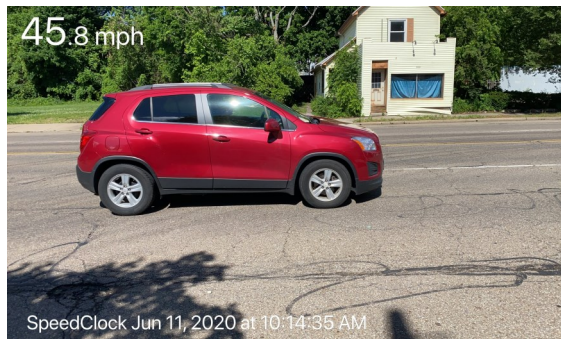


# City of Akron School Travel Plan Update

A School Travel Plan (STP) is a written document that outlines a community's intentions for enabling students to engage in active transportation (i.e. walking or bicycling) as they travel to and from school. The City is updating the plan made in 2015.



To update the plan, the City is asking for the community's help in identifying unsafe areas where students must walk or bike to get to school. These could be places where there is no sidewalk, or it is inadequate, or places where pedestrians cross without pavement markings or other protections.



Other places to be addressed could be areas where speeds are high, traffic is dense, and there are opportunities for pedestrian-vehicle conflicts.

The School Travel Plan identifies these areas, provides information about travel policies and current safety practices, and sets an Action Plan to make safety improvements through the six E's: **Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, and Equity.**

Please help us identify locations where safety improvements are needed.

We need your input! —————>





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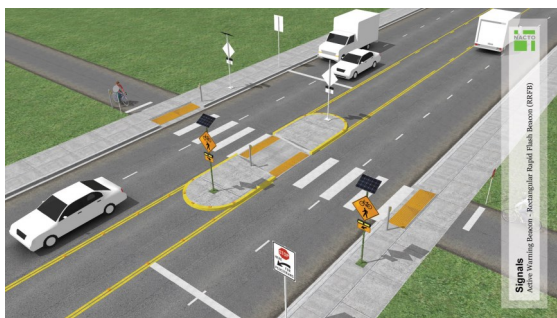
The City of Akron is updating its School Travel Plan, a document designed to improve safety for children (K-12) walking and biking to school by identifying needed improvements in a 2-mile radius of each of the 46 public schools.

Some examples of potential safety improvements are listed below.



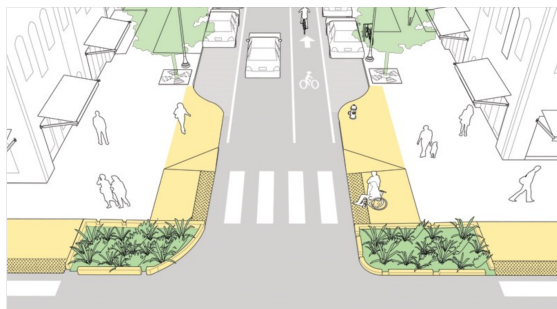
## Sidewalks

Sidewalks provide a paved space for pedestrians to walk to and from school, off of the roadway.



## Crosswalks and Protected Crossings

Crosswalk pavement markings provide visibility of crossing pedestrians to drivers. Protected crossings use beacons to notify approaching traffic of the need to slow and stop for pedestrians.



## Curb Extensions / Bump outs

These facilities extend the sidewalk to provide more space for pedestrians, reduce the crossing distance and potential time for conflict, and lead to more aware, slower-moving drivers.



## Buffered Bike Lanes

Bike lanes with a buffer between parked and/or passing vehicles provide a safer space for people to ride their bike to and from school.



## Traffic Calming

Speed tables and other design elements may be added to streets to lead to lower speeds and greater awareness of drivers, helping to keep kids safe.

