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School Traffic Safety in Oakland

Traf c safety near schools is critical for our families, children, and our communities. On this page nd the latest news and important background on our work to make it safer to go to and from Oakland's schools.

Thank you for your interest in the City of Oakland's work to make it safer for families to travel to and from our neighborhood schools. Below please find links to important reports and updates on this work. OakDOT performs this work in coordination with the citywide <u>Safe Oakland Streets</u> initiative.

School Traffic Safety Requests

Travel to and from school can be a challenging part of day-to-day life for students, parents, and school staff. We seek to encourage safely walking and bicycling to school while accommodating drop-off and pick-up traffic and minimizing neighborhood impacts. OakDOT handles requests from schools on an ongoing here Concerally our toolkit of short-turnaround measures <u>Skip to content</u> includes signage, pavement markings including crosswalk markings, and curb paint. Local, residential streets near schools may also be eligible for the City's <u>Speed Bump program</u>.

How to Get Involved:

If you're a parent concerned about school traffic issues, please reach out to your school administrators and raise your concerns with them. They will work with us and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) transportation staff to make an appropriate recommendation. OakDOT and OUSD meet regularly to discuss school travel needs, which helps us to ensure that requests are consistent and prioritized within OakDOT's other activities.

If you're a school official, please indicate this in your <u>311 request</u> to flag it for prioritization. We are happy to work with you! For schools affiliated with OUSD, please also notify District transportation staff who meet with OakDOT regularly and may also be able to suggest ideas from the perspective or school operations

Report a Problem to OAK311

Walk Audits and School Capital Projects

OakDOT partners with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to hold around five walk audits per year at schools with the support of a professional engineering team. The recommendations from these walk audits help to build a pipeline of school transportation capital projects. These are long-term efforts; most school traffic safety issues are better addressed through the service request process.

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2023-2025 Safe Routes to School Capital Projects

OakDOT Crossing Guard Program

Crossing Guards are an important school and community resource for safety. The Oakland Department of Transportation Crossing Guard program (formerly managed by the Oakland Police Department until early 2021) is comprised of part-time employees under the supervision of the School Traffic Safety Supervisor in the Safe Streets Division of OakDOT. Learn more about the Crossing Guard program <u>here</u>.

Collaboration within OakDOT

The Traffic Engineering team partners with other groups within OakDOT to promote traffic safety around schools.

<u>Complete Streets Paving</u> - We coordinate with OakDOT's paving teams to include traffic safety elements near schools when streets are repaved. Review the current OakDOT 5-Year Paving Plan here: <u>2022 5-Year Paving Plan</u>.

Traffic Capital Projects - When grant-funded projects are located near schools, our team works with project managers to ensure that school safety elements are included in the plans.

OakDOT School Safety Reports

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OakDOT School Program presentation to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Funding and Staffing for OakDOT's School Safety Projects and

Programs (Memo to Council, March 2020) (Memo)

Read about OakDOT's 2023-2025 Budget

School Safety Work News Updates

- <u>OakDOT rolls out 15 MPH school zones at elementary schools</u> <u>citywide</u>
- Drive Like Your Kids Go to School Here: Oakland Upgrades 200
 School Crosswalks
- <u>The Oakland Safety Patrol Program school yearbook for the</u> <u>2019-2020 school year</u>

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