Canadian School Travel Planning Toolkit
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
- Cycling to School for Newcomer Children and Youth bit.ly/CSSCycling
- 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
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**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:
- 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: https://www.metrolinx.com/schooltravel
  - Evergreen: ebw.evergreen.ca/whats-on/bike-works
  - CultureLink Settlement Services: https://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: https://toronto.bixi.com/
  - AutoShare: www.autoshare.com/
  - Zipcar: https://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/walk-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