



Canadian School Travel Planning Toolkit with illustrative photos and step-by-step instructions at bit.ly/CANSTPGuide
The guide invites learning, encourages student leadership, fosters eco-literacy, and forms links within the community.

Case Studies

- Ontario School Travel Planning Case Studies: bit.ly/ONSTP
 - Action Plan Inspiration Guide bit.ly/ASRTSInspirationGuide
 - Cycling to School for Newcomer Children and Youth bit.ly/CSSCycling
 - Stepping It Up Video and Activity Guide bit.ly/SIUWalk and bit.ly/SIUActivityGuide
 - Wheeling to School bit.ly/ONWheelingtoSchool
 - Student Travel Photovoice Video bit.ly/SIUPhotovoice
 - Best School Walking Route Maps bit.ly/WalkingRouteMap
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Did you know?

"No idling" signs are available for your school for mounting on a brick wall, fence, or post

To purchase: create a CRO in SAP from James Signs

Contract: #4600004966

Materials:

#20012876 (12" x 18") - \$65

#20012877 (18" x 24") - \$70

Go to <http://tdsbweb/services.sap>

Bicycle racks for schools:

You can purchase bike racks in two size from the Facility Services catalogue. Choose either the 18- (\$626) or 24-bike size (\$785).

Before you install, think about the location (are bikes visible from inside the school or hidden from view?) and traffic flow (is there a safe route from the bike rack to school?). The head caretaker can submit a work order for installation. Cost of installing is covered by the school.

Sustainable Transportation

Transportation - the way we get around our community - impacts the environment, our health, economy and society. Cars use mostly non-renewable fuels, and emit greenhouse gases and air pollutants. Public transit vehicles, like busses, street cars and subways, and school busses use less fossil fuels and help us get exercise. With active transportation, like walking and cycling, we use our own fuel - kinetic energy - to travel, while also getting the daily physical activity we need. As a team, your school can make **sustainable transportation** options easier, safer and more fun for everyone! This tool helps you create a **school travel action plan** with activities that involve **students, staff, teachers, parents, and the community**.

1. Assemble Your Team

- Bring together students, teachers and staff who have interest and/or expertise in sustainable transportation.

2. Conduct a Community Walkabout

- Invite your principal, parents, students, teachers and community partners such as police, Public Health, Transportation Services and your Councillor, to do a **walkabout** in your school neighbourhood and discuss all the areas for improvement.

3. Survey Students, Parents and Staff

- Ask classrooms to complete daily surveys over one week asking "how do you get to and from school?" to find out how students and teachers are travelling. Send a short survey home to parents to find out how they feel the trip to/from school could be improved to support sustainable transportation.

4. Create Your School Travel Action Plan

- Create a concise Action Plan for your school with short, medium and long term actions to improve sustainable transportation. Use actions from the 5Es: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, and evaluation. **Tip:** there are lots of action examples in the **Case Studies** sidebar!

5. Implement and Track Your Activities

- Work with your community partners to implement your school's actions. Re-survey staff and students each season to find out what has changed at your school and makes any needed changes to your plan. **Have fun!**

Other Resources:

- 20/20 The Way to Clean Air bit.ly/2020CleanAir
- Road to Health: Improving Walking and Cycling in Toronto bit.ly/TorontoRoadtoHealth
- GTHA Household School Travel Study bit.ly/2011GTHASchoolTravelStudy
- Active and Healthy Kids Canada Report Card bit.ly/AHKCReportCard
- Active Living, Children & Youth: What is the Canadian Evidence Saying? bit.ly/CIPFactSheet
- Idle Free Campaign Kit bit.ly/IdleFreeKit
- Safe Routes to School US www.walkbiketoschool.org



Sustainable Transportation (cont'd)

- Links to Related Community Partners:
 - Green Communities Canada: www.saferoutestoschool.ca
 - Toronto Public Health: www.toronto.ca/health/walking_to_school/index.htm
 - Clean Air Champions: www.cleanairchampions.ca/
 - Share the Road: www.sharetheroad.ca/
 - Cycle Toronto: cycleto.ca/
 - Metrolinx: www.metrolinx.com/schooltravel
 - Evergreen: ebw.evergreen.ca/whats-on/bike-works
 - CultureLink Settlement Services: www.culturelink.ca/programs/green-settlement-initiatives/cycling-program/
 - CAN BIKE: www.canbike.net/cca_pages/cb_kcb.htm
 - TTC: www.ttc.ca

For parents, teachers and staff:

- Smart Commute: www.smartcommute.ca
 - Toronto Bicycle User Group Network: www.toronto.ca/bug
 - BIXI Toronto: toronto.bixi.com/
 - AutoShare: www.autoshare.com/
 - Zipcar: www.zipcar.ca
 - Car2Go: www.car2go.com/en/toronto/
 - GO Transit: www.gotransit.com
- Links to Related Community Events:
 - Car Free Day (September): ontario.sierraclub.ca/en/car-free-day
 - International Walk to School Month (October): www.saferoutestoschool.ca/iwalk-month-activity-ideas
 - Winter Walk (February): www.saferoutestoschool.ca/winter-walk-day
 - Spring Into Spring (April): www.saferoutestoschool.ca/spring-spring
 - Bike Month (June): cycleto.ca/bike-month-2013
 - Clean Air Day (June): www.ec.gc.ca/sce-cew/
 - Commuter Challenge and Clean Air Commute (June): commuterchallenge.ca and cleanaircommute.ca