



Safe Routes to School

Making it safer and easier for kids to walk and bike to school

Seattle City Council Transportation Committee
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Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

Purpose

Dive deeper into the what, why, and how of Safe Routes to School.



What we'll cover

- Why Safe Routes to School?
- What do we do?
 - Infrastructure highlights
 - Greenwood Elementary
 - Genesee Hill Elementary
 - Programming highlights:
 - Seattle Public Schools partnerships
 - Let's Go bike education program
 - Upcoming highlights
- Does it work? (yes)



Why Safe Routes to School?



Graphic developed by Seattle Public Schools



**Safe Routes to School
makes it safer and easier
for K-12 students to walk
and bike to school.**

**Received the Vision Zero for Youth
award in 2022.**

How? Through the Safe Systems Approach



Safe Routes to School and the levy

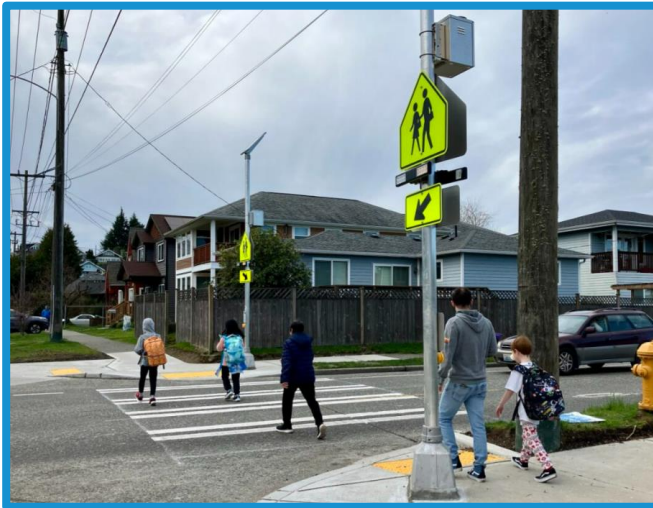
Delivered a project at every public school in Seattle with the Levy to Move Seattle (over 100 schools)

New levy deliverable: Contribute to at least 70 projects to improve safety and fund safety education programs at public schools

- Average \$1.75M per year in new levy funding
- \$1M-\$6M per year of School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Funds (SSTPIF)



Safe Routes to School infrastructure - highlights from 2024



Crossing improvements:

Adams, Bailey Gatzert, B.F. Day, Coe, Gatewood, Greenwood, Interagency Academy at Columbia, James Baldwin, John Muir, John Stanford Intl', Kimball, Laurelhurst, Loyal Heights, Maple, McClure, Pathfinder, Sacajawea, Sand Point, South Shore, Thornton Creek, Wedgwood, Wing Luke

Traffic calming:

Adams, Chief Sealth HS/Denny Intl' Middle School, Gatewood, Greenwood, Ingraham HS, McGilvra, Sacajawea, Thurgood Marshall, Viewlands, View Ridge

Placemaking:

Emerson, Genesee Hill, Dunlap/South Shore, James Baldwin

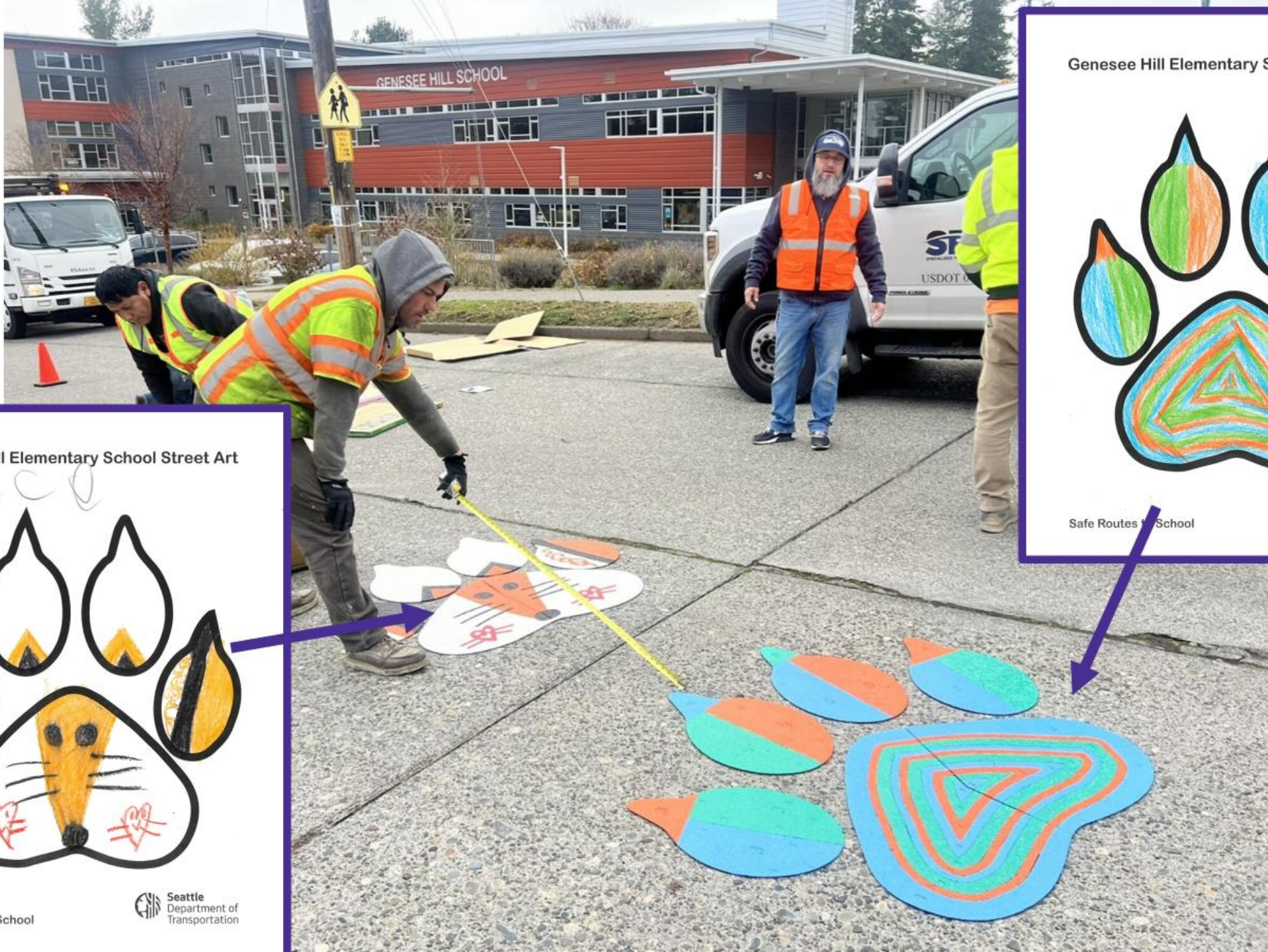
Recent highlight: Traffic calming and better crossings in Greenwood



Average 21% reduction in speeds along arterials where we installed speed cushions (2022-2023)

Recent highlight: Permanent School Street in West Seattle





Genesee Hill Elementary School Street Art



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WEST SEATTLE ART: Genesee Hill's student-designed street mural

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11:58 AM: Thanks to teacher Vincent Della Pella for the photo! That's the newly installed street mural on SW Dakota in front of Genesee Hill Elementary. The mural features fox tracks in honor of the school's mascot, and we're told the tracks were all designed by GHE students! (Students at GHE have been



How we choose projects

School ranking

- Seattle Transportation Plan (includes equity, safety, and infrastructure need)

Project selection

- Where students live
- Safety (collision data and annual speed data)
- Engagement (walk audits and student engagement)
- Opportunity (partnership with another program or with a school community)



Programming



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Meet here
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WALK AND
BIKE TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School and Seattle Public Schools Partnership

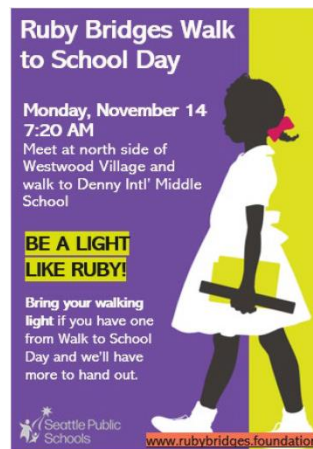
Safe Routes to School Coordinator embedded within Seattle Public Schools



Walk and bike buses to school



Classroom engagement



Mini grants and packages



Let's Go Bike and Pedestrian Education Program

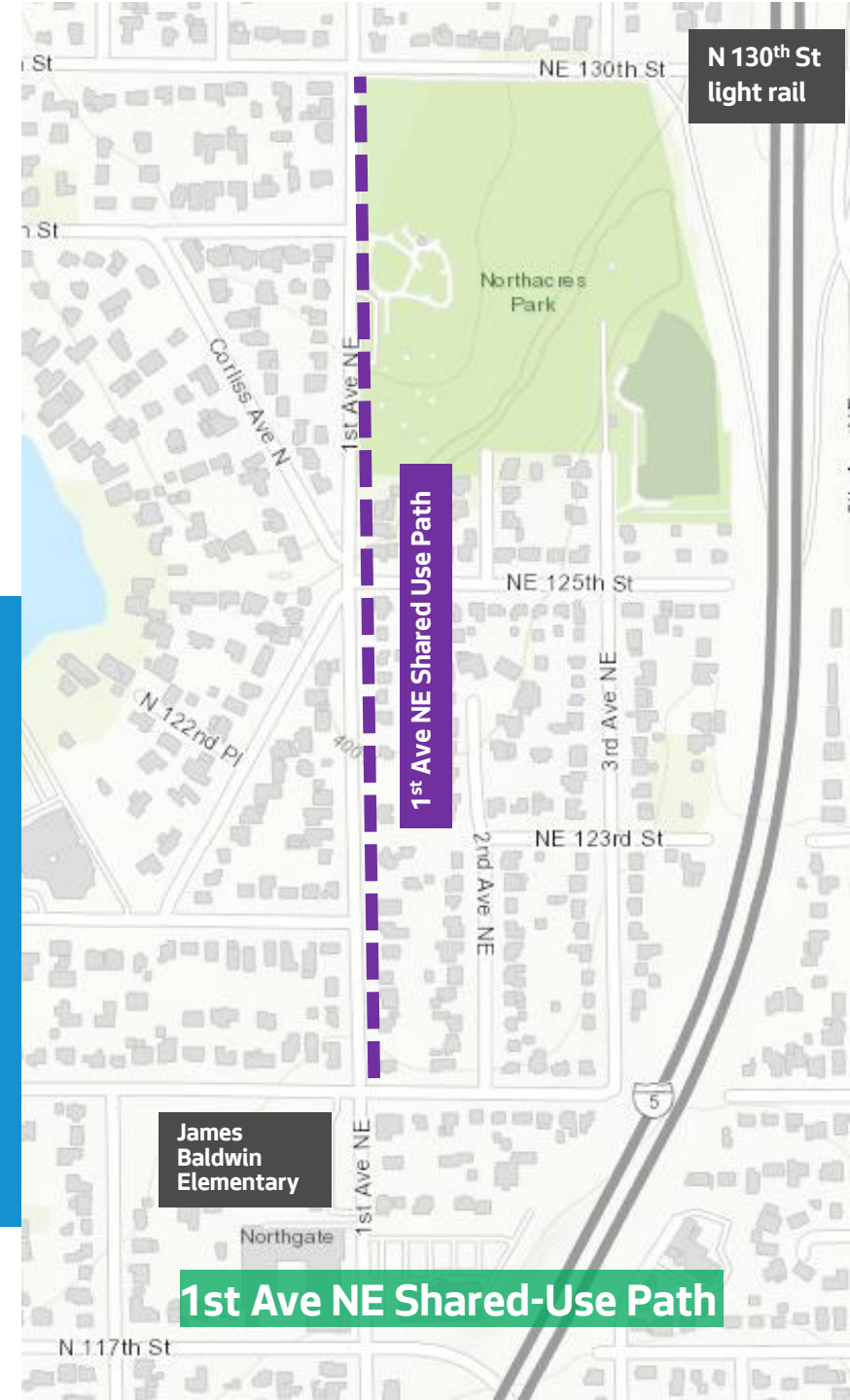
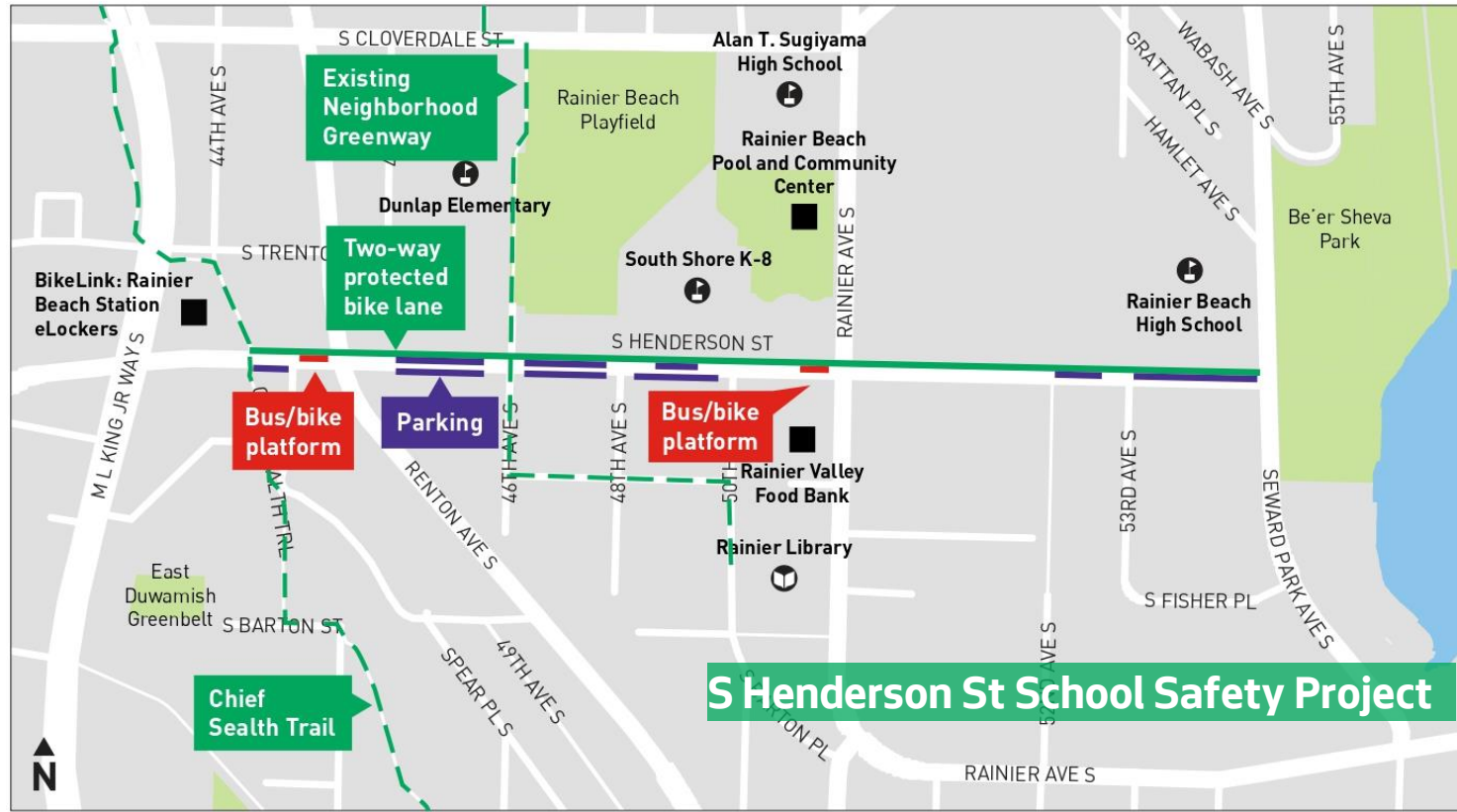


Safe Routes to School funds biking in all 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade P.E. classes

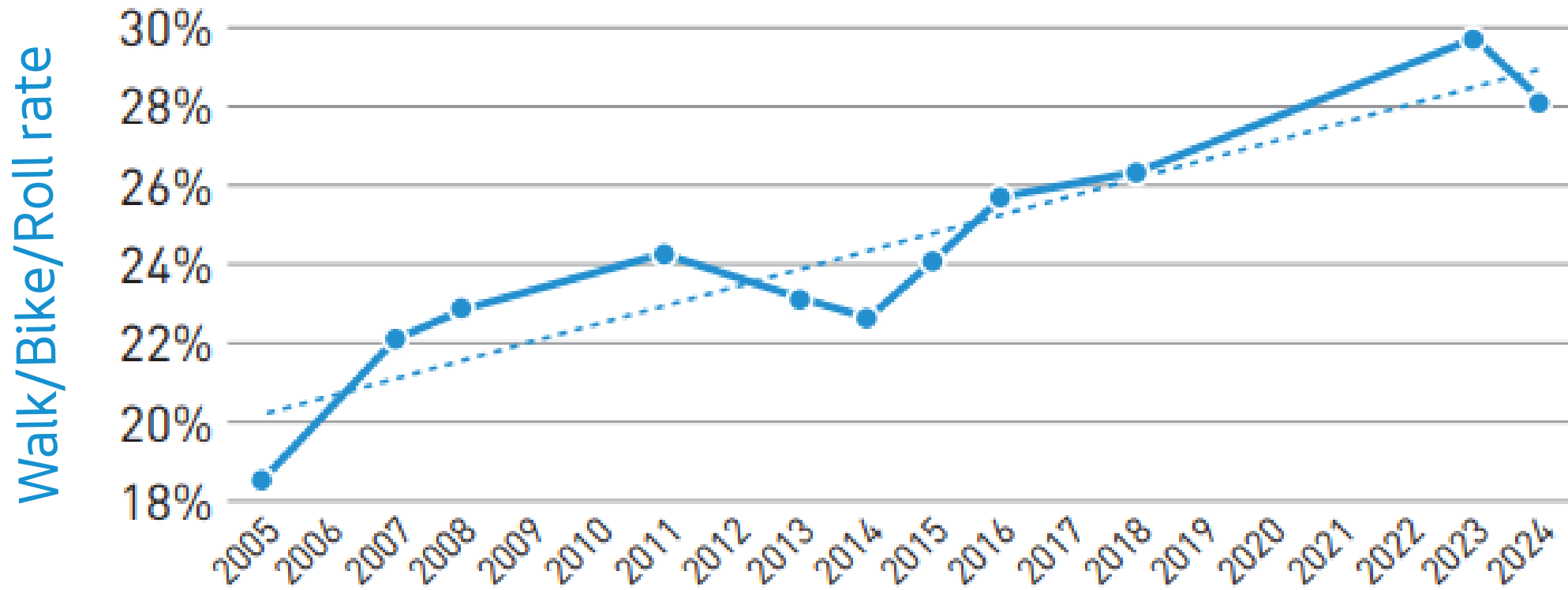


Includes adaptive bikes for kids with disabilities

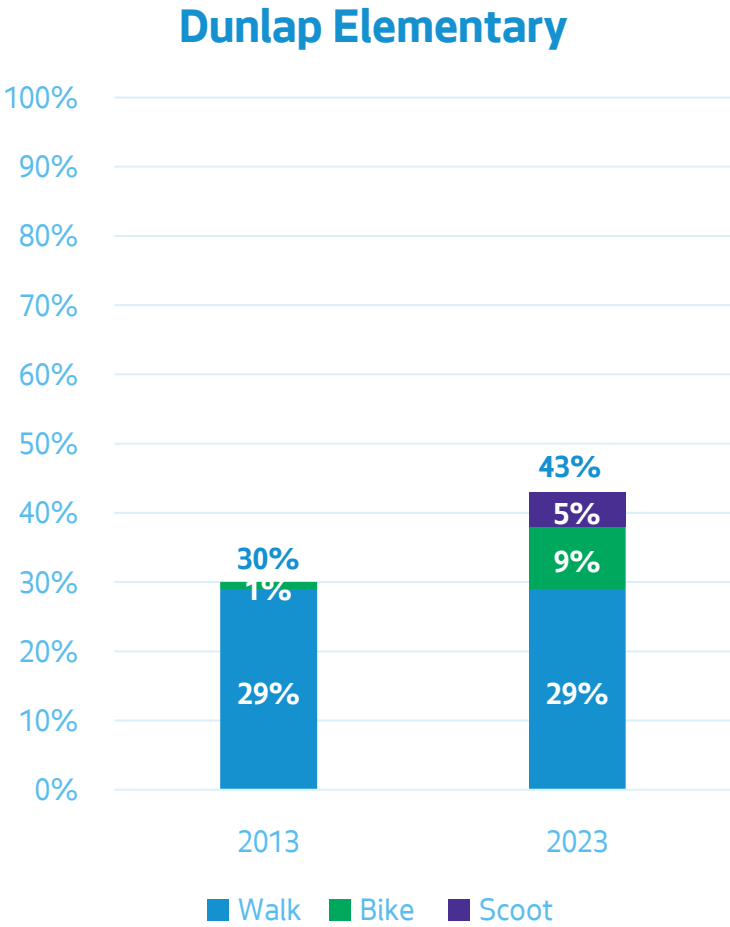
What's coming for Safe Routes to School?



Seeing an increase but more to do



Infrastructure + programming works!





Clean air

Safe streets

Independent youth

Connected communities



Questions?



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