

School Travel Plan

St Brendan Catholic School



September 2012



School Travel Plan

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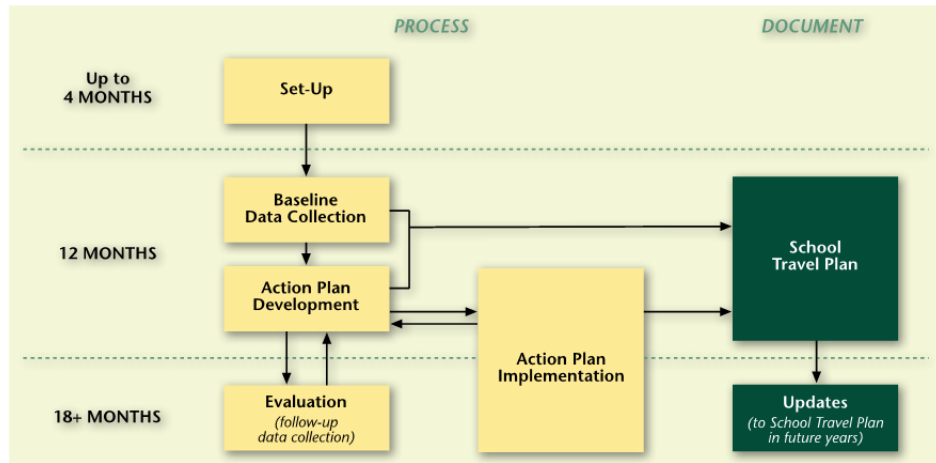


School Travel Plan Introduction

The School Travel Plan

A School Travel Plan is a living document belonging to the school. It will be revisited regularly in order to update the status of Action Plan items and to incorporate future Evaluation findings. It is part of a complete School Travel Planning process that has been successfully developed and implemented across Canada since 2007.

School Travel Planning process



National 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:

www.saferoutestoschool.ca

Toolkit resources and flexible templates are available to use in every phase of the STP process. Find the toolkit at:

www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning



School Travel Plan

School Profile
December 2013

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| School Name | St Brendan Catholic School |
| School Type, e.g. public, separate, private | Catholic |
| Age of School / Year Opened | |
| Name of School Board | Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) |
| Number of Students | |
| Number of Families | |
| Grades, e.g. K-6, K-8 | |
| School Bell Times | |
| Number of Parking Spaces, staff/visitor | |
| Description of Location, e.g. city centre/suburban/rural | |
| Is the school in a Neighbourhood Watch or Block Parent Community? | |
| % Bussed Students | |
| Socio-Economic Description of Families | |
| Any local programs e.g. French immersion, fine arts, special needs, before and after-school day care etc. | |
| High-Level Description of Any Major School Travel Problems e.g. catchment size, driver behaviour, on local or connector road, traffic speed, heavy trucks, bussing wait times | |
| 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 | |
| Existing Safety Policy & Education, e.g. school safety policy and rules, current safety education programs | |
| Programs at this school that have goals similar to | |

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| STP, e.g. environmental, physical activity, mental health | |
| Types of school/parent committee communications used/available (i.e. newsletter, website, facebook page) | |
| Other Information | |

Map of area covered by this School Travel Plan



School Travel Plan

*Baseline Data Collection -
summary of findings*

Student Classroom Survey findings

All classrooms: Student Survey Total Travel Mode to School over One Week

All classrooms: Student Survey Total Travel Mode from School over One Week

Baseline Family Survey Findings

Location comments –

Action Plan Ideas:

Incentives

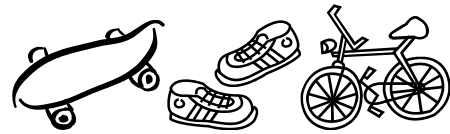
Infrastructure

Safety Training and Education

Partnership and Other

Walkabout debrief and next steps discussion and St Brendan Catholic School

School Travel Planning Pilot Project



Walkabout Report

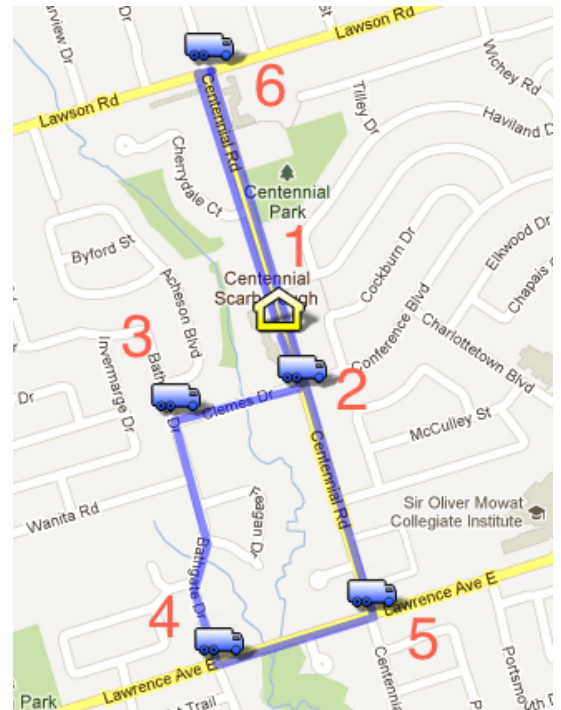
School: St. Brendan School
Address: 186 Centennial Rd




Date: December 6, 2011
 8:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m

Participants:

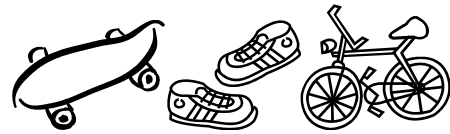
Carolyn Anco, Principal; Shafina Reynolds, Public Health Nurse; Al Burrows, Traffic Operations; Rose-Marie Fraser, Parent; Michele Maluci, Parent; David Wallace, Councillor Moesers Office; Kevin Hodgkinson, Transportation-TCDSB




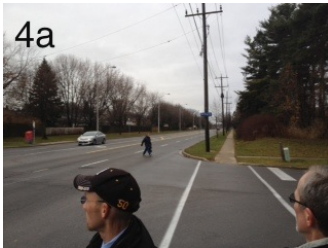


Planned Route



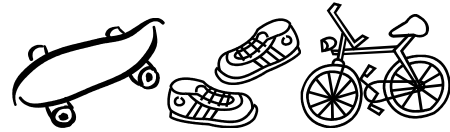
| Location | Concerns and Notes | Photos |
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| <p>1. St. Brendan School</p> | <p>A.M Bell- 9:00 P.M. Bell- 3:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photo 1a- three to four school busses arrive at the school along Centennial adjacent to school - Photo 1b- existing bike lane along Centennial Rd -good quality sidewalk infrastructure outside of school - Morning violations- parents currently drop off students wherever they would like, often parking in staff parking lot, not leaving room for teachers who then must park on adjacent streets - student/parent walkers cut through the lot versus going along the sidewalk and path since it is longer - Photo 1b- A slight incline out of the parking lot conflicts with sidewalk sight-line of walkers coming from the north. - Photo 1c shows cars parked illegally in fire zone during the school day for drop-offs and pick-ups |  <p>1a</p>  <p>1b</p>  <p>1c</p> |

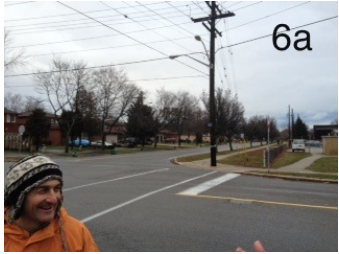

School Travel Planning Pilot Project



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| <p>1b. D'Arcy Magee and Centennial</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new no-parking regulation is being implemented along the north side of D'Arcy Magee farther back from intersection to increase sightlines. | |
| <p>2. Centennial and Clemes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing crosswalk at intersection, a wider intersection but in a designated School Zone - Photo 2a- rolling stops at this intersection - Photo 2b- higher volume of traffic - cars park in no-park zone on south side of Clemes - parents currently park in private un-used lot on North West side of intersection - parking is available on east side of Centennial along Clemes. |  <p>2a</p>  <p>2b</p> |
| <p>3. Clemes and Bathgate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drivers do not pay attention to stop sign - Cars are rolling through stop sign - No identifiable crossing area from west side of Bathgate to east side of Clemes - Photo 3- No stop bar at stop sign along Clemes - Identified as a potential drop off zone for parents within a 5 minute walk to school. - City of Toronto will examine possibility of installing a stop bar to enhance the pedestrian environment and the journey to school for kids crossing from the west side of Bathgate |  <p>3</p> |
| <p>4. Bathgate and Lawrence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sidewalk ends on west side of Bathgate a few hundred meters before Lawrence - Photo 4a- Busy intersection with no crossing - Students are bussed from south side of Lawrence |  <p>4a</p> |
| <p>5. Lawrence and Centennial</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busy and speed of traffic- cars and buses - Photo 5a- Pedestrians must press button to activate crosswalk at the lights and light to allow appropriate crossing time - Photo 5b- Lack of visible street name signs - Crossing Guard may help |  <p>5a</p>  <p>5b</p> |

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| <p>6. Centennial and Lawson</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Volume of traffic is higher as it is an arterial, bus route along Lawson- Photo 6a- Good pedestrian markings- X walk, 3 way stop, stop bars- Crossing guard during peak hours= Another school present @ intersect- Photo 6b- wider intersection, commercial use on south-west corner |  <p>6a</p>  <p>6b</p> |
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St. Brendan Catholic School Action Plan

| Action / Initiative | Task | Responsibility | Timeframe | Cost & Source of Funds |
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| Objective 1: To increase the number of students walking to and from school | | | | |
| Walk to School events for students to walk in groups | -have bi-monthly walk to school events - participate in Winter Walk Day | - Principal Carolyn Anco - Parents and CSAC to spread word | - Continuous | Low cost, to be covered by STP funds |
| St. Brendan Walk Club | Use iWalk club cards for students to collect points for regular walking | - Principal - Teachers - Eco-club | Spring 2012 | Minimal, cards are free. Some small cost of prizes will come from STP fund and CSAC |
| Identify key walking routes for kiss and walk | Send maps of where to meet up with other people. One of those locations will be Bathgate and Clemes as identified | | Spring 2012 | No cost |
| Walking Buddy Pilot Project | Participate in TPH new walking buddy pilot project that encourage and teaches students safe walking skills | -PH nurse to connect principal with Program Coordinator -TPH and School | Fall 2012 | Unknown |
| Objective 2: To increase the number of student cycling to and from school | | | | |
| Hold a Bike rodeo | Invite Toronto Police, Injury Prevention and PH Nurse to provide stations | - Principal Carolyn Anco - CSAC to organize refreshments | May 2012 | Low cost |
| Participate in International Bike to School Day | Provide students a place to keep their bicycle safe for the school day in lieu of bike racks | - CSAC to organize incentives | May 2012 | Low cost |

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| Map potential bike routes for students and a cycling teacher will ride one of the routes a few times a week. | Find potential bike routes for students interested in biking to school. A teacher that cycles to school will ride along one of the routes | - Principal Carolyn Anco - Teacher Riley | Spring 2012 | No cost |
| Engage students in basic bike maintenance | Invite local neighbour to talk about bike maintenance with students | - Principal Carolyn Anco | Spring 2012 | No cost |
| Move old bike racks and purchase new ones to place in front of school. | Site a location for one or two new bike racks to promote students/teachers to cycle | - School Board for help with siting | September 2012 | Medium cost could be covered by STP funds or school board |
| Objective 3: Increase safety education for students and parents for all travel modes | | | | |
| Risk Watch | New TPH program that will help re-establish a culture of walking at St. Brendans and teach safe walking skills to students | - PH Nurse- Shafina Reynolds will connect with PH nurse Silence Lai - Target Gr7/8 students who require volunteer hours | Fall 2012 | Unknown until receive program details |
| Bus loading Zone Campaign | - Have students create artwork for a poster campaign to educate parents about not parking in bus loading zone. - Have community liaison officer provide a blitz along Centennial Ave in September | - Principal Carolyn Anco - Teachers | Fall 2012 | No cost |
| Create map of parking zones | Include maps in agenda and inform new students of where parents can park to walk | - STP Facilitator - Principal Carolyn | Spring 2012 | Low cost to circulate via |

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| around the school | their children in to school. | Anco | | paper, covered by school |
| Objective 4: Communicate School Travel Plan to school community | | | | |
| CSAC Visioning Exercise | To engage parents and create more buy-in for the STP plan, CSAC will do a visioning exercise to where they would like to see their involvement go with the plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSAC - STP Facilitator - Principal Carolyn Anco | Fall 2012 | No cost |
| Objective 5: Find ways to include students that take the bus in STP initiatives | | | | |
| Students participate in Traffic Safety Pilot Project | Utilize student volunteers in two week pilot Kiss and Ride project | - Principal Carolyn Anco | Spring 2012 | Low cost |
| Walking Buddy Program | New TPH program that will help re-establish a culture of walking at St. Brendan's and teach safe walking skills to students. See if these students can participate in some way. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Carolyn Anco - TPH | Fall 2012 | No cost |
| Count walk/bike on weekends | Ensure all activities and programs include a component that counts the walk to the school bus and activity after school and on weekends. | - Teachers | Ongoing | No cost |
| Objective 6: Continue to increase safety of environment around the school for pedestrians and cyclists | | | | |
| Formalize Kiss and Ride Program | Have a formal and well staffed (volunteer parents) Kiss and Ride program at St. Brendans to encourage a safe and efficient | -STP Commitee | Long term | Low cost |

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| | flow of cars through the parking lot | | | |
| Gather support for Kiss & Ride program to persuade parents participate. | Create newsletter articles that promote the program and highlight the benefits-educate parents first | -CSAC Parent -Principal Carolyn Anco | Medium Term- Fall 2012 | Low cost |
| Implement "Pilot Kiss and Ride Program" for 2 weeks | - Ask the community police constable to provide expertise on implementation. -Use teacher volunteers with vests and pylons to direct traffic flow - Track numbers and opinions of the project | - Principal Carolyn Anco - Community Special Constable | Spring 2012 | Low cost- purchase or borrow vests and pylons. ASRTS could provide |
| Objective 7: Stay Connected with property development of adjacent property | | | | |
| Advocate to school board for use of property | Create a contingent of parents to advocate to school board to purchase property for school expansion or increased green space | - CSCA parents led by Rosemarie | Long Term, ongoing | No cost |
| Regularly check-in with local councilor about the development | Contact councilors office to find out if there are any updates on the property's development | - Principal Carolyn Anco | Long Term, ongoing | No cost |
| Eventually consider a walking route through the back ravine over river to join with Clemes Rd. | - Route would create a bridge crossing small river in ravine and enter into school yard | - Principal Carolyn Anco - Teacher, Riley | Long Term | Medium to High cost, but will depend on owner of property |



School Travel Plan

Goals

School Travel Planning goals

- Reduce congestion and increase safety at the school site
- Increase active school travel on the school journey

Key goals for this school

Specific action items are detailed in the following Action Plan.

Highlights of Actions 2013-2014

Infrastructure Requests



School Travel Plan

Team and Endorsement

Committee members

Endorsement

School Principal: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Representative at the Municipal Level: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



School Travel Plan

Evaluation

More Baseline Survey Data

Follow-up Survey Data



School Travel Plan

Annual Update

Principal

Municipal Lead

End of **Second** Year <Insert date> _____

End of **Third** Year <Insert date> _____

End of **Fourth** Year <Insert date> _____

End of **Fifth** Year <Insert date> _____

[Note: More dates can be added]