

Reimagining Safe School Travel:

The Mississauga School Streets
Pilot Project



Why the School Journey Matters



For students:

- Mental health
- Healthy physical development
- Academic performance

For communities near schools:

- Reduced traffic dangers near schools
- Peace and quiet for residents
- Builds a sense of community

School Travel in Mississauga



Within Walking
Distance¹

69%

Eligible for
School Bus¹

23%

Driven to school²

31-38%

¹ Based on data provided from Student Transportation Of Peel Region (STOPR).

² Based on Transportation Tomorrow Survey Data from 2016.

School Streets Overview

- Pilot project across 3 communities ran in Spring 2022
- Funding from Ontario Active School Travel grant
- Coordinated by 8-80 Cities



Hamilton



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Ontario 

Ontario Active School Travel 

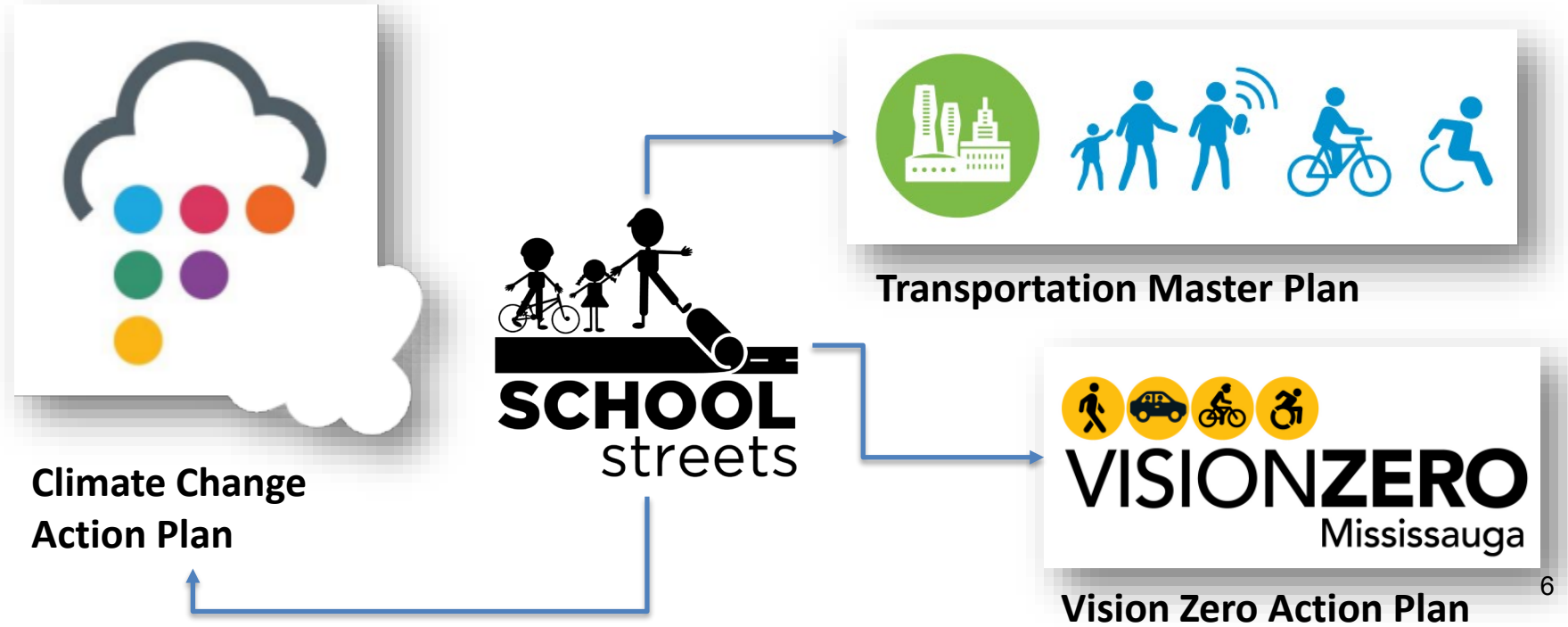
Green Communities 
CANADA

 880 cities

What are School Streets?



Alignment with City Priorities



Location 1: Hillside



Location 2: Brian W. Fleming / St. Alfred





Local Project Planning Teams

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



Results



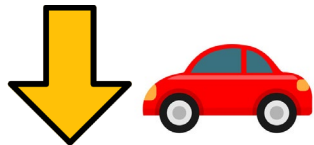
Effective tool for **increasing awareness** of active school travel as an option



Supported by a majority of school community members surveyed after the pilot



Effective at **increasing active travel** for school trips



Effective at **decreasing driving** for school trips

Snapshot of Highlights: Active School Travel & Safety

38%

Fewer cars around the school neighbourhood in Ward 2 in the AM;
15% less in PM

10%

Fewer cars around the school neighbourhood in Ward 3

41%

Increase in active transportation in both communities

Note: After the pilot finished, both communities **continued to see decreased traffic** and **increased active school travel**, but at more modest rates than during the pilot.

Snapshot of Highlights: Community Engagement

60

Students engaged in environmental education sessions

18

School Travel-focused initiatives for students

24

Bikes Donated to Students

72

Letters of Recommendation written for students

8

Community Meetings

1025

Volunteer Hours for High School Students

>100

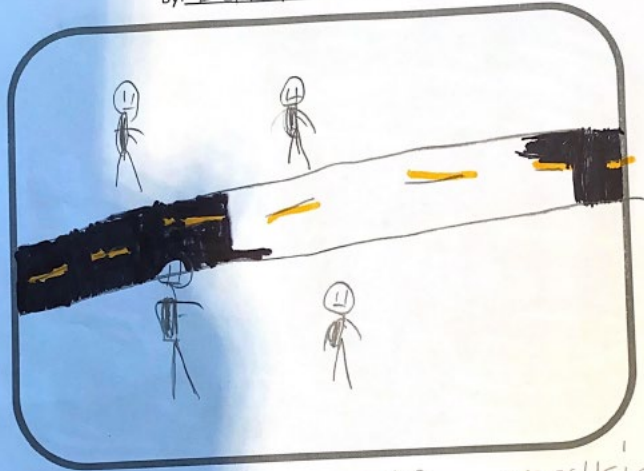
Elementary Students Engaged in Planning and Implementation

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New bike racks being installed at schools₁₂

SCHOOL STREETS

by: Daniel



When you are walking
and then you can get
strong and it's good for
your body.

SCHOOL STREETS

by: Ashlyn S



What I like about the
School Streets Project is that
we get to do activities and
we also stop pollution by
not using cars that much

What's Next?



- Continue to promote active school travel
- Continue to share Mississauga's example as inspiration for other municipalities
- Determine a model that is sustainable over the long term
- Develop provincial guidelines for School Streets

Thank you!

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