

School Travel Planning at Don Valley MS

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Agenda:

- **Introductions**
- **Program Description**
- **Your Goals**
- **Next Steps**



Who I am



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Program focus:



To **increase the rates of walking or wheeling to school** for students living within the “walk zone” (i.e. students living within 1.6 km of the school).



To **increase the rates of taking the school bus** for students living within the “bus zone” (i.e. students who are eligible for transportation by school bus).

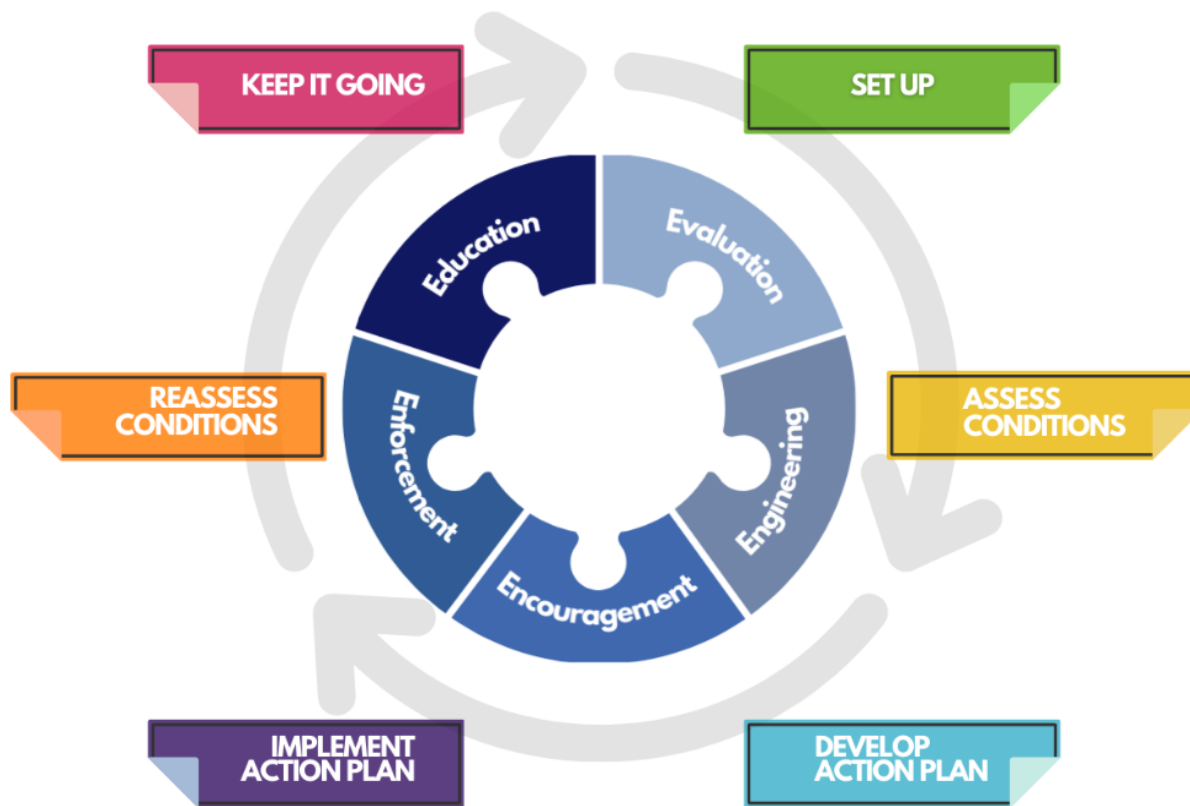


To **reduce traffic congestion and safety hazards** at the school and along routes to school.



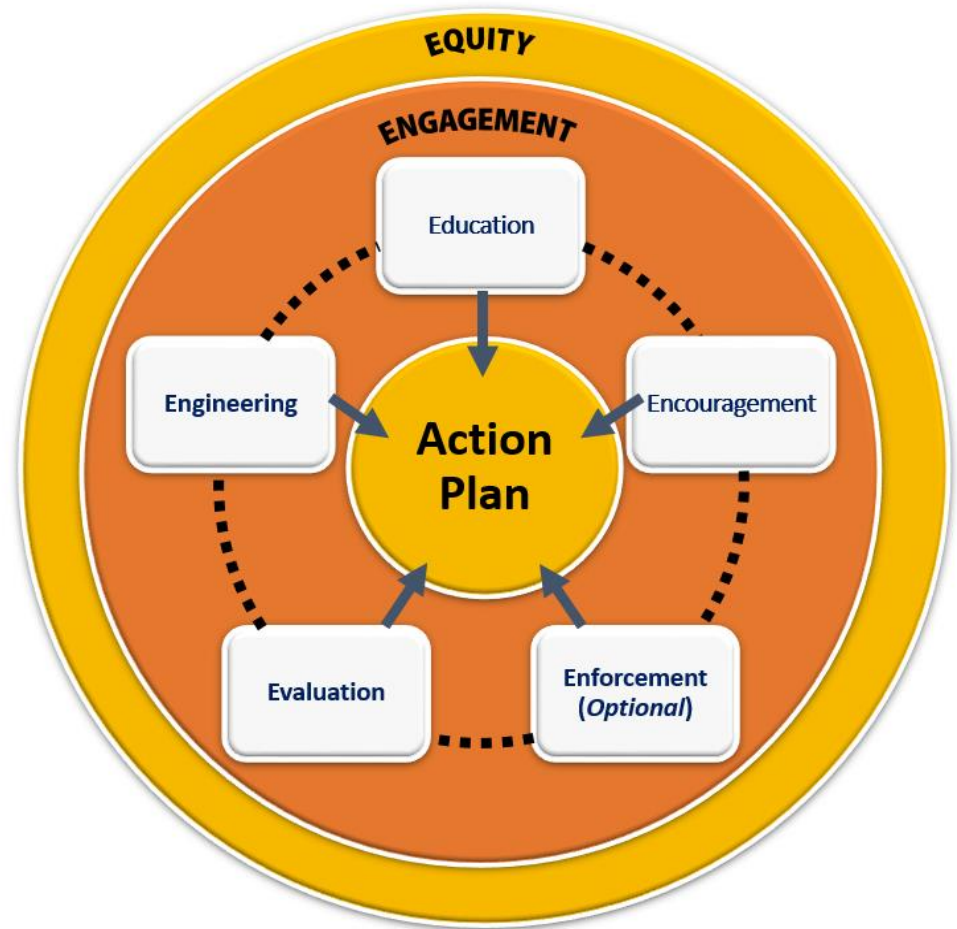
Introduction to:

The components of the TDSB Traffic Safety program are as follows:



Program Framework

The Traffic Safety program follows a holistic approach that addresses multiple aspects of active and safe school travel. All of this is done through **Engagement** with members of the immediate and broader school community, with considerations of **Equity** at all levels of the program.



Our Traffic Safety Program will:

- Assess current conditions for school travel
- Bring together key partners to promote active and safe school travel
- Develop maps showing Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures and Popular Routes to School
- Develop an Action Plan for the school addressing the 7Es



Program Meetings

Year 1

- **Meeting 1 (Sept/Oct 2022- 1 hr):** Introductory Meeting with the school Principal
- **Meeting 2 (Nov/Dec 2022- 1.5 hrs):** Orientation Meeting for Traffic Safety Committee
- **Meeting 3 (Jan/Feb 2023- 2 hrs):** Traffic Observation + Neighbourhood Walkabout
- **Meeting 4 (Mar/Apr 2023-1.5 hrs):** Planning Meeting (Attendees determined based on agenda)
- **Meeting 5 (May/June 2023- 1 hr):** End of Year or End of Program Wrap-up Meeting

We are here



Program Meetings

Year 2 and 3

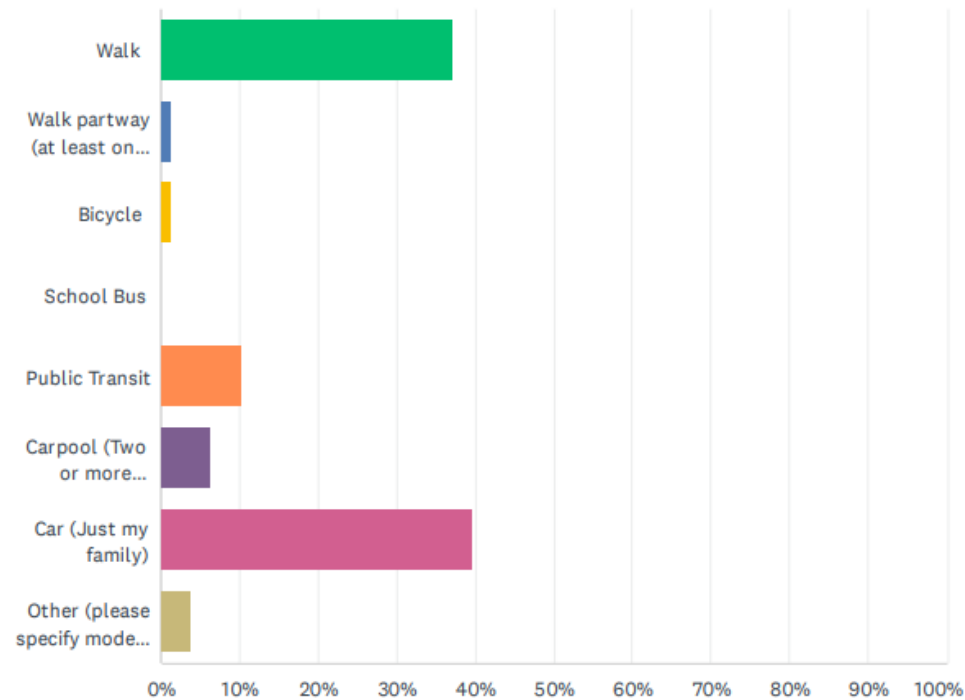
- **Meeting 6 (Sept/Oct 2023- 45 mins):** Recap Meeting with Principal
- **Meeting 7 (Optional; to be planned by Traffic Safety Committee- Recommended 1.5 hrs):** Planning Meeting (Attendees determined based on agenda)
- **Meeting 8 (Apr/May/June 2024- 1 hr):** End of Program Wrap-up Meeting for Traffic Safety Committee



Family Survey data highlights

Q3 How does your child usually travel to school? (check one)

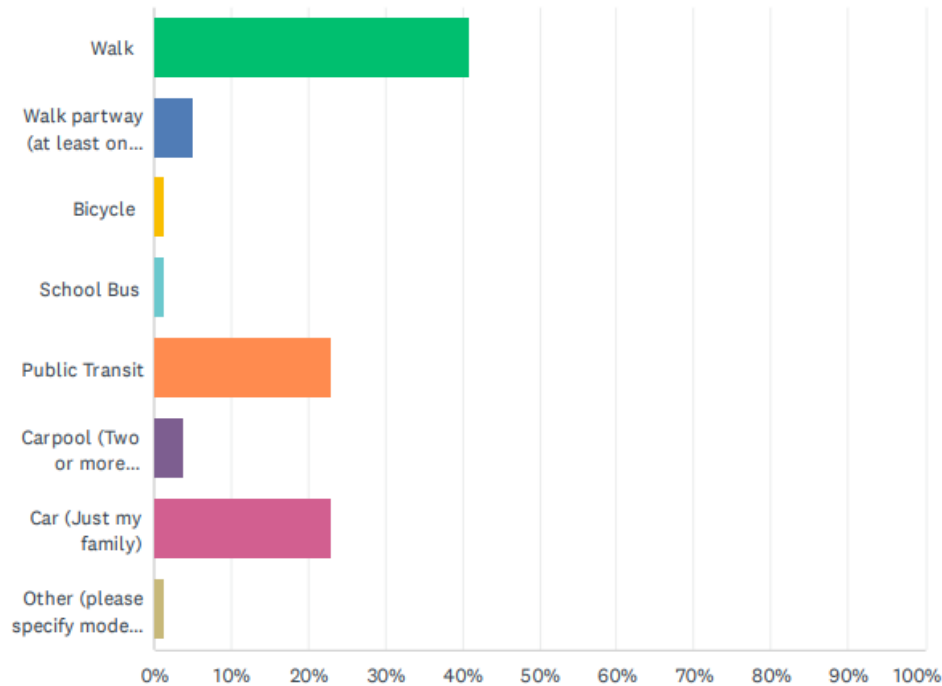
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Family Survey data highlights

Q6 How does your child usually travel from school? (check one)

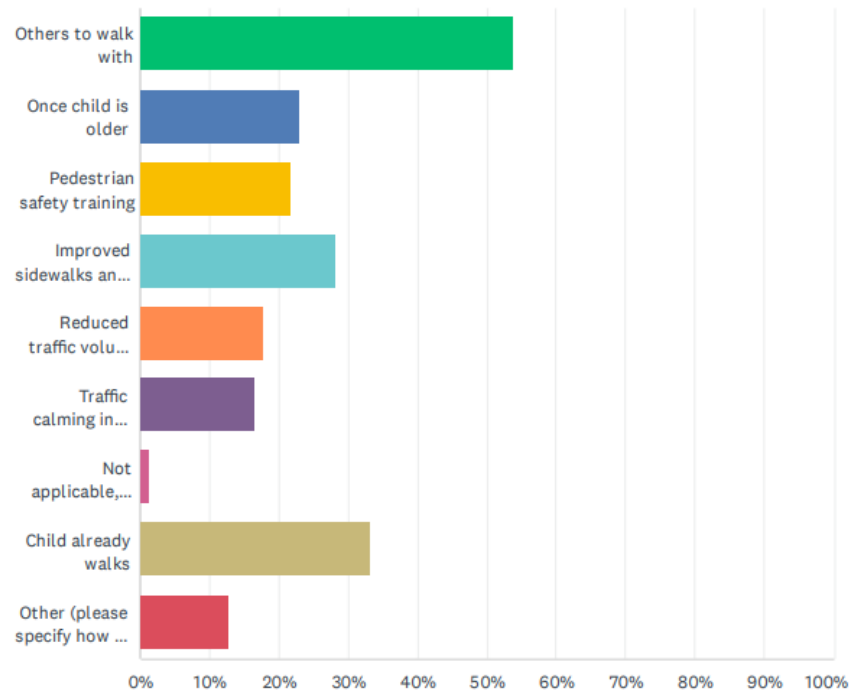
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Family Survey data highlights

Q9 Which of the following would encourage your child to walk to/from school? (check all that apply)

Answered: 78 Skipped: 0



Family Survey data highlights

- The remaining family survey data will be shared in the School Travel Plan in the coming weeks
- Unsafe drivers a concern related to engaging in active school travel
- Safety on transit was emphasized as a concern
- Some parents mentioned their interest in tips on advising students on how to take public transit safely
- Bike theft and a lack of access to sheltered bike storage were indicated as a barrier to cycling to school



Family Survey data highlights

Seneca Drive & Don Mills Road

- Vehicles coming from Seneca Dr and taking right on Don Mills Rd, failing to the respect the pedestrian signal and completing hazardous turns while students are crossing

Van Horne Avenue & Don Mills Road

- Vehicles turning right without looking for pedestrians.
- Inattentive drivers near major intersections rushing to their destination.
- Drivers are not careful as they turn right.
- Installing a crossing guard at Don Mills and Van Horne



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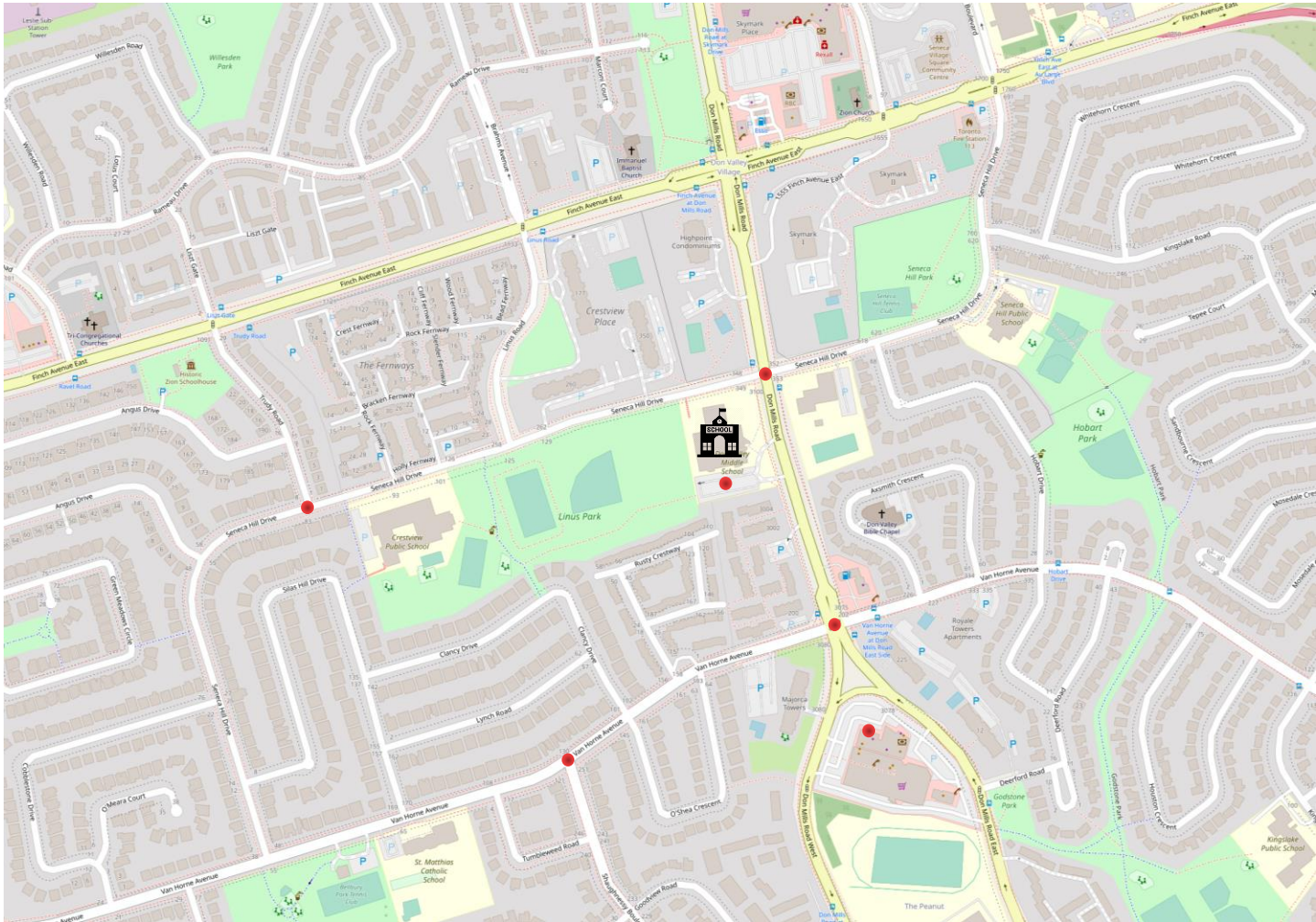
Van Horne, near Shaughnessy

- A placement of a crosswalk at Van Horne near Shaughnessy Boulevard was recommended
- Another crosswalk on Seneca Hill Drive between Van Horne and Don Mills was recommended

Don Mills

- Drivers experience difficulty completing lefts turn onto Don Mills Road
- There is difficulty for vehicles completing left turns out of the school parking lot





Planning Task 1 of 2: Drop-off & Pick-up Planner

- What information should be reflected in the drop-off and pick-up planner?
- When should we distribute the planner?



Planning Task 2 of 2: Setting the Stage for Action

- What initiatives can we led next year that support the 7 E's and address traffic safety concerns?
- The 7 E's being the following:
 - Education
 - Encouragement
 - Evaluation
 - Engineering
 - Enforcement (optional)
- Have there been other previously successful initiatives we can replicate?
- How can we connect with other parents and report back to the school?



Thank you! Questions?

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