

**APPENDIX C: PARENT SURVEY
RESULTS & COMMENTS**

WISCONSIN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

BADGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PARENT SURVEY

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1. How many children do you have attending Elementary school? (*Circle one*)

2. What are their ages?

3. What school(s) do your child(ren) attend?

4. What is the nearest intersection to your house? _____

5. How do your children currently travel to school? Home from school? (*Note the changing seasons*)

| To School | Fall | Winter | Spring | Home from school | Fall | Winter | Spring |
|------------|------|--------|--------|------------------|------|--------|--------|
| Walk | | | | Walk | | | |
| Bicycle | | | | Bicycle | | | |
| School Bus | | | | School Bus | | | |
| City Bus | | | | City Bus | | | |
| By car | | | | By car | | | |
| Carpool | | | | Carpool | | | |
| Other | | | | Other | | | |

6. If you drive your child, why do you make that choice? (*Please mark all that apply*)

___ Too far to walk/bicycle or younger children make walking difficult

___ Short of time

___ Child would not obey safety rules

___ Lack of designated biking or walking route

___ Too dangerous to walk / cycle

___ Parent is going on to somewhere else e.g. work

7. If there is one way in which your need to drive to school could be reduced, what would it be?

(*Please select one from the following list which would have the most impact.*)

___ Carpooling with other parents

___ If more kids walked on the same route my kids walk to school

___ Parent chaperones or walking school busses in place

___ School offered pedestrian/bicycle safety course for kids

___ Provide safe trails or sidewalks for children to use.

Other: _____

8. What issues do you have about your children walking and bicycling to school? *(Please enter a number from 1-4 next to each item.)* 1 = a Big issue to me 2 = Somewhat of an issue 3 = a Little issue 4 = Not an issue

- _____ After school activities conflict
- _____ Child/Children do not want to/like to walk or bicycle to school
- _____ Child/Children would be walking/bicycling alone to school
- _____ Children's after school schedule
- _____ Convenience - It is easier to drop off children on the way to work
- _____ Dangers (stranger danger, gangs, bullying, dogs)
- _____ Distance - School is too far away
- _____ No (or inadequate) sidewalks/bikeways on the route to school
- _____ Speed - Cars drive too fast through the neighborhood
- _____ Time - Not enough time
- _____ Traffic - Too much traffic at school
- _____ Traffic - Too much traffic in the neighborhood
- _____ Daycare provider conflict

9. Does your school provide a bike rack? YES NO
 Is it located in a safe place? YES NO
 Is there sufficient space for parking bicycles? YES NO

10. Would you let your child carpool if: *(Please mark all that apply)*

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|
| You were familiar with the driver | YES | NO |
| Someone organized it | YES | NO |

11. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if: *(Please mark all that apply)*

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|
| Accompanied by other parents | YES | NO |
| Route maps provided | YES | NO |
| Crossing guards more effective | YES | NO |
| Students offered safety training | YES | NO |
| Sidewalks and bike paths improved | YES | NO |
| Cars slowed down | YES | NO |
| Secure bike racks were available | YES | NO |

12. Would you be interested in helping set up and maintain a Safe Routes to School program at your school to make it easier for children to walk, bike, bus and carpool to school? YES NO

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1. How many children do you have attending Elementary school? (*Circle one*)
2. What are their ages? **5** (18); **6** (20); **7** (15); **8** (16); **9** (11); **10** (10); **11** (10); **12** (3)
3. What school(s) do your child(ren) attend?
4. What is the nearest intersection to your house? _____
5. How do your children currently travel to school? Home from school? (*Note the changing seasons*)

| To School | Fall | Winter | Spring | Home from school | Fall | Winter | Spring |
|------------|------|--------|--------|------------------|------|--------|--------|
| Walk | 2 | 1 | 2 | Walk | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Bicycle | 0 | 0 | 1 | Bicycle | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Bus | 53 | 52 | 52 | School Bus | 56 | 56 | 56 |
| City Bus | 0 | 0 | 0 | City Bus | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| By car | 26 | 28 | 26 | By car | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Carpool | 1 | 1 | 1 | Carpool | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | Other | 1 | 1 | 1 |

6. If you drive your child, why do you make that choice? (*Please mark all that apply*)
 - 16 Too far to walk/bicycle or younger children make walking difficult
 - 12 Short of time
 - 0 Child would not obey safety rules
 - 16 Lack of designated biking or walking route
 - 20 Too dangerous to walk / cycle
 - 22 Parent is going on to somewhere else e.g. work
 7. If there is one way in which your need to drive to school could be reduced, what would it be? (*Please select one from the following list which would have the most impact.*)
 - 10 Carpooling with other parents
 - 7 If more kids walked on the same route my kids walk to school
 - 5 Parent chaperones or walking school busses in place
 - 3 School offered pedestrian/bicycle safety course for kids
 - 23 Provide safe trails or sidewalks for children to use.
- Other: _____

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- 20** After school activities conflict
- 23** Child/Children do not want to/like to walk or bicycle to school
- 50** Child/Children would be walking/bicycling alone to school
- 22** Children's after school schedule
- 19** Convenience - It is easier to drop off children on the way to work
- 57** Dangers (stranger danger, gangs, bullying, dogs)
- 53** Distance - School is too far away
- 61** No (or inadequate) sidewalks/bikeways on the route to school
- 58** Speed - Cars drive too fast through the neighborhood
- 40** Time - Not enough time
- 54** Traffic - Too much traffic at school
- 53** Traffic - Too much traffic in the neighborhood
- 11** Daycare provider conflict

9. Does your school provide a bike rack? **48** YES **5** NO
 Is it located in a safe place? **38** YES **12** NO
 Is there sufficient space for parking bicycles? **32** YES **11** NO

10. Would you let your child carpool if: (Please mark all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| You were familiar with the driver | YES 52 | NO 13 |
| Someone organized it | YES 33 | NO 25 |

11. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if: (Please mark all that apply)

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Accompanied by other parents | YES 39 | NO 26 |
| Route maps provided | YES 16 | NO 38 |
| Crossing guards more effective | YES 25 | NO 32 |
| Students offered safety training | YES 33 | NO 28 |
| Sidewalks and bike paths improved | YES 47 | NO 23 |
| Cars slowed down | YES 40 | NO 23 |
| Secure bike racks were available | YES 32 | NO 26 |

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3. What school(s) do your child(ren) attend?
4. How far away from school do you live? <3blks 3-6 blks 0.25-0.5 miles 0.5-1 mile >1 mile
5. What is the nearest intersection to your house? _____
6. How do your children currently travel to school? Home from school? (*Note the changing seasons*)

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| City Bus | | | | City Bus | | | |
| By car | | | | By car | | | |
| Carpool | | | | Carpool | | | |
| Other | | | | Other | | | |

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- _____ Dangers (stranger danger, gangs, bullying, dogs)
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- _____ Speed - Cars drive too fast through the neighborhood
- _____ Time - Not enough time
- _____ Traffic - Too much traffic at school
- _____ Traffic - Too much traffic in the neighborhood
- _____ Daycare provider conflict

10. Does your school provide a bike rack? YES NO
 Is it located in a safe place? YES NO
 Is there sufficient space for parking bicycles? YES NO

11. Would you let your child carpool if: (Please mark all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|
| You were familiar with the driver | YES | NO |
| Someone organized it | YES | NO |

12. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if: (Please mark all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|
| Accompanied by other parents | YES | NO |
| Route maps provided | YES | NO |
| Crossing guards more effective | YES | NO |
| Students offered safety training | YES | NO |
| Sidewalks and bike paths improved | YES | NO |
| Cars slowed down | YES | NO |
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3. What school(s) do your child(ren) attend?

25 15 24 31 44

4. How far away from school do you live? <3blks 3-6 blks 0.25-0.5 miles 0.5-1 mile >1 mile

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| Walk | 24 | 16 | 24 | Walk | 27 | 21 | 27 |
| Bicycle | 15 | 0 | 18 | Bicycle | 15 | 0 | 18 |
| School Bus | 78 | 78 | 78 | School Bus | 80 | 82 | 80 |
| City Bus | 0 | 0 | 0 | City Bus | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| By car | 57 | 69 | 56 | By car | 50 | 58 | 50 |
| Carpool | 1 | 1 | 1 | Carpool | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 1 | Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |

7. If you drive your child, why do you make that choice? (*Please mark all that apply*)

 30 Too far to walk/bicycle or younger children make walking difficult

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 4 Too Cold

8. If there is one way in which your need to drive to school could be reduced, what would it be?

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- 39** Child/Children do not want to/like to walk or bicycle to school
- 105** Child/Children would be walking/bicycling alone to school
- 53** Children's after school schedule
- 41** Convenience - It is easier to drop off children on the way to work
- 122** Dangers (stranger danger, gangs, bullying, dogs)
- 91** Distance - School is too far away
- 108** No (or inadequate) sidewalks/bikeways on the route to school
- 121** Speed - Cars drive too fast through the neighborhood
- 75** Time - Not enough time
- 110** Traffic - Too much traffic at school
- 100** Traffic - Too much traffic in the neighborhood
- 12** Daycare provider conflict

10. Does your school provide a bike rack? **130** YES **0** NO
 Is it located in a safe place? **111** YES **10** NO
 Is there sufficient space for parking bicycles? **95** YES **18** NO

11. Would you let your child carpool if: (Please mark all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| You were familiar with the driver | YES 104 | NO 24 |
| Someone organized it | YES 94 | NO 34 |

12. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if: (Please mark all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Accompanied by other parents | YES 91 | NO 22 |
| Route maps provided | YES 39 | NO 49 |
| Crossing guards more effective | YES 58 | NO 35 |
| Students offered safety training | YES 58 | NO 36 |
| Sidewalks and bike paths improved | YES 93 | NO 23 |
| Cars slowed down | YES 89 | NO 28 |
| Secure bike racks were available | YES 54 | NO 34 |

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