Champaign-Urbana Safe Routes to School Report 2009

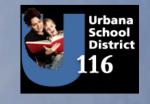
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Surveys

- Collected by C-U SRTS Project
- Standardized & summarized by CCRPC
- This report includes the following processed surveys:
 - Walkability Checklist
 - 2004, 2006, 2007
 - Parent Surveys
 - Spring 2007
 - In-class Travel Tallies
 - Spring 2007



Report Summary

- Most frequently reported issues:
 - Driver behavior (incl. speeding drivers, drivers not yielding to crossing peds)
 - Infrastructure (incl. sidewalks, ramps, bike parking)
- Other frequently reported issues in Urbana:
 - Lack of crossing guards
 - Lack of other children or adults for children to walk with
 - Heavy traffic
 - Weather (snow & cold)
 - Safety:
 - Violence
 - Crime
 - Fear of abductors/strangers/sex offenders
- Most Urbana parents find walking & biking to school fun and very healthy
- Most parents do not feel comfortable letting their child walk/bike to school
- Grade most parents DO feel comfortable letting their child start walking & biking to school: 4th
- Improving the safety of intersections & crossings would change the most parents minds about letting their child walk/bike to school



Top Modes to/from School in Urbana

- 1. Family Vehicle (44.1%)
- 2. Walk (23.5%)

Schools with highest percentages:

- 1. Thomas Paine (33%)
- 2. Leal (32.9%)
- 3. King (25.1%)
- 3. School Bus (23.4%)
- 4. Carpool (3%)
- 5. Transit (1.4%)
- 6. Bike (1.3%)

Schools with highest percentages:

- 1. Urbana Middle School (7.4%)
- 2. Prairie (2.9%)
- 3. Yankee Ridge (2%)



Problem Areas

- King
 - Crossing Lincoln Avenue
- Leal
 - Crossing <u>Vine at Oregon</u>: speeding, heavy traffic on Vine, drivers not yielding to peds, rude drivers
 - Race Street (Washington-Michigan): speeding, heavy traffic, high schoolers not behaving well, west sidewalk close to street

Prairie

- Washington St: missing sidewalk at corner of Pfeffer Rd, speeding, drivers not yielding, inattentive drivers
- Dodson Dr: no sidewalks, speeding, drivers not yielding & backing out of driveways without looking
- Scottswood Dr: no sidewalks, speeding, drivers not yielding & backing out of driveways without looking
- Kinch St: missing sidewalks, lack of street lighting



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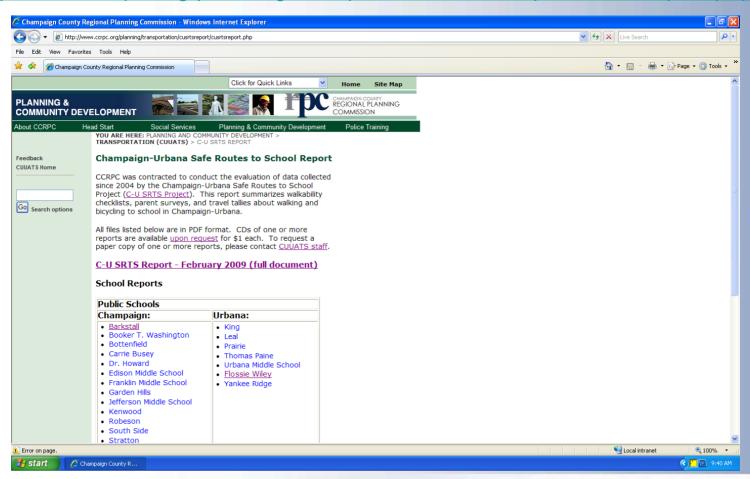
- Thomas Paine
 - Florida Ave: speeding, request for crosswalk at Kinch St
- Wiley
 - Florida Ave: speeding, request for crosswalk at Wiley Dr
 - Cottage Grove at Pennsylvania Ave: request for crosswalk
- Yankee Ridge
 - Anderson St: drivers not yielding to peds, broken or cracked sidewalks
 - Cureton Dr: no sidewalks S of Mumford Dr.
 - Eliot Dr: gap in sidewalk at Cureton Dr, speeding
 - McHenry St: drivers not yielding to peds, broken or cracked sidewalks
 - Mumford Dr: speeding, sight visibility (esp. at curve), broken or cracked sidewalks
 - Vine St: drivers not yielding to peds, crossing, sight visibility (esp. at curves)



Website

Full report & individual school reports are available on the RPC website:

http://www.ccrpc.org/planning/transportation/cusrtsreport/cusrtsreport.php





Thank you!



