South Kelowna families.

What infrastructure improvements were implemented by the City around your school, and how effective were they for your family?

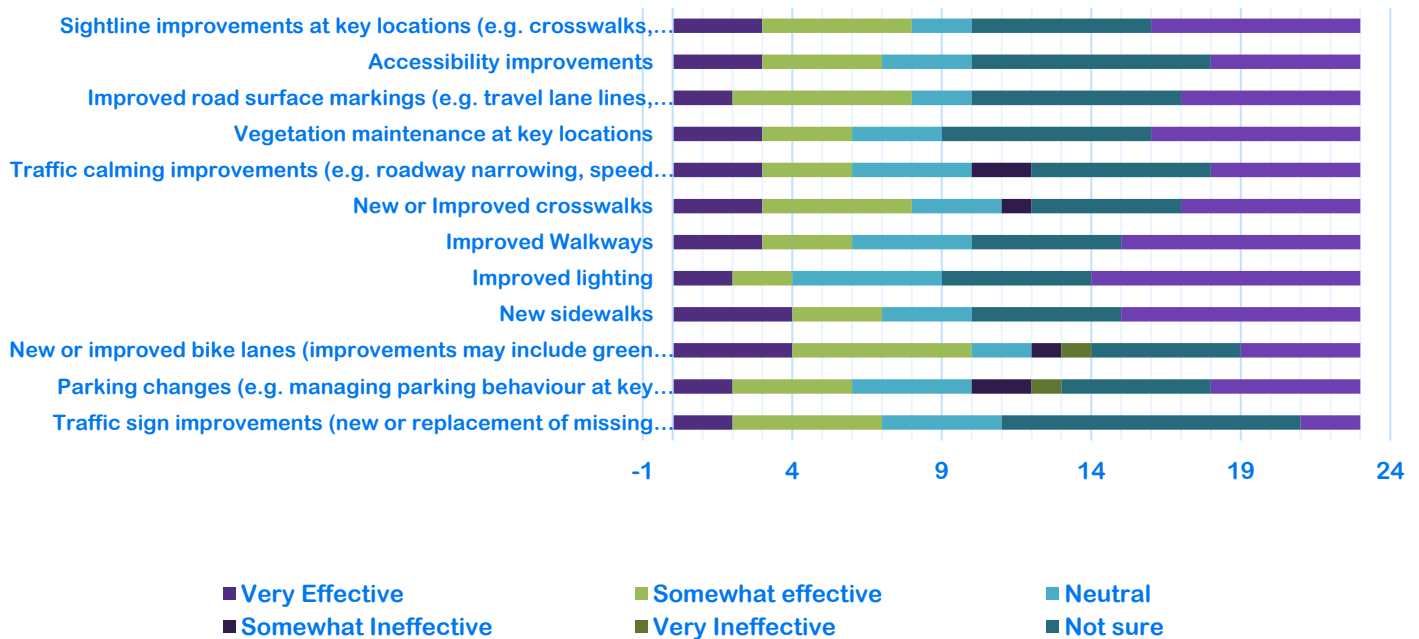


Figure 50. Which school programming activities were implemented by the City, and how effective were they?

Do you support ongoing School Travel Planning efforts?

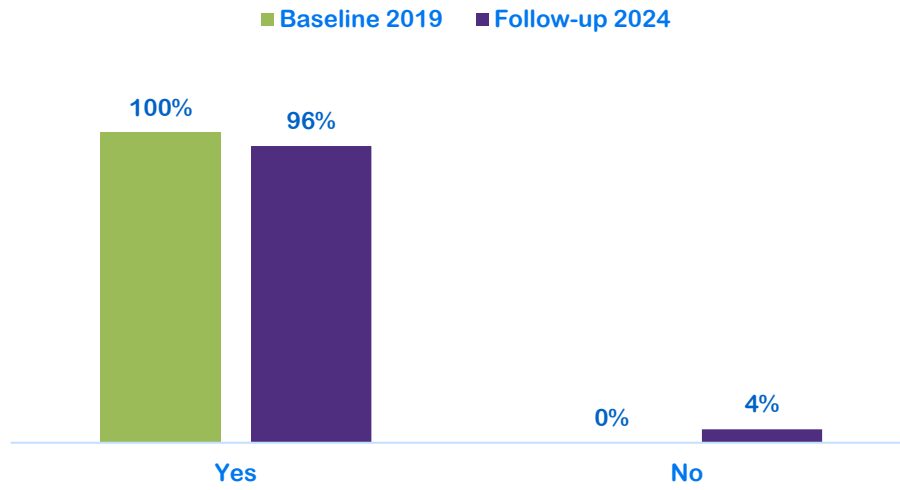


Figure 51. Do you support ongoing School Travel Planning efforts?- Follow-up

Conclusions and Recommendations

- After a few years of activities and infrastructure improvements around the school, on average, 7% more kids travel by car "To" and "From" school. According to a GIS analysis of the students' postal codes, 44% live within 2 km. Therefore, South Kelowna Elementary can potentially increase the number of kids who walk to and from school.
- The main issue preventing parents from allowing their kids to walk or bike to and from school is that the distance from home is too far. More emphasis on carpooling and park-and-walk activities may be considered in the following years.
- Delivering the Cleaner Air Program each year to students in grades 3 or 4 may support the efforts to encourage sustainable transportation options over time. This program, developed in collaboration with Interior Health, contains information on idling, air pollution and health facts that should be shared periodically with the school community through the school newsletter. The program aims to raise awareness about environmental and health impacts of transportation choices and promote sustainable alternatives.
- Some parents' concerns, such as snow removal on a road, sidewalk, pathway, or tree/ bush trimming, can be quickly resolved through the Service Request System at www.kelowna.ca. We encourage the school community to report any issues as soon as they identify them to keep the [best routes to school](#) safe and clear of obstacles. The City's system is designed to address the various problems promptly.
- We recognize parents' crucial role in shaping their children's travel habits. As newsletters are the most effective way to reach out to parents, reinforced regular parent role model messaging can be a powerful tool for encouraging behaviour change. We suggest the school committee explore incentivizing responsible parents who follow traffic rules, e.g., providing VIP parking for a month or gift certificates. By knowing and adhering to traffic laws, parents can help ensure the safety of all road users, including their children.
- Due to the limited number of family survey responses, future family surveys could provide better insight into parents' sentiments and accurately reflect changes or improvements related to real or perceived barriers in travelling to and from school.
- The continuation of School Travel Planning has the support of 96% of the parents who answered the survey in 2024. At the beginning of every school year, a new school committee is encouraged to be integrated with the new Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) to continue implementing the outlined annual actions. This process involves reviewing the previous year's activities, setting new goals, and planning or scheduling some Action Plan activities for the coming year.

Endorsement

In May 2024, through the follow-up family and classroom surveys, follow-up data was collected after substantial work was completed. The results were compared to the baseline data gathered in May 2019.

The results have been shared with the STP municipal and school Committees. The school is encouraged to share the results with parents/caregivers.

Principal

Municipal Lead

< September 2024 >


Jasmine Lemon


Nancy Mora

Appendix 1. Stakeholders

Committee members

In coordination with the City of Kelowna, Regional Services invited the institutions described below to participate in the Municipal and School Stakeholder Committee. An introductory document of the School Travel Planning and the Terms of Reference of the Municipal and School Stakeholder Committee was sent for their review.

The Municipal and School committee members were aware of their activities in advance and provided their input in the following manner:

- Participated in the Walkabout
- Contributed ideas for the Action Plan
- Participated in the education of parents and students regarding health, wellness, air quality and safety benefits
- Agreed with improvements recommended in the Action Plan

Table 7. Members of the School STP Committee

| Stakeholder | Staff | Roll | Contact information |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| South Kelowna Elementary School | | Description | Contact information |
| School Administration | | | |
| | Jasmine Lemon | Principal | jasmine.lemon@sd23.bc.ca |
| | Nadia Piasentin | Former Principal | Nadia.Piasentin@sd23.bc.ca |
| Parents | | | |
| | Amanda Rentiers | Main Contact | |
| | George Heppner | Parent | |
| | Jody | Parent | |
| | Ali Taylor | Parent | |
| | Jazmin Tomichich | Parent | |

Table 8. Members of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee

| Stakeholder | Staff | Roll | Contact information |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| | Name | Description | Contact information |
| City of Kelowna | Dan Glasscock | STP Facilitator | dan.glasscock@sd23.bc.ca |
| | Nancy Mora | Regional Air Quality Program Coordinator | nmoracastro@kelowna.ca |
| | Jayde Hiemstra | Communications coordinator | As needed jhiemstra@kelowna.ca |
| | Jasen Sackmann | Traffic Technician | JSackmann@kelowna.ca |
| RCMP | Federico Angulo | Law Enforcement | Federico.ANGULO@rcmp-grc.gc.ca |
| School District | David Widdis | Planning Manager | david.widdis@sd23.bc.ca |
| Interior Health | Tanya Osborne | Community Health Facilitator | tanya.osborne@interiorhealth.ca |

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City of Kelowna
City of West Kelowna
District of Lake Country
District of Peachland
Westbank First Nation
Regional District of Central Okanagan



Endorsement

The School Travel Plan for South Kelowna Elementary has been endorsed by Principal Nadia Piasentin on behalf of the school, and by one representative of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee.

School Principal

Nadia Piasentin

Signature



Date

March 11, 2020

Lead representative of
Municipal Stakeholder Committee

Jerry Dombowsky

Signature



Date

March 11, 2020

Statement of support

I, Nadia Piasentin, Principal, agree on South Kelowna Elementary School's behalf, that we will participate in the School Travel Planning. I understand that the School Travel Planning process will begin immediately and continue on an ongoing basis—the first year being the most intensive with implementation continuing in year two and beyond. We have secured the support of the Parent Advisory Council to participate in this project.


I understand that our school will have the following responsibilities:

- Participate fully in the five-step School Travel Planning process.
- Contribute in-kind staff time for data collection, meetings and implementation tasks.
- Allow select students to participate in meetings and assist with implementation.
- Provide meeting space as needed.

School Principal:

Nadia Piasentin
Name

South Kelowna Elementary School
School Name


Signature

November 22, 2018
Date

School Travel Planning Municipal Stakeholder Committee Statement of Support

I, David Widdis, representing the Central Okanagan School District No. 23, agree to participate as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee for the City of Kelowna. This commitment will begin immediately and continue on an ongoing basis.

I understand that as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee, my role in this project may include the following responsibilities:

- Consider the *Child and Youth Friendly Land Use and Transport Planning Guidelines* found at www.kidsonthemove.ca/documents.htm when making decisions about Action Plan items.
- Contribute in-kind staff time for meetings, data collection and implementation tasks that are relevant to my organization's existing responsibilities in the community, e.g. transportation engineering and planning departments will oversee infrastructure, police and/or bylaw officers will oversee safety and traffic enforcement, public health and school districts will guide education opportunities, etc.

David Widdis
Name



Signature

Central Okanagan School District No. 23
Organization Name

April 10, 2015
Date

Witness:

Jennifer Pearson
Name



Signature

Central Okanagan School District No. 23
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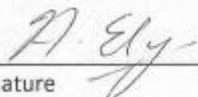
School Travel Planning Municipal Stakeholder Committee Statement of Support

I, Anita Ely, representing the Interior Health Authority, agree to participate as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee for the City of Kelowna. This commitment will begin immediately and continue on an ongoing basis.

I understand that as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee, my role in this project may include the following responsibilities:

- Consider the *Child and Youth Friendly Land Use and Transport Planning Guidelines* found at www.kidsonthemove.ca/documents.htm when making decisions about Action Plan items.
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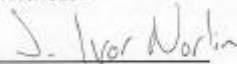
Anita Ely
Name


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Interior health Authority
Organization Name

September 26, 2017
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Witness:


Name


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Interior health Authority
Organization Name

September 26, 2017
Date

School Travel Planning Municipal Stakeholder Committee Statement of Support

I, Jerry Dombowsky, representing the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan, agree to participate as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee for the City of Kelowna. This commitment will begin immediately and continue on an ongoing basis.

I understand that as a member of the Municipal Stakeholder Committee, my role in this project may include the following responsibilities:

- Consider the *Child and Youth Friendly Land Use and Transport Planning Guidelines* found at www.kidsonthemove.ca/documents.htm when making decisions about Action Plan items.
- Contribute in-kind staff time for meetings, data collection and implementation tasks that are relevant to my organization's existing responsibilities in the community, e.g. transportation engineering and planning departments will oversee infrastructure, police and/or bylaw officers will oversee safety and traffic enforcement, public health and school districts will guide education opportunities, etc.

Jerry Dombowsky
Name

Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan
Organization Name


Signature

April 10, 2015
Date

Witness:

Ron Westlake
Name

Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan
Organization Name


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April 10, 2015
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Appendix 2. Walkabout Findings and Family Survey Comments

| The Walkability Checklist | Findings by School and Municipal Committees |
|---|---|
| At the School Site | |
| Parking lot, or on road parking at school | |
| Is there potential for vehicle and pedestrian conflict? | *Yes- school parking lot entry/exit. * In front of the school; parents U-turn, no crosswalk. *No proper place for deliveries (i.e. bottled water), therefore can create conflict during drop-off times |
| Is traffic flow clearly signed? (on ground and on signs) | *Possible stop sign on school parking lot exit onto street; failure to stop, rolling stops. * School speed sign on Wallace Dr is bent over needs to be straightened . *No, no lines on road* Need stop lines at intersection . *Slow down signs are needed. U-turn signage could be useful. Consider additional signage for drop off zone in front of school (enter/exit signs, Exit Only or No Enter signs, one-way sign). Consider putting cross walk on the front side of the school on Spiers Road (not necessary flashing lights but a sign and markings on road). |
| What is the parking and driving behaviour of driving parents and staff? | *Pick up/drop off is happening in the parking area- not using parking spots. *Casual, don't really obey regular traffic laws. Parent use the bus lane and leave unattended vehicles for long periods of time. *Consider more visible "No idling" sign* Parents often U-turn in front of school |
| How do children access the school from parked vehicle? (do they use a crosswalk, is one available?) | *Drop off on opposite side of the road and children crossing road with no crosswalk |
| Is there parking lot supervision? | No |
| Facilities for walkers on the street next to the school site | |
| Number and position of safety patrollers, adult and/or student, if any. If they are not currently organized, are they needed? | * 2 playground supervisors? * Possible set up a kiss & drop (Grade 6 Student Valet Service) |
| What are the sight distances from school crossing to road curves, blind corners, or school and trans it bus zones? | Spiers on far back side of school had blind corners and missing pavement so cars swerve to oncoming. * Sight lines are good |
| How is the placement of the school crossing in relation to driveways and bus loading zones? | No crosswalks on spiers road on 3 sides of the school |
| Are there sidewalks? | Yes- along spiers (school side-except the back). Not across the school. On backside of school (Spiers Road) - no sidewalks or bike lanes. Sidewalks and crossings are not connected. |
| Walking paths to the school | |
| Where are the access points for students? | Front and back of school (school field) * Road across the school. Multi use pathway along Spiers (parents drop off kids at Corner of Spiers & June Springs to let kids bike to school) |
| Is there potential conflict with vehicles? | *Yes-U turns in front of the school. * North driveway could use sidewalk continuation from street to exiting. *Corner of Spiers Road and June Springs - has no safe way for students to cross the road and access the multi-use pathway*Corner of McCulloch & June Springs not an all way stop sign and only one cross walk, not easy for students to connect with bike lanes/sidewalks. Also, blind Corner at this intersection potentially causing accidents |
| Is the lighting adequate along walkways? | Yes |
| What is the maintenance of walkways, i.e. snow and ice removal; mud, puddles; holes needing filling? | Good along Spiers in front of the school - Other sides not cleared properly. * School based maintenance |
| Can routes from backfields, adjacent parks, be used year-round? | Yes, flatten shoulder back of the school by gate opening. * Yes, during spring and fall, not sure about winter. |
| Bicycle facilities | |
| Bike racks: do they exist? Are they secure, sheltered? | Yes, not sheltered. |
| Is there potential for conflict with vehicles to access the bike storage area? | No |

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| School Bus/After School Care Loading Zone | |
| Where do students wait for busses, and for how long? What type of supervision is employed? | |
| How many busses, vans and special needs transportation vans/busses access the school? | Two- After 8:10 the bus lane is used by parents to drop off students |
| Are there ramps, any special entrances or accommodations for students with diverse abilities? | Yes |
| Further items to look for | |
| Emergency vehicle access | Yes, good condition |
| Location of garbage dumpsters and other school maintenance equipment | In front of parking lot |
| No-idling signage | Yes- In front and back of the school |
| For waiting students and families | |
| Shelter from inclement weather/shade | Limited- at the school entrance |
| Play area | Yes-safe fenced, south end of school |
| Natural landscape | Yes, good condition |
| In Areas Surrounding School Site | |
| Walking facilities and traffic observations | |
| How far do sidewalks extend around the school and into the surrounding community? | Along Spiers on school entrance. Sidewalks are not connected. No sidewalks on the backside of the school, and sidewalk does not extend past multi-use lane. Sidewalks are also not connected on McColloch Road. |
| What is the type, volume, speed, noise and pollution of traffic on surrounding streets—perceived and real (the municipality might have volume and speed counts). | There's traffic count data from 2013 & 2015. Vehicle volume clearly higher at drop off/ pick up time 8 and 2 |
| Are there heavy trucks? Are there problem areas where a heavy truck might mount the sidewalk to turn at an intersection? | Yes, while construction is in progress, lots of dump trucks and utility vehicles. City will send notification to bring awareness on speed limits |
| Are there on-street signs that indicate to drivers they are approaching a school zone? Are they visible? | Yes, under BC motor vehicle guidelines. *School zone is on three sides of school. *Between Saucier and Wallace Hill Road, vehicles speed because no reminder of school zone when vehicles turn. |
| Timing of traffic lights? Do they allow enough time for small children to cross safely? | No traffic lights |
| Alternative safe parking locations | |
| Is there an area away from the school to suggest for distant driving families to safely park to take part in a walk-a-block-or-two scheme? | Back of the school and share use path (Spiers/June Springs)- Add gate to city parking lot at the back of the school for easy access. At multi use path - need designated area to park & unload. |
| Bicycle facilities | |
| Are bike paths or lanes suitable for families? | *Yes, share use path available. *Spiers Rd back of school has no shoulder/bike lane/sidewalk. *On backside of school (Spiers Road), no sidewalks or bike lanes. Sidewalks, lanes, and crossings are not connected. |
| Are best cycle routes identified? | No |
| Non-traffic related items to consider | |
| Types of buildings surrounding school: residential, recreational, commercial, industrial | Residential /agricultural. * Small convenience school store south end of school. |
| Location of other public spaces near school: parks, community centres, libraries, churches | Shared use field adjacent to school |
| Number of shade trees on streets | A few on north approach to school. Not along sidewalk in front of school. * Yes, at the back of the school. |
| Green space vs. concrete space | Good |
| Graffiti on buildings | No |
| Physical state of the sidewalks | Good condition- standard |
| Size of the sidewalks | Good |
| Garbage along the routes to school | No, clean condition |
| Obstructions on the sidewalks | No* During construction there's interference |
| Block Parent or Neighbourhood Watch community—if so, where are Block Parents located? | No |
| Potential or known areas where crime, bullying, loitering or intimidation is possible | None |

Additional comments from Baseline Family Surveys 2019

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| We live on Ward Road, off Spiers road. There is no shoulder on either of these roads. Ward road has completely deteriorated, much of the asphalt surface is gone and it is potholes. Also, much traffic from seasonal accommodations. Spiers/Ward very gravelly |
| We live in West Kelowna but in the spring/summer we do make an effort to bike walk from the mailboxes to/from school. |
| We take that time in the truck to talk about their day. |
| We would encourage our children to ride bikes to school, weather permitting, if there was a safe bike route. |
| Bus stop is far from our house. It could easily be closer |
| For the next year I will inquire if I can sign up the children for using the bus only in the mornings. They stay at the afterschool program and the bus does not run for driving them home |
| live to far from school to walk |
| traffic is busy and people drive too fast. vehicle parking and control around the school is terrible. |
| Parents getting wild with driving when they are late can be stressful |

Additional Comments from family surveys- Follow up- 2024

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| more defined bike lanes |
| What is the study that shows that idling makes the air cleaner for our kids to breathe on the signage? That statement seems very aggressive for families that rely on driving their kids to school. Are you teaching our kids that driving to school is making the air they breath toxic or just when cars idle? |
| We live off mcculloch road, we really need side walks from mahonia estates to field road! People drive fast, not safe to walk |
| The children have to ride along a busy road in the morning. Ther have been several complaints regarding the excessive speeding on this stretch of road yet nothing has been done about it. People are late for work, kids are drag racing. All hours kf the day. The tailgaiting is beyond brutal. Even with bike lanes it is not safe until you get to Spiers road with the biking lane off the road. |
| You can't for SKE. The catchment is so big, people have to drive. The school bus also runs WAAAY too early. The pick up at our stop is 7:15 and the bus gets to the school around 8:10. I'm not confident that there are even monitors on the school grounds that early to ensure its safe. I don't want to have to wake up my child 45 minutes earlier than I have to just to put them on a bus for almost an hour and then wander unsupervised around the school. I would use the school bus if the pick up wasn't so early. I would love another bus to shorten the journey. Bike to school week is fun, although most parents drive their kids most of the way because school is so far. |
| Would like to see more bike lanes or the shoulders of the road designated for walking/biking or sidewalks up in south east Kelowna area. Makes it difficult to send kids on bikes when no lines distinguishing road vs shoulder (side of road). |
| Kids take the bus to and from school but do participate in bike to school week because of the potential to win a prize. |
| Our drop off lane is absolutely bonkers. There doesn't seem to be an efficient order- parents are not on the same page with how that is supposed to work. It's not a parking lane- I have seen parents get out of their vehicles and walk their children to their door. |
| We have no sidewalks and no street lights. Rural area with crazy drivers. We are 2.9km from the school - we need the bus or we drive (not eligible for the bus). Bike with them as much as we can but it feels very dangerous to do so. |
| June springs rd up to Spiers has no sidewalk and more space between car and pedestrians would help with safety. Traffic is heavy on this road at school drop off and pick up times. People are speeding as well. Spiers has an excellent pedestrian walk path. |
| Spiers Road needs a safe shoulder for walkers and bikers. |
| Provide additional details about the journey to and from school and add ideas on encouraging students to walk or bike to school. |

Appendix 3. Best Route to South Kelowna

[Best routes to school South Kelowna-map.pdf \(rdco.com\)](#)

BEST ROUTES TO SCHOOL

KIDS, BE STREET S.M.A.R.T.

SIDEWALKS:
Use sidewalks! Stay on the inside edge, and stand away from the edge when you want to cross the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles.

MUSIC:
If you are listening to music, remove one earpiece before crossing the street or walking in an unfamiliar neighbourhood.

ATTENTION:
Watch out for moving vehicles backing out of driveways, back alleys and in parking lots.

ROAD CROSSING:
Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk. To cross safely, make eye contact with the drivers in all lanes to make sure they are stopped.

TEAM UP:
It's safer and more fun to walk to school with family or friends and good exercise too.

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Neighborhood safety tips

TRANSIT
Transit can be fun. Parents and children can take the bus route together a few times before the kids go solo. Ask the bus driver if you have questions.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS
Team up with another parent or neighbour to share the responsibilities of walking to and from school. If students are older, encourage them to walk with friends or older siblings.

AWARENESS AND INDEPENDENCE
Teach your children how to stay safe by identifying friendly neighbours, friends or safe public places. Warn them about high traffic areas or corners that might hide hazards. Exploring and learning about your community and city at a young age are lessons that will last a lifetime.

Beware of strangers!

- When you are out with your family, identify safe places at which you can ask for help. It might be a neighbour or a friend's house or maybe a safe place you can go.
- If your family uses a safety password, practice and remember that special word.
- Don't ever go anywhere with a stranger. Be stranger aware!

Park and walk

Families who are unable to walk all the way can still contribute to improved traffic safety and healthy schools. Park at your school's designated area or park legally on another street away from the school. Walk the last few blocks with your children, allowing them to enjoy a little extra active time outdoors.

South Kelowna has two park and walk stations:
1-The parking lot at the back of the school on Spiers Rd.
2-The multi-use pathway between the intersection of Spiers & June Springs and the school.

S.U.P.E.R bike safety

Practice these bike safety tips at all times when riding your bike!

Signs: Use your hand signals when riding your bike and obey traffic signs.

Use caution: Leave space when riding next to parked cars and watch out for doors swinging open. Wear light or bright coloured clothing, bike lights and reflectors, so you can be easily seen.

Protection: Wear your helmet when riding your bike - it's the law.

Eye contact: Make eye contact with other road users (drivers and pedestrians) to improve safety for everyone.

Right hand side: Ride your bike single file and as far to the right-hand side of the road as possible. Use bike lanes if they are available.



Driver awareness

Drive lawfully, safely and without distraction. Parents have a valuable part to play as role models for their children's future driving behaviour.

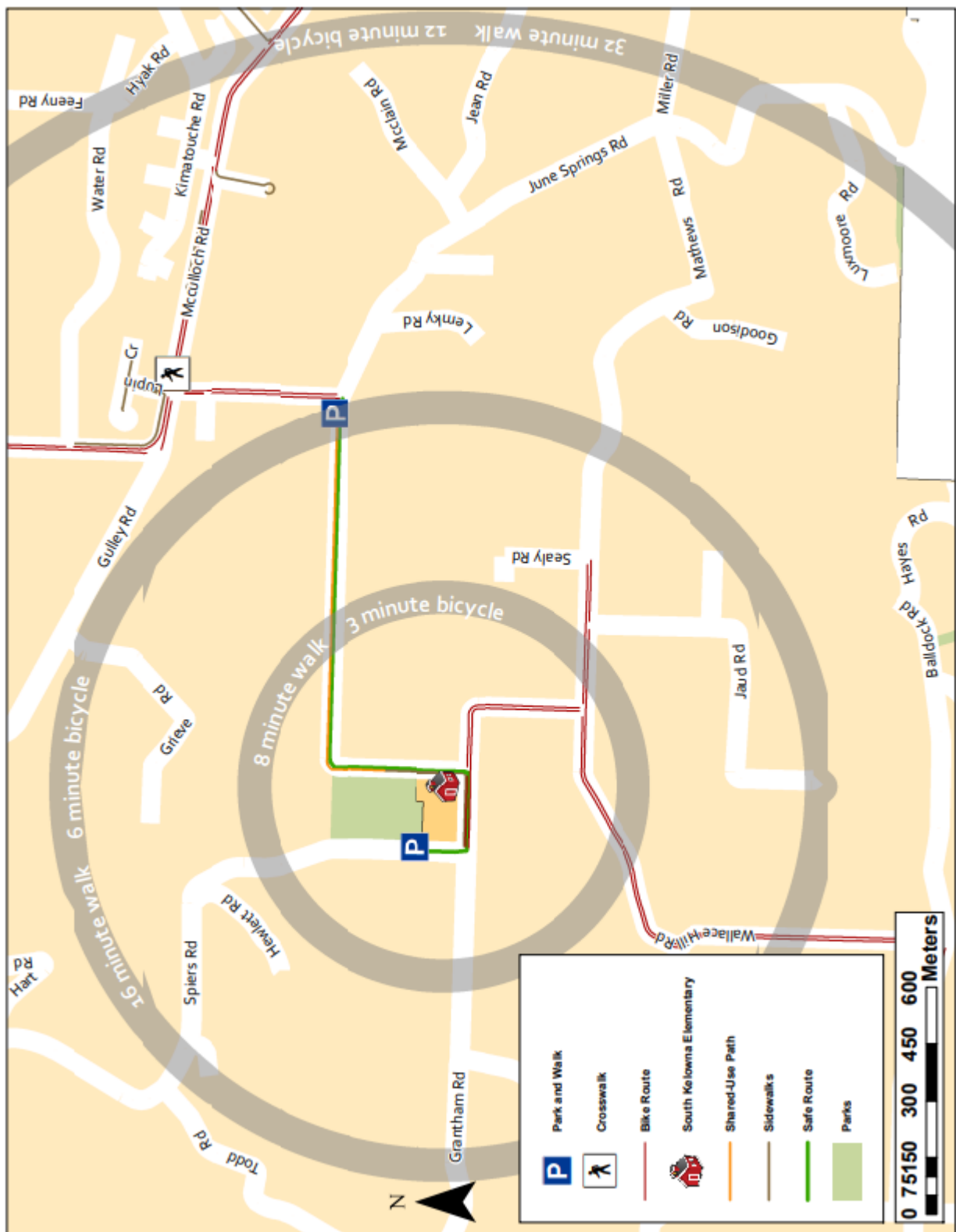
U-turns are illegal in a school zone. They are dangerous too as they cause many blind spots in an area that may be filled with young walkers and cyclists.

Don't idle your vehicle. It contributes to poor air quality which negatively impact young lungs. If you're going to be stopped for more than 60 seconds-except in traffic-turn the engine off.

Safe Route

Use the proposed Safe Route map on the next page and get to school safely by walking cycling, in-line skating, riding a skateboard or a scooter.

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