

School Streets: A Pilot

Presentation to General
Committee

March 30 2022





School Travel in Mississauga

- 10% of all trips in Mississauga are school trips
- Number of Mississaugans under 19 years of age is expected to increase by 14% from 2016 to 2041.
- Currently, around 30% of students arrive to school by car
- In 2021 the City of Mississauga was the recipient of funding to pilot a concept called **School Streets**

School Streets

THIS ROAD WILL BE
CLOSED TO CARS



May 9 – May 27

8:15 am – 8:50 am

2:30 pm – 3:20pm

Monday – Friday

What are School Streets?

- Create temporary car-free environments in front of schools at start and/or end of school day
 - Exemptions: Emergency vehicles, special education school buses, immediate residents, those who need additional mobility support
- Make space and prioritize safe conditions for walking and other active travel
- Help us to rethink the journey to school

What are the goals of School Streets?



The Big Picture

**Phase i: Project
Documentation**
May 2021

**Phase 1:
Planning**
May 2021- May 2022

**Phase 2:
Implementation**
May 2022

**Phase 3: Knowledge
Sharing and Reporting**
May - June 2022

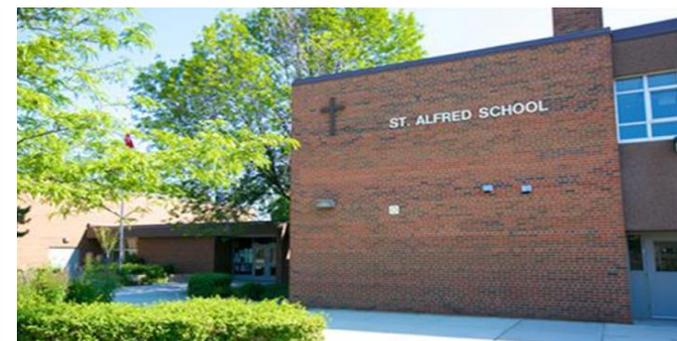

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Site Selection

West Location



East Location



Evaluation Plan

- Methods aligned with 4 overarching project objectives
- Research approval from school boards
- In progress now: Coordinate various components of the data collection

OBJECTIVES

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Increase active travel and reduce car travel during the pilot

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Lead to increased investment in active school travel programs

3

Create more accessible public space for active transportation and play

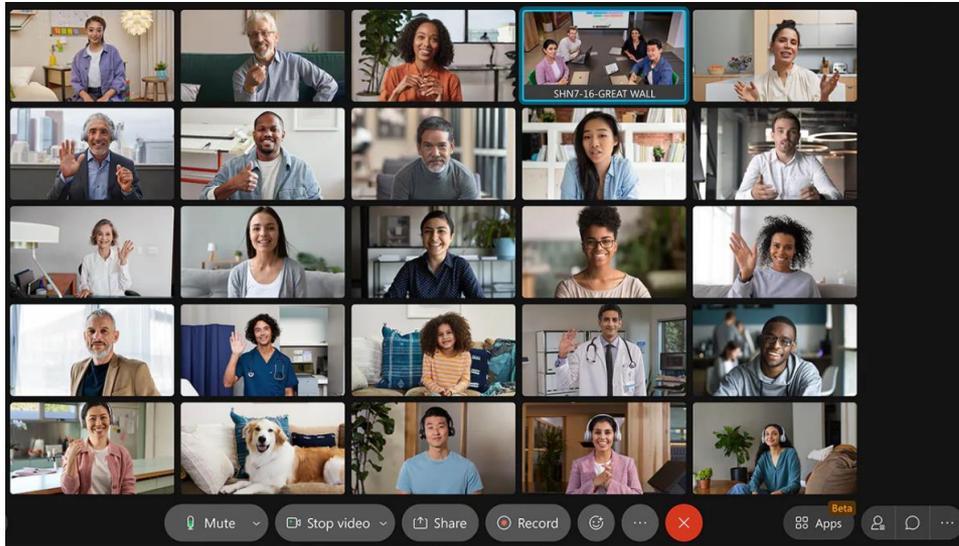
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Increase awareness and acceptance of School Streets



Logistics of School Streets

- Road occupancy permits for temporary closures
- Activities in the street
- Memorandum of Understanding required with school boards



Local Project Planning Teams

- School principals, teachers and Councillors
- Local residents, parents, trustees, community organizations
- Collaboration on planning

Conclusion

- The **School Streets** Pilot Project aims to:
 - Promote active school travel
 - Improve safety of the street during school drop-off and pick-up
 - Build community



Thank you!

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