SafeRoutes
National Center for Safe Routes to School

Elroy & Royall Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

NCWRPC

ROYALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WELCOME TO ELROY Rails to Trails

Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) intro.
- Review Student Tally & Parent Survey data
- Info request & Schedule Walk Audit

SRTS Planning Timeline

October 2023 – NCWRPC applied for SRTS Planning Grant
(No cost to Elroy or District.)

July 2024 – Planning Grant Awarded.

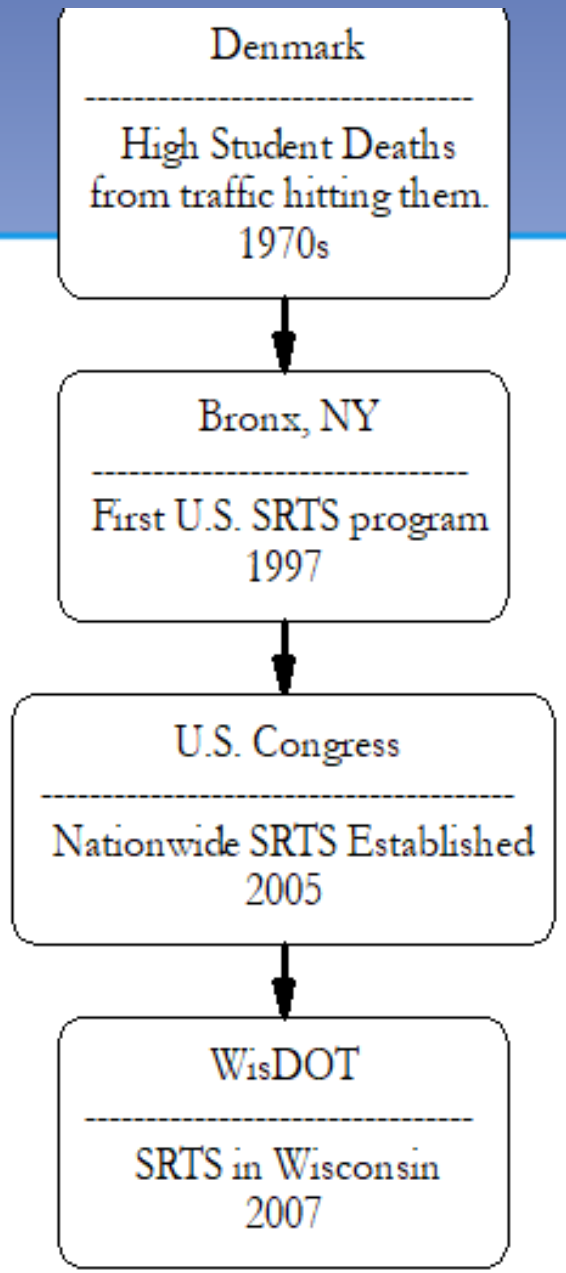
May 2025 – Parent Surveys & Student Tallies administered.

Fall 2026 – First SRTS Task Force mtg.

Fall 2026 – Draft SRTS Plan developed & reviewed.

Winter 2026-2027 – SRTS Plan adopted. *Implementation begins.*

What is Safe Routes to School?



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an international movement and a federal program to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children, including those with disabilities, to bicycle and walk to school.

When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for good health.

Safe Routes to School initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution, unite neighborhoods, and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

Why Safe Routes to School?

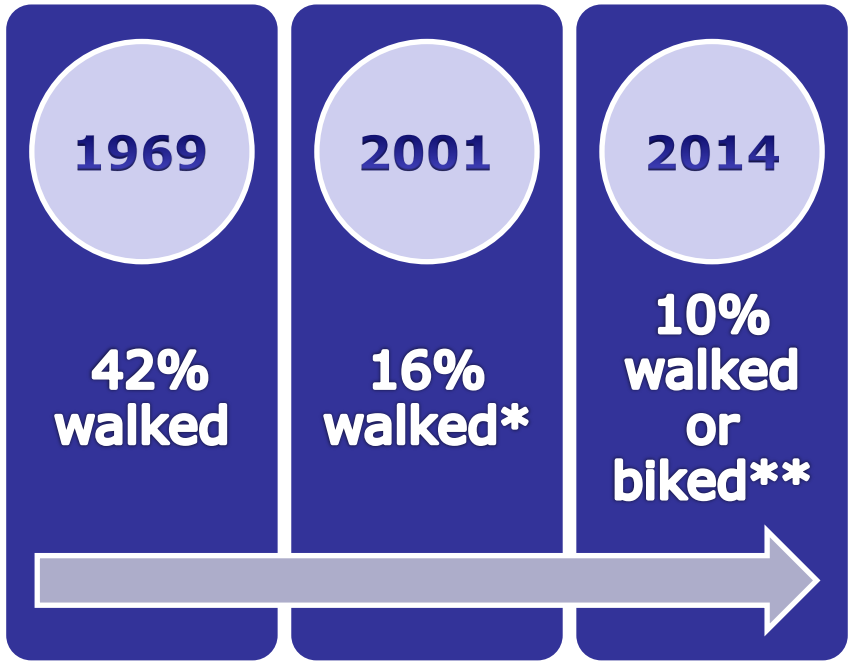


#1 DECLINE in walking and bicycling to school

#2 INCREASE in health consequences in children and adolescents

#3 PART OF THE SOLUTION:
SRTS programs & infrastructure

#1 Fewer kids are biking and walking. More parents are driving.



*CDC, 2005

** CDC, 2016



#1

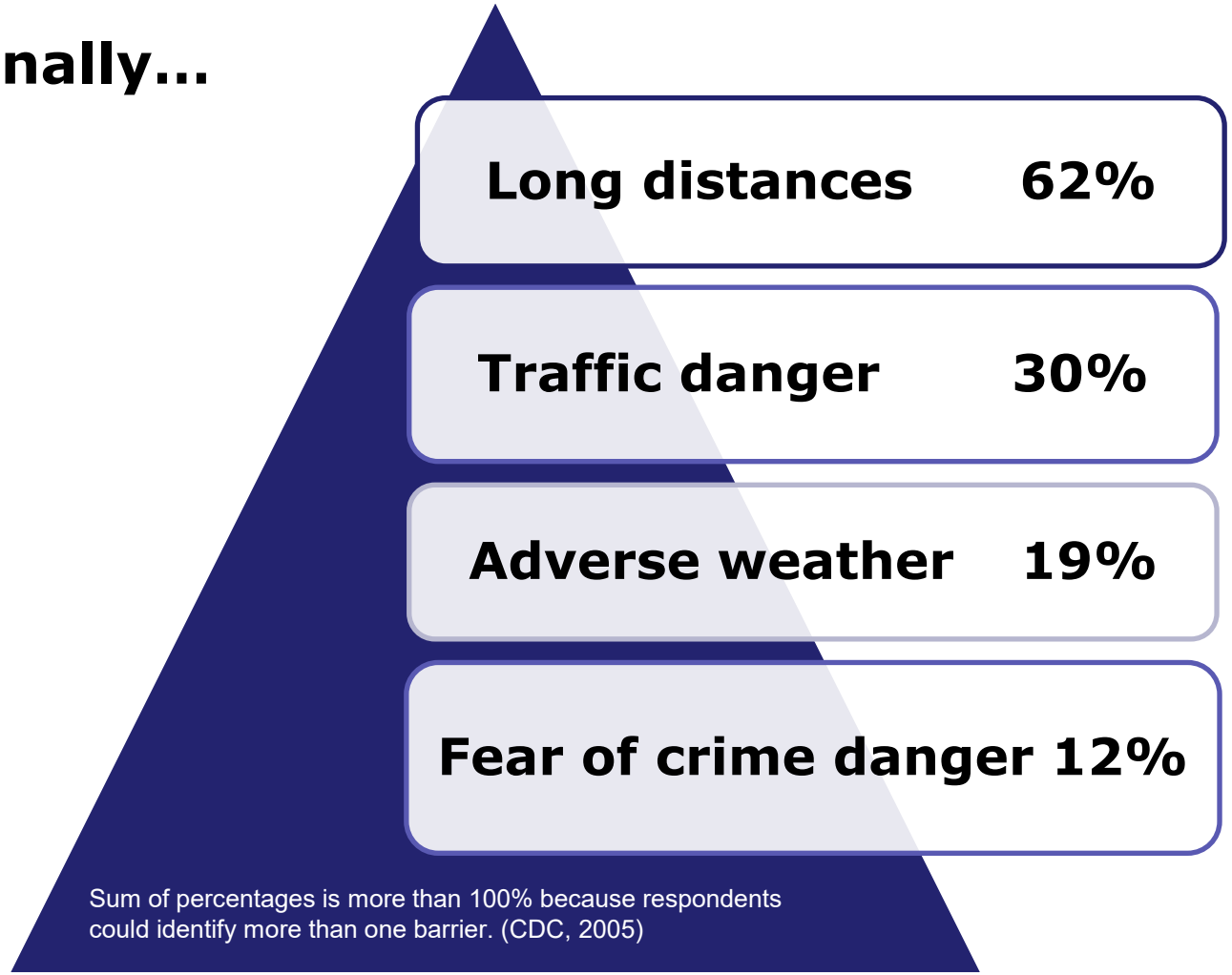
What caused the shift?



Most common barriers to walking and bicycling to school:

#1

Nationally…



Sum of percentages is more than 100% because respondents could identify more than one barrier. (CDC, 2005)

It's not just distance.

#1

Students who live within 1 mile and walk or bike:

1969: 87%

2001: 63%

(CDC, 2005)

2017: 40%

(2017 NHTS)



Amount of traffic & Speed of traffic = Traffic danger

#1



Parents driving children to school:

20%-25%

of morning traffic around schools, and

10%-14%

of vehicle trips during morning rush hour are for school travel.

(NHTSA 2003, & U.S. Department of Transportation, 2015)

#2

Unintended Consequence: Physical inactivity



for 1963-65 are for children 6-11 years of age; data for 1966-70 are for adolescents 12-17 years of age, not 12-19 years.
SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, NHES and NHANES

(National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys)

#2 Overweight children have an increased risk of…

- Type 2 Diabetes
- Low self esteem
- Decreased physical functioning
- Obesity in adulthood
- Many other negative emotional & physical effects

(Institute of Medicine, 2005)

#3 Safe Routes to School programs are part of the solution…

Reduce congestion around schools

Improved academic performance

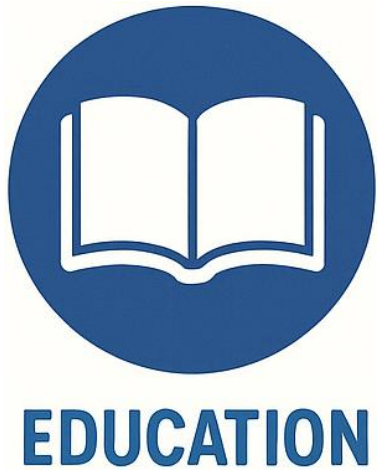
It's FUN!

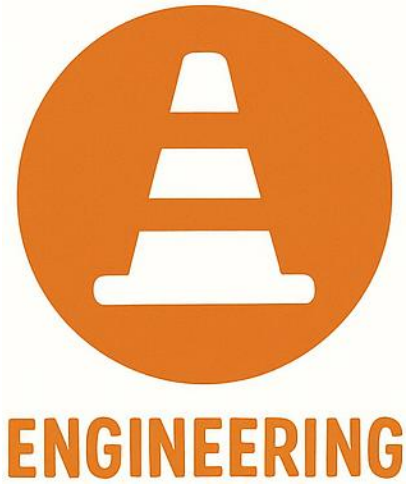
Reducing student transportation costs

(personal vehicle use and busing)



Elements of SRTS programs:





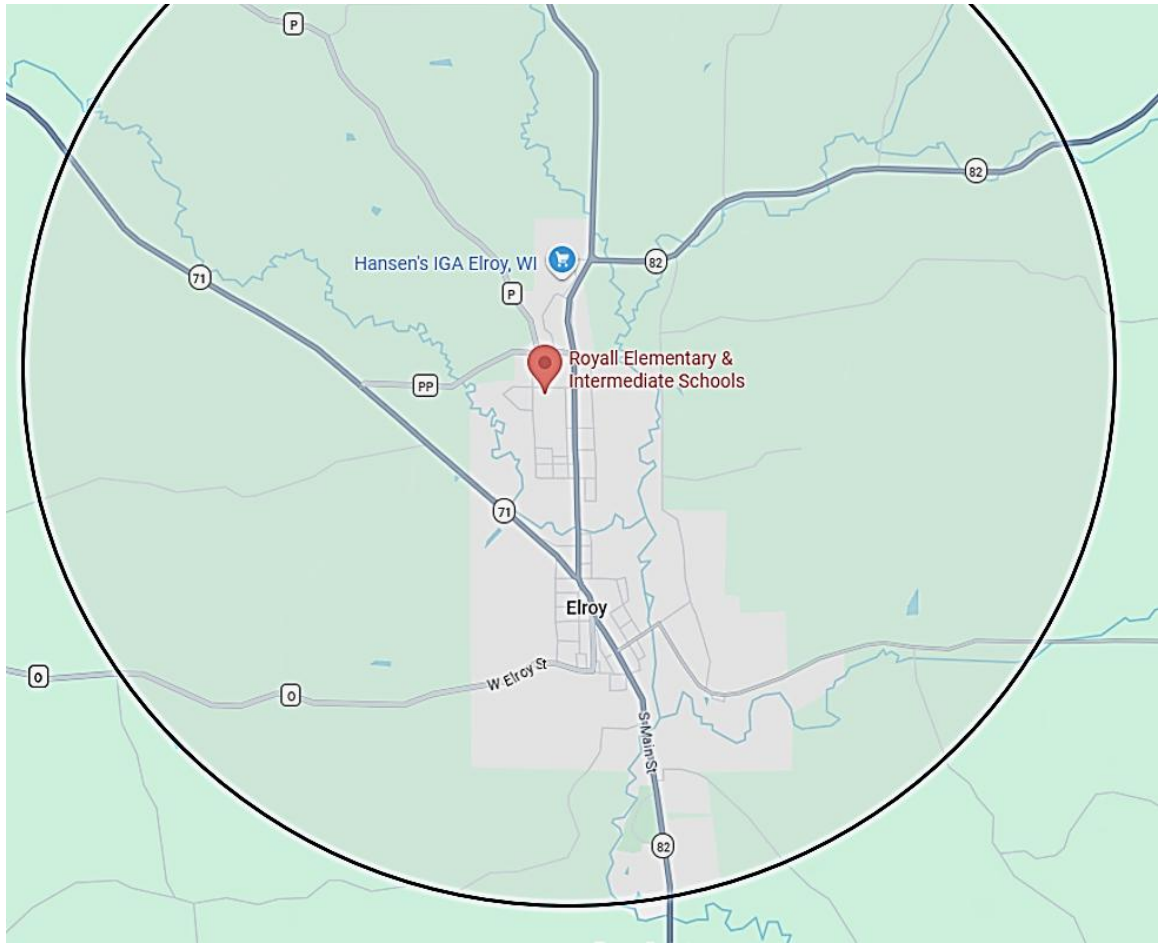






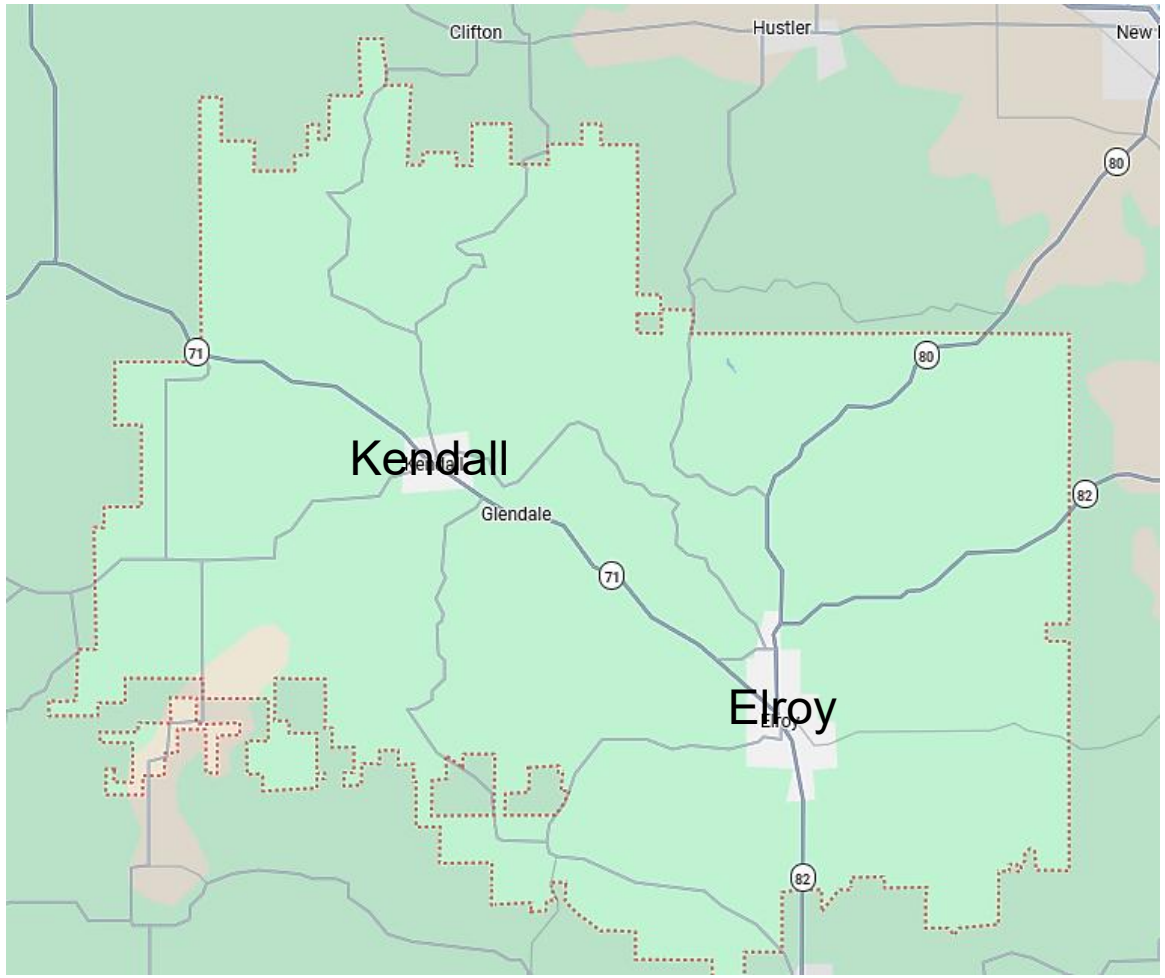
2-Mile Radius

- WisDOT projects apply within 2-mile buffer.
- State funding for busing exists beyond buffer.



Royall SRTS Schools

- Royall Elementary & Intermediate School (PK-6)
- Royall Middle & High School (7-12)

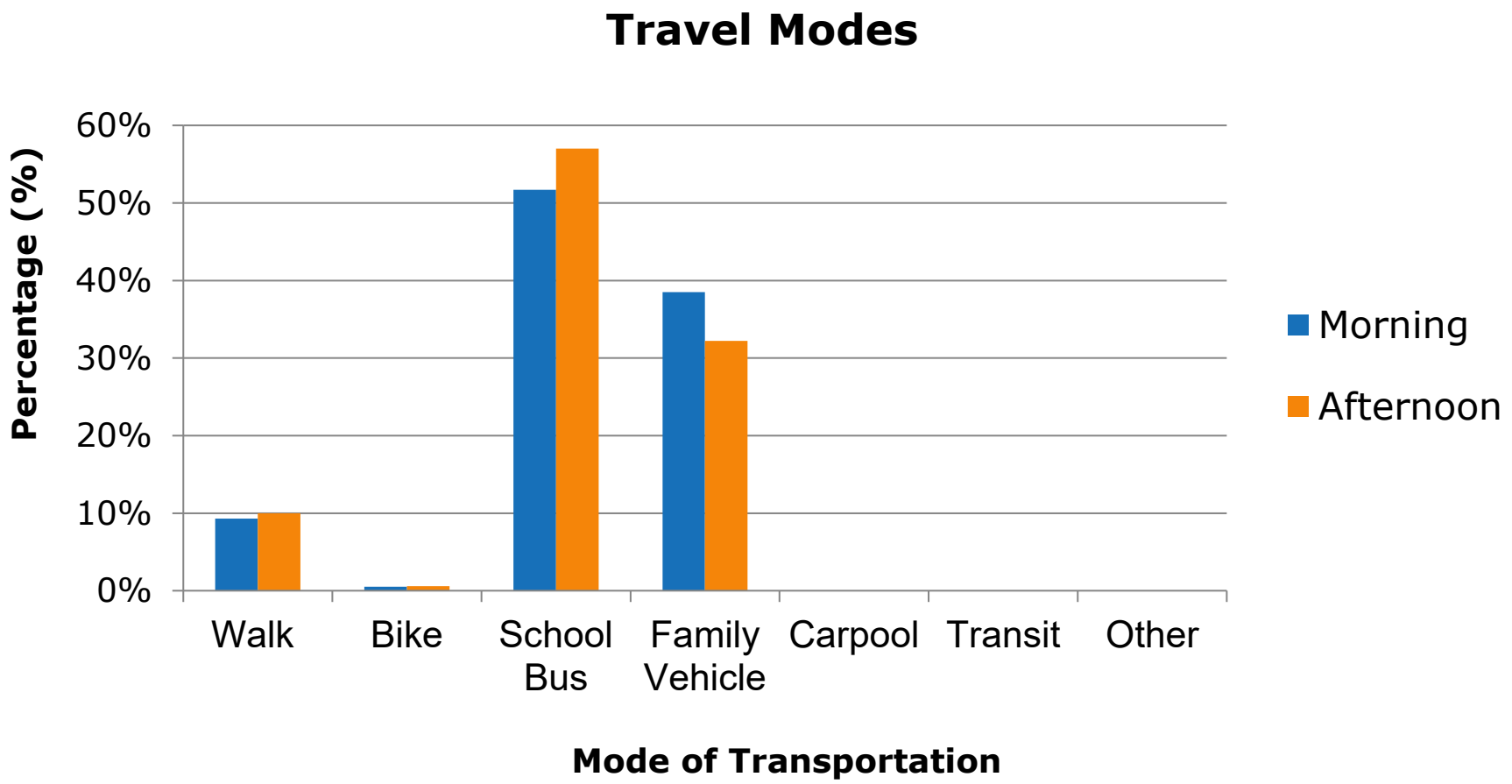


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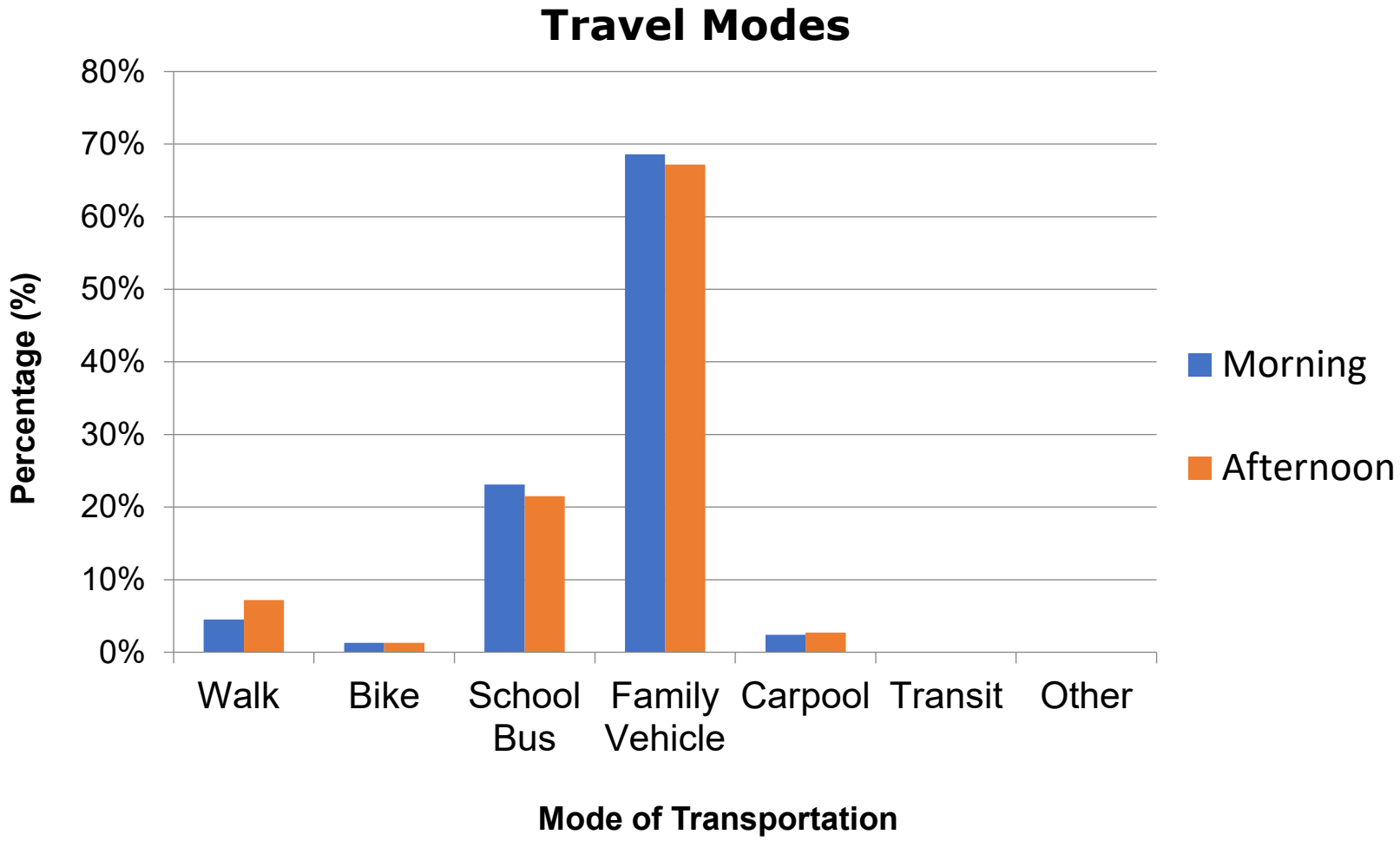
Royall SRTS Schools

- Student Tally results
- Parent Survey results

Royall PK-6 Student Tallies – May 2025



Royall 7-12 Student Tallies – May 2025



Parent Surveys – May 2025

A survey of all parents occurred in May 2025.

How did your child get to school?

What change is needed before you allow child to walk to school?

Royall Elementary & Intermediate (Grades PK-6)

Parent Survey

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Encuesta para padres

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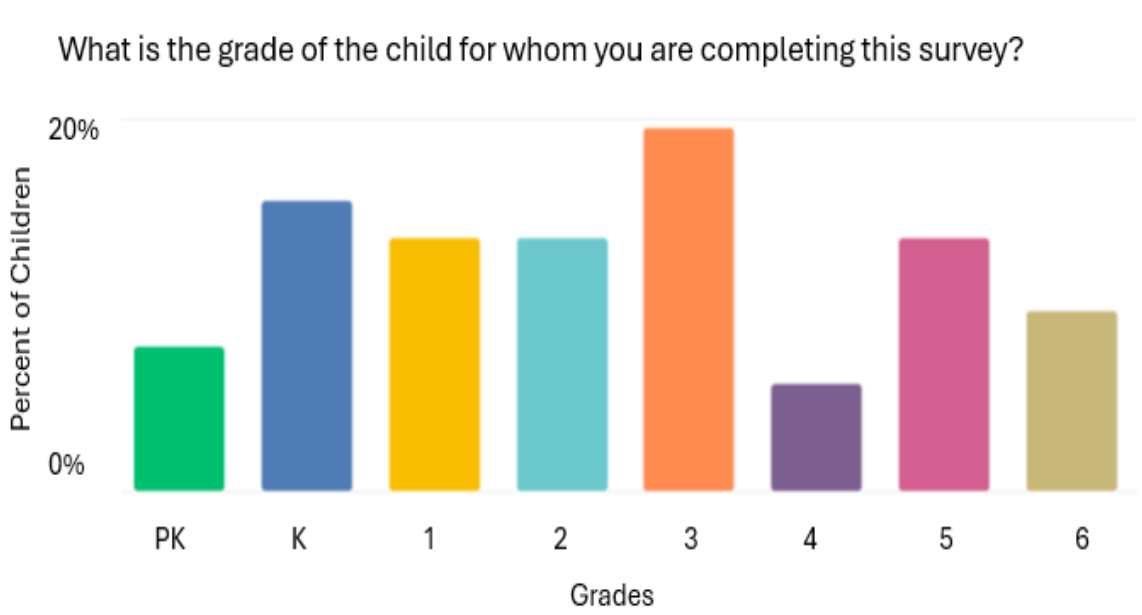
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Overall Parent Surveys…

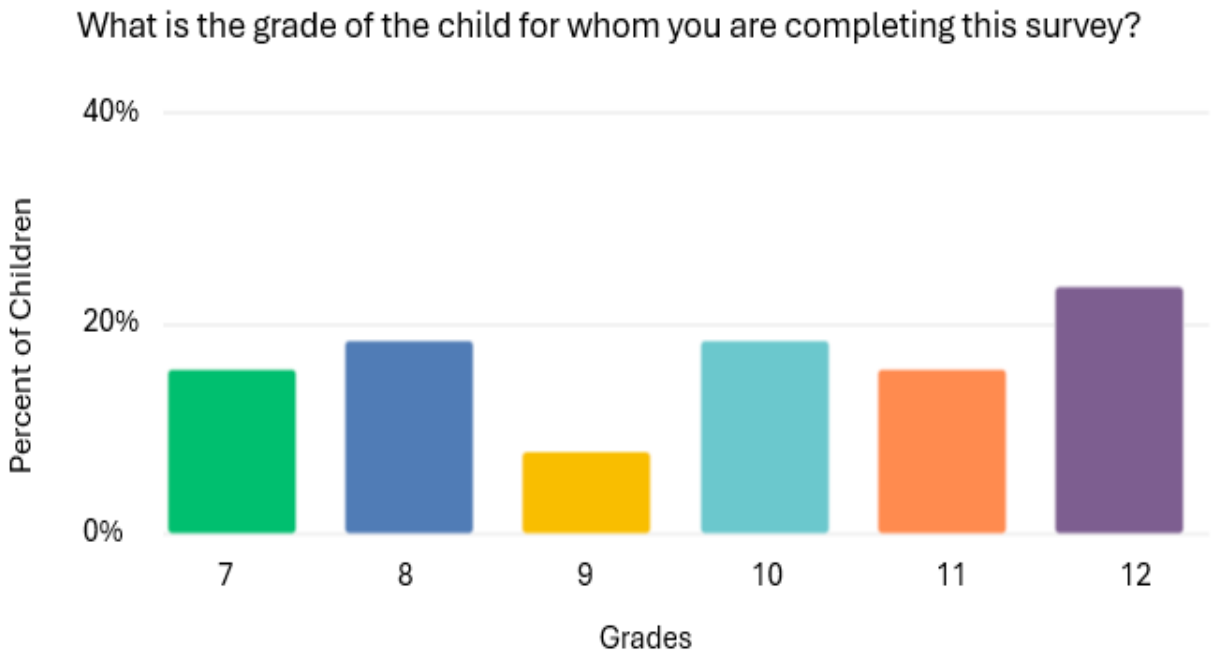
Royall PK-6

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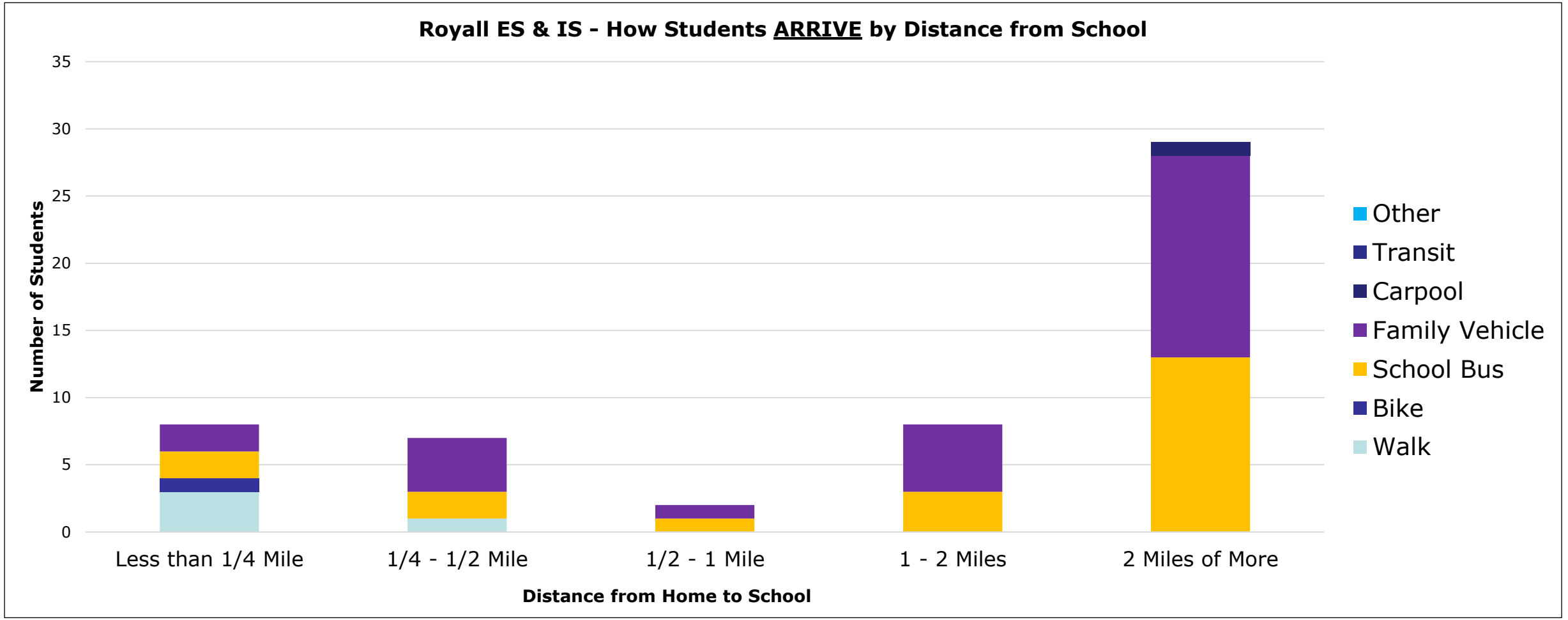


Royall 7-11

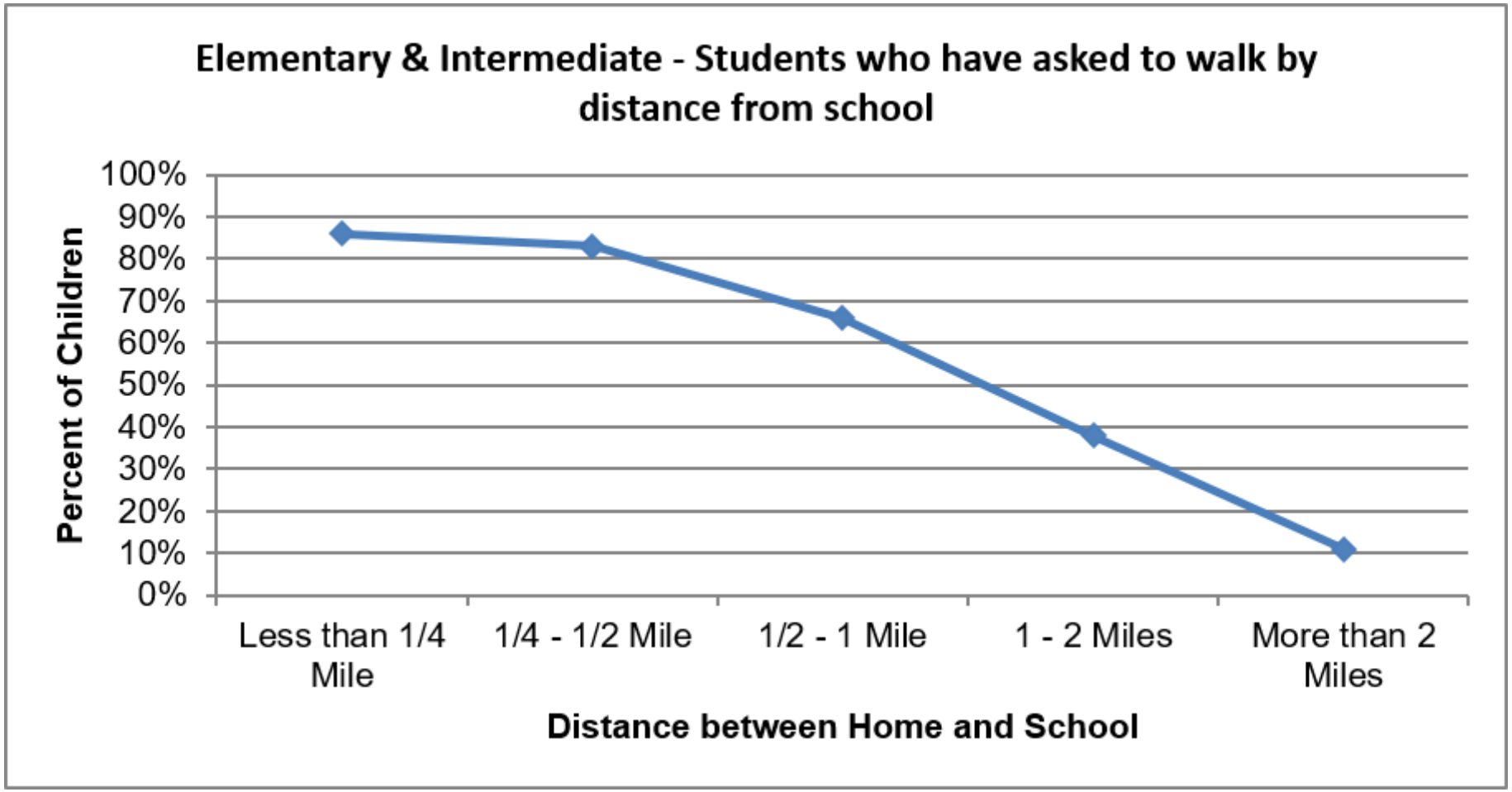
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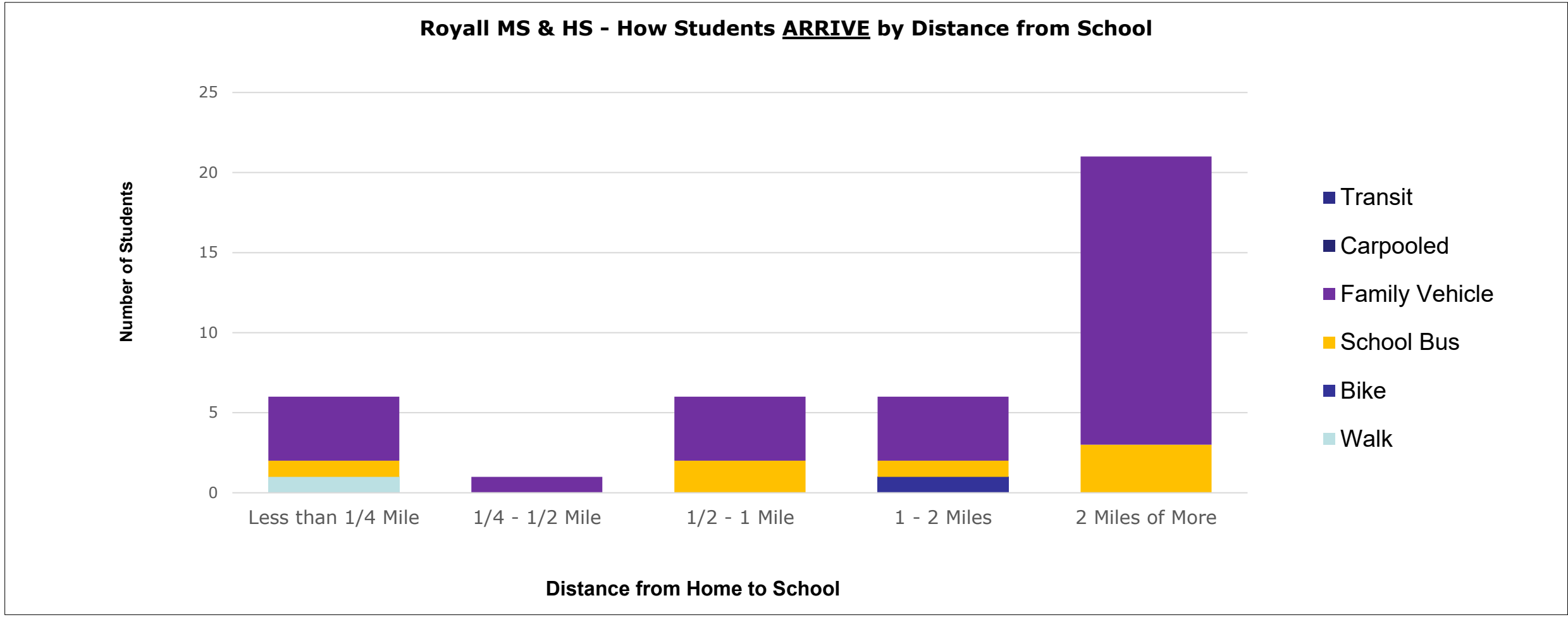
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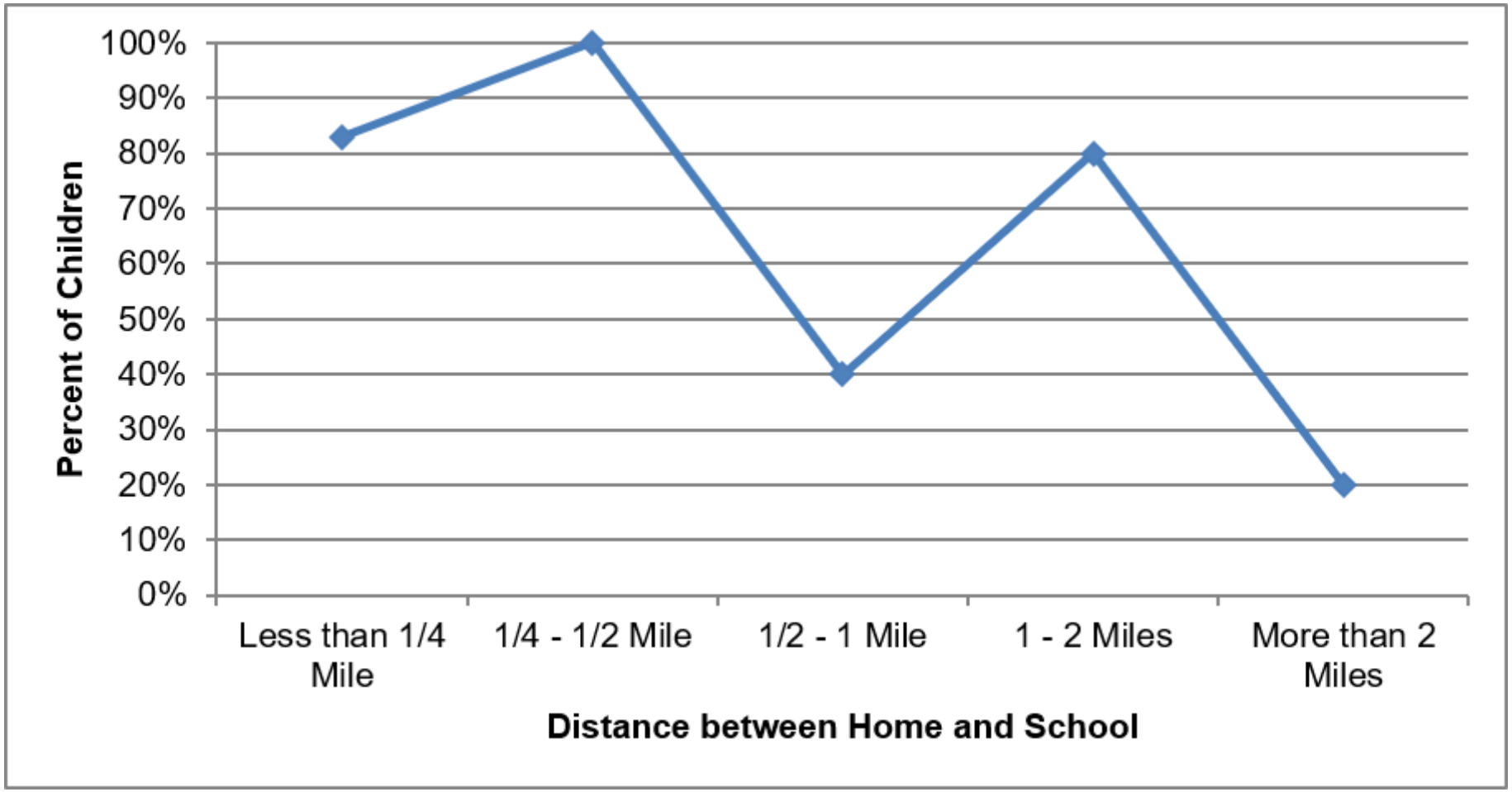
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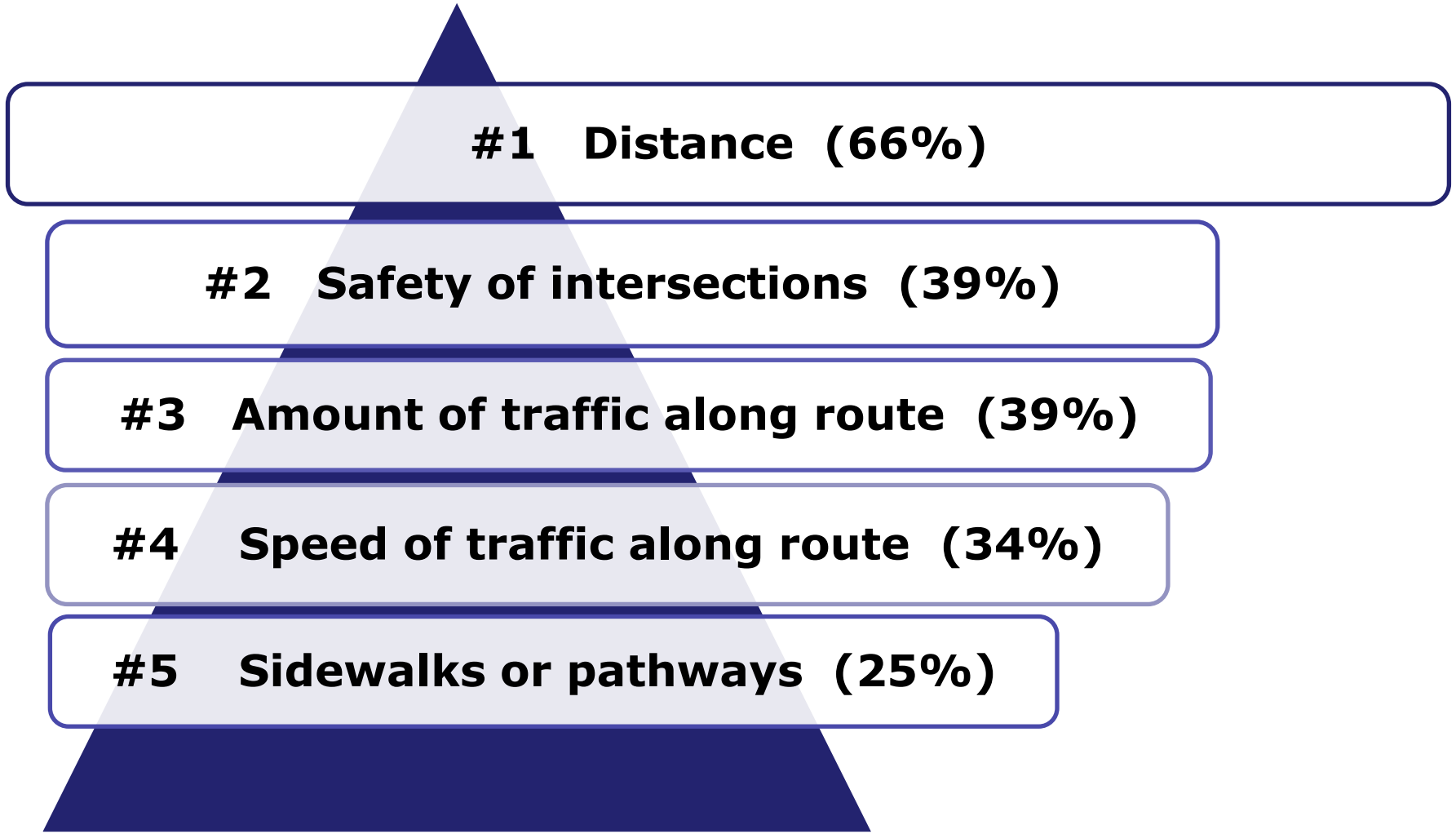
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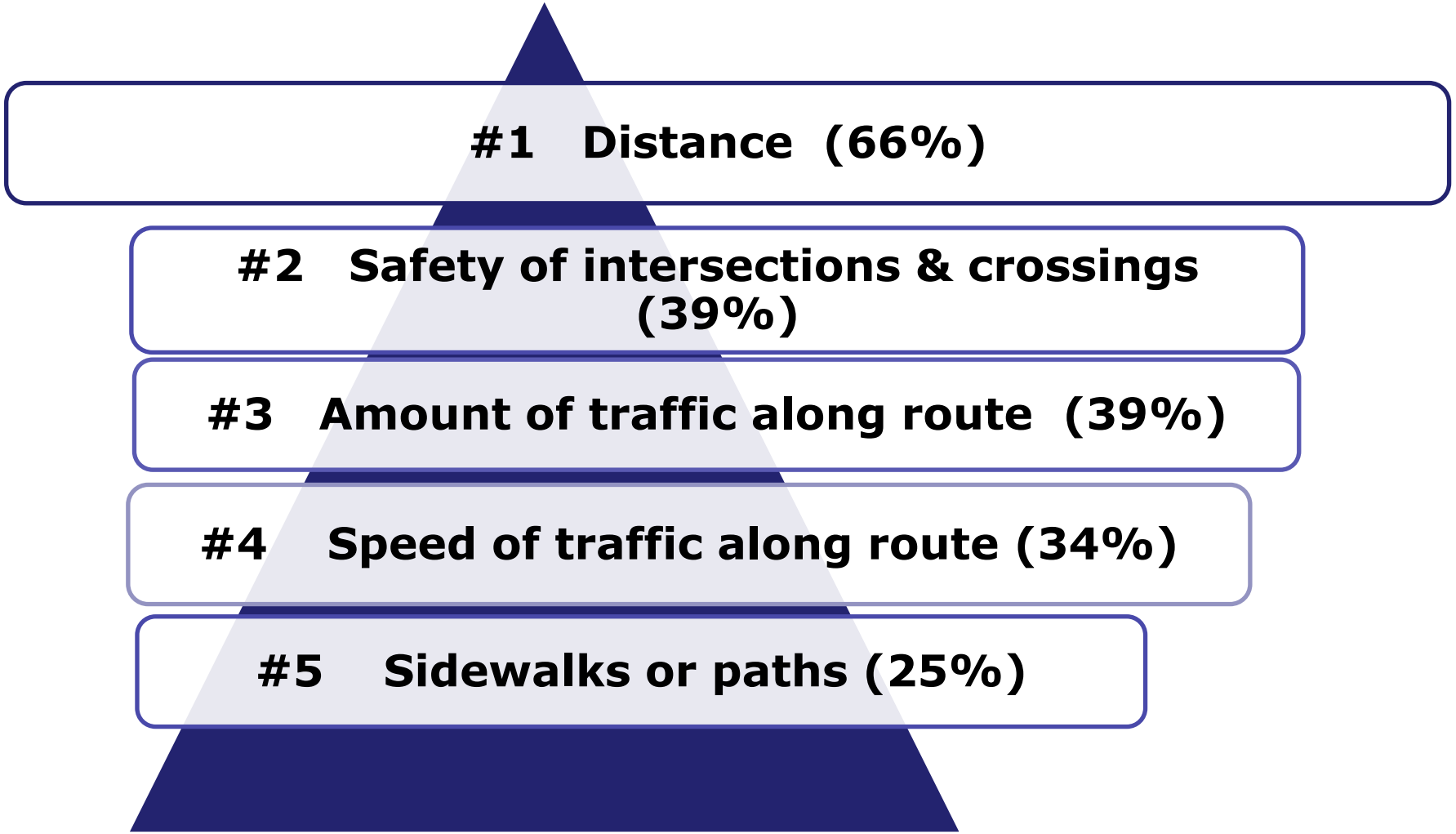
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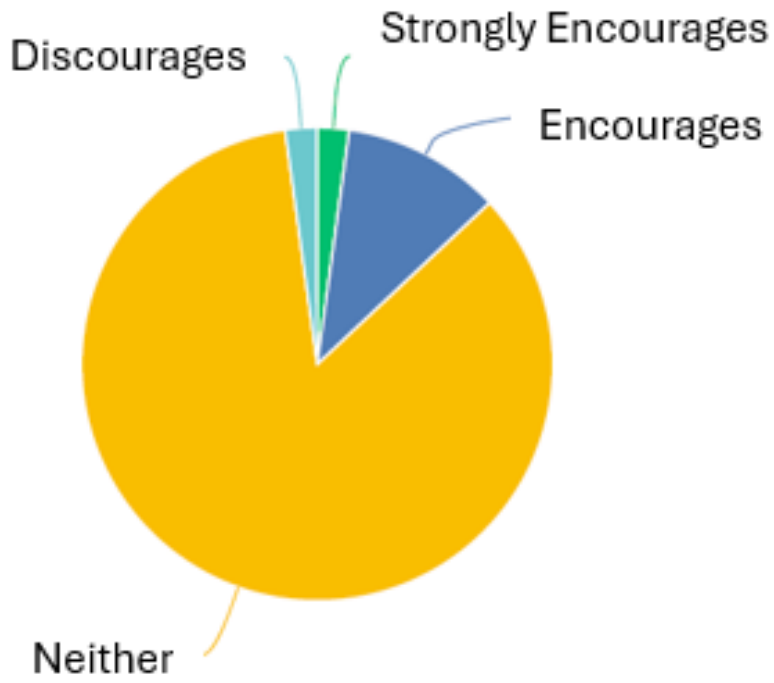
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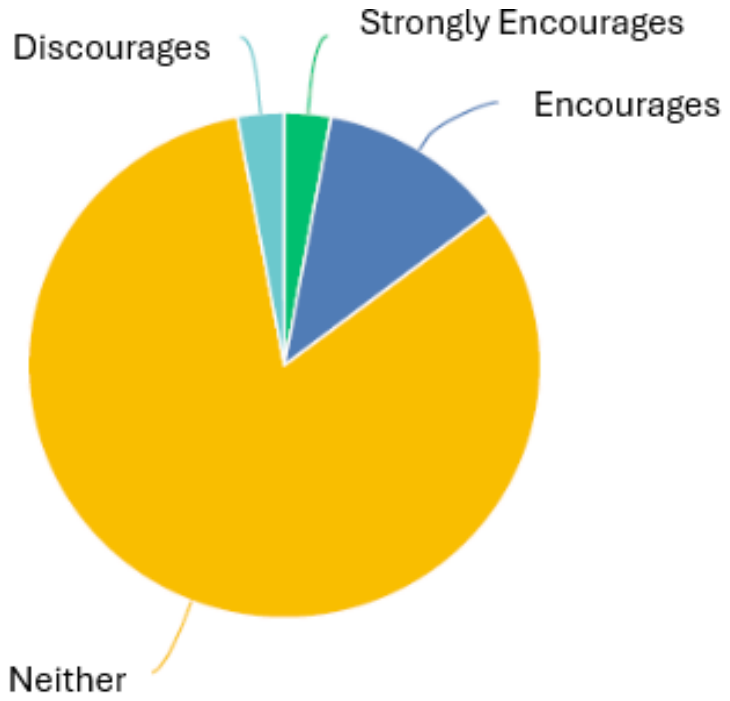
Royall parents…

How much does your child's school encourage or discourage walking and biking to/from school?

Royall Elementary Grades Pk-6



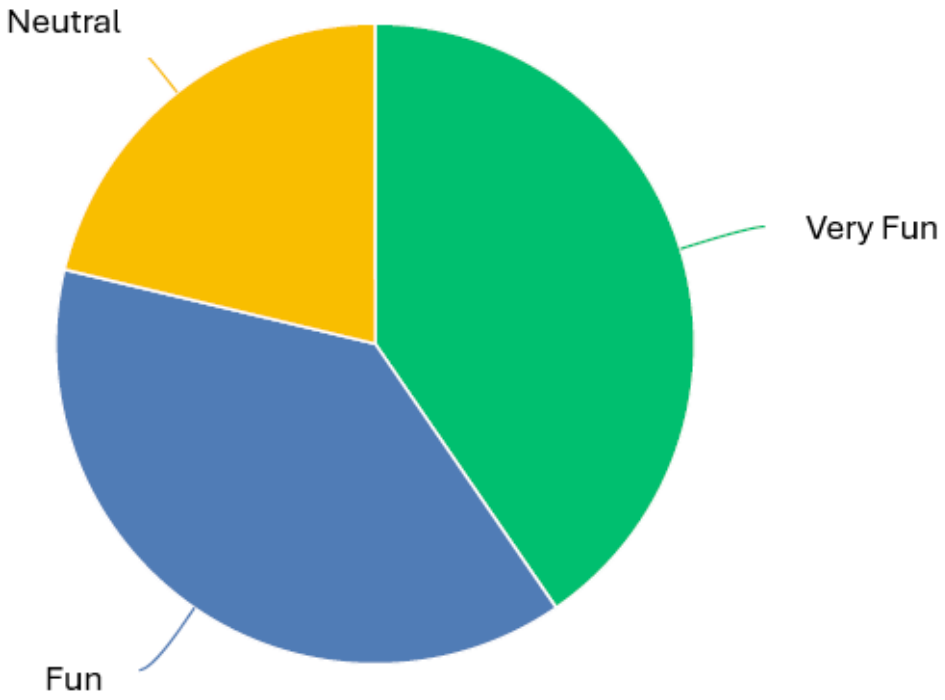
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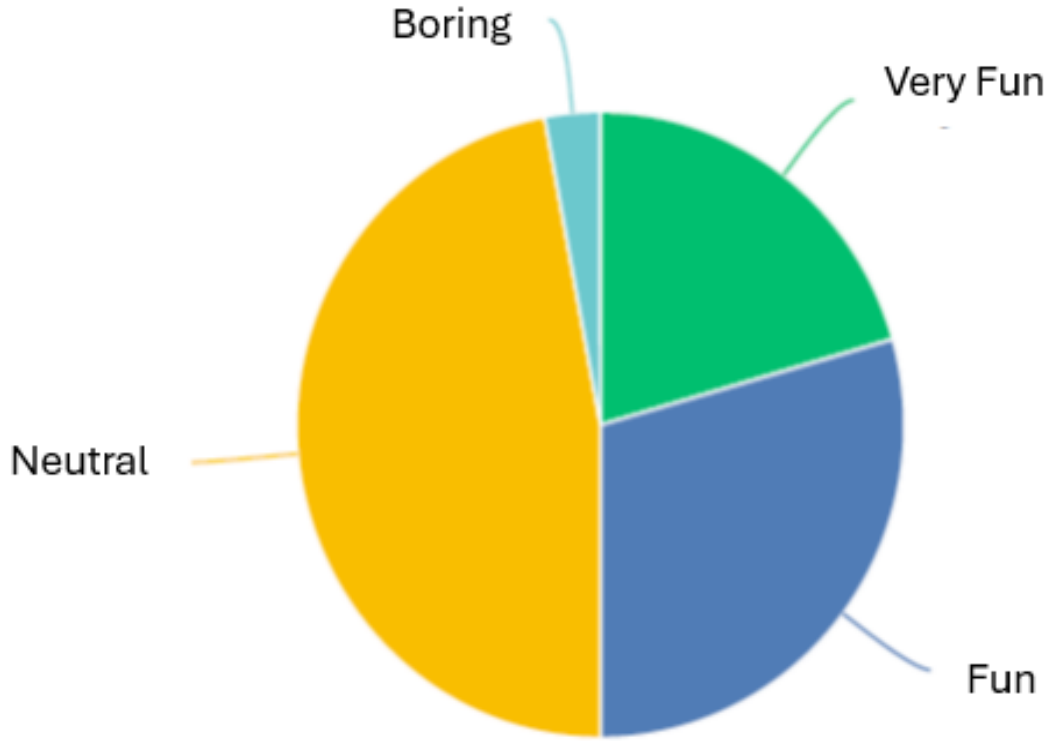
Royall parents...

How much fun is walking and biking to/from school for your child?

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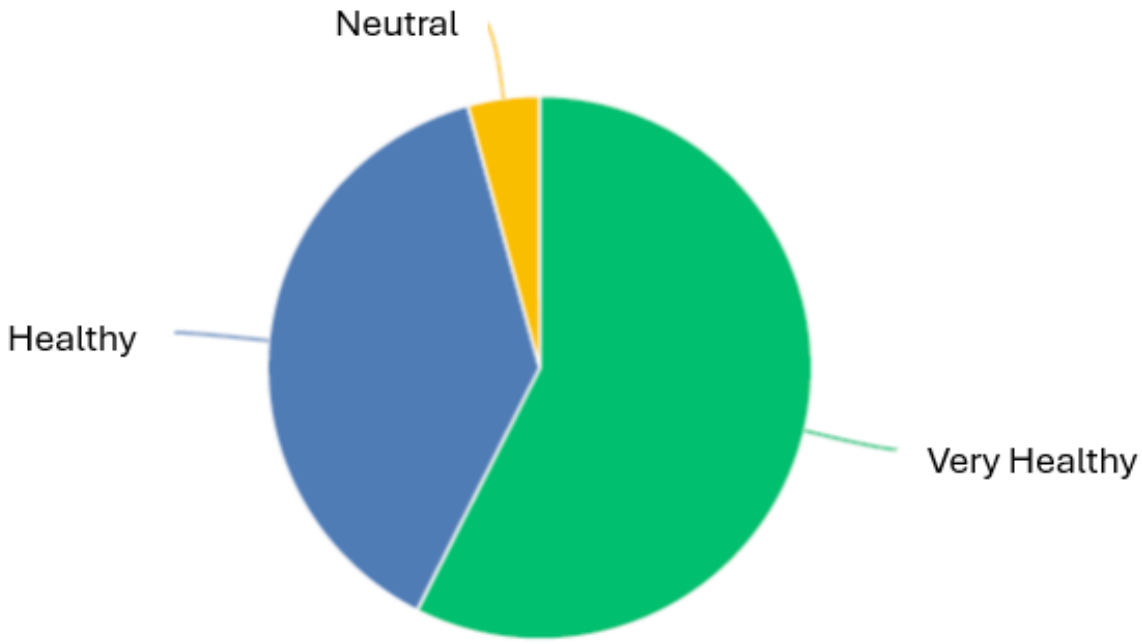
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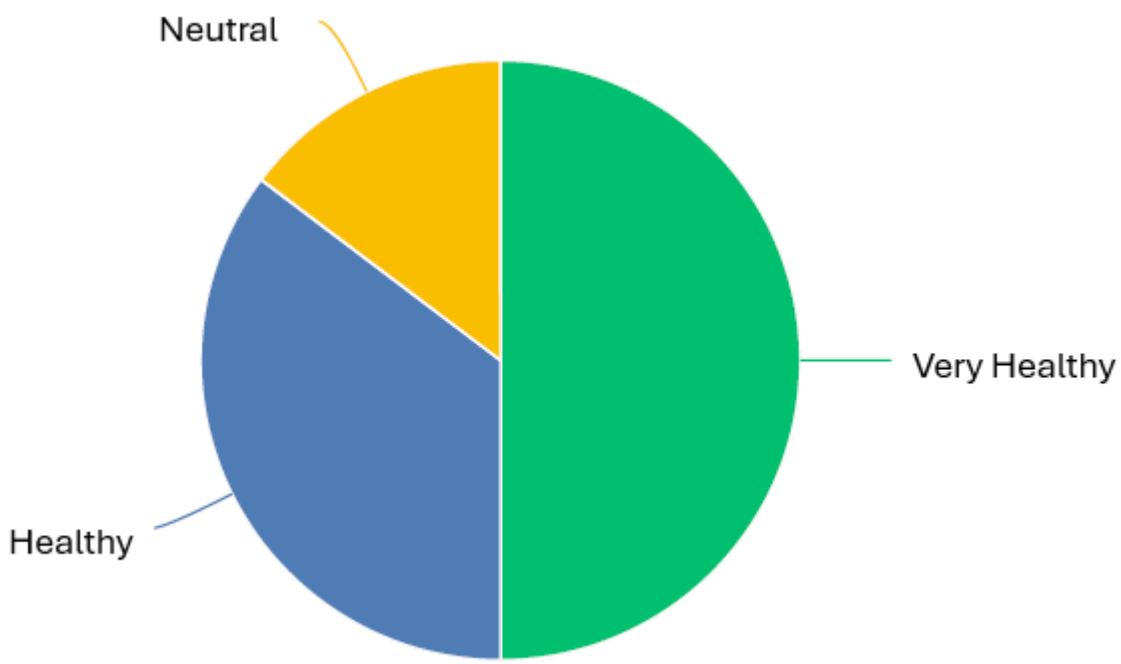
Royall parents...

How healthy is walking and biking to/from school for your child?

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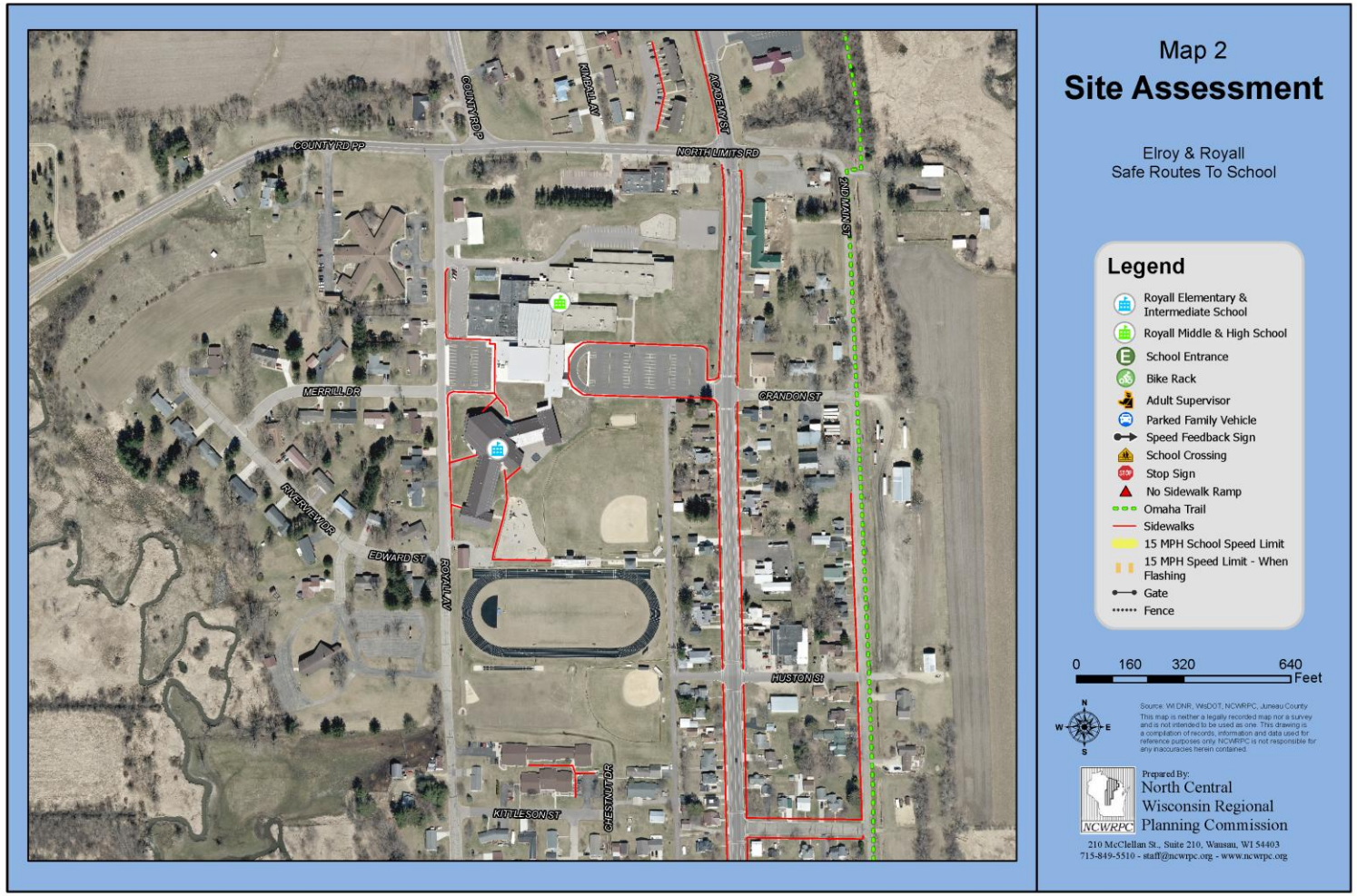


Maps...

Royall SRTS Schools

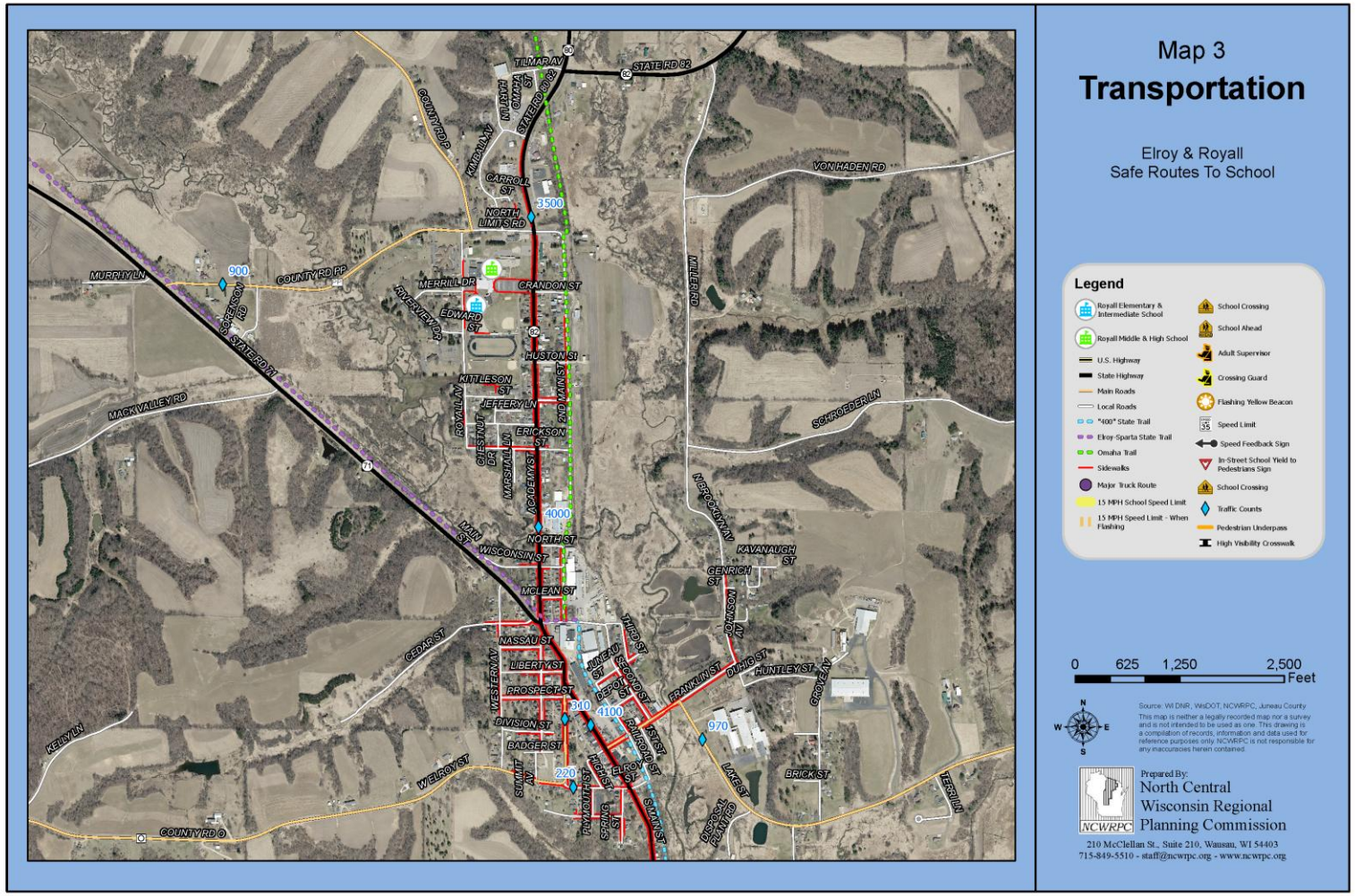
- Site Assessment map
- Transportation map
- School Routes map

Site Assessment maps…

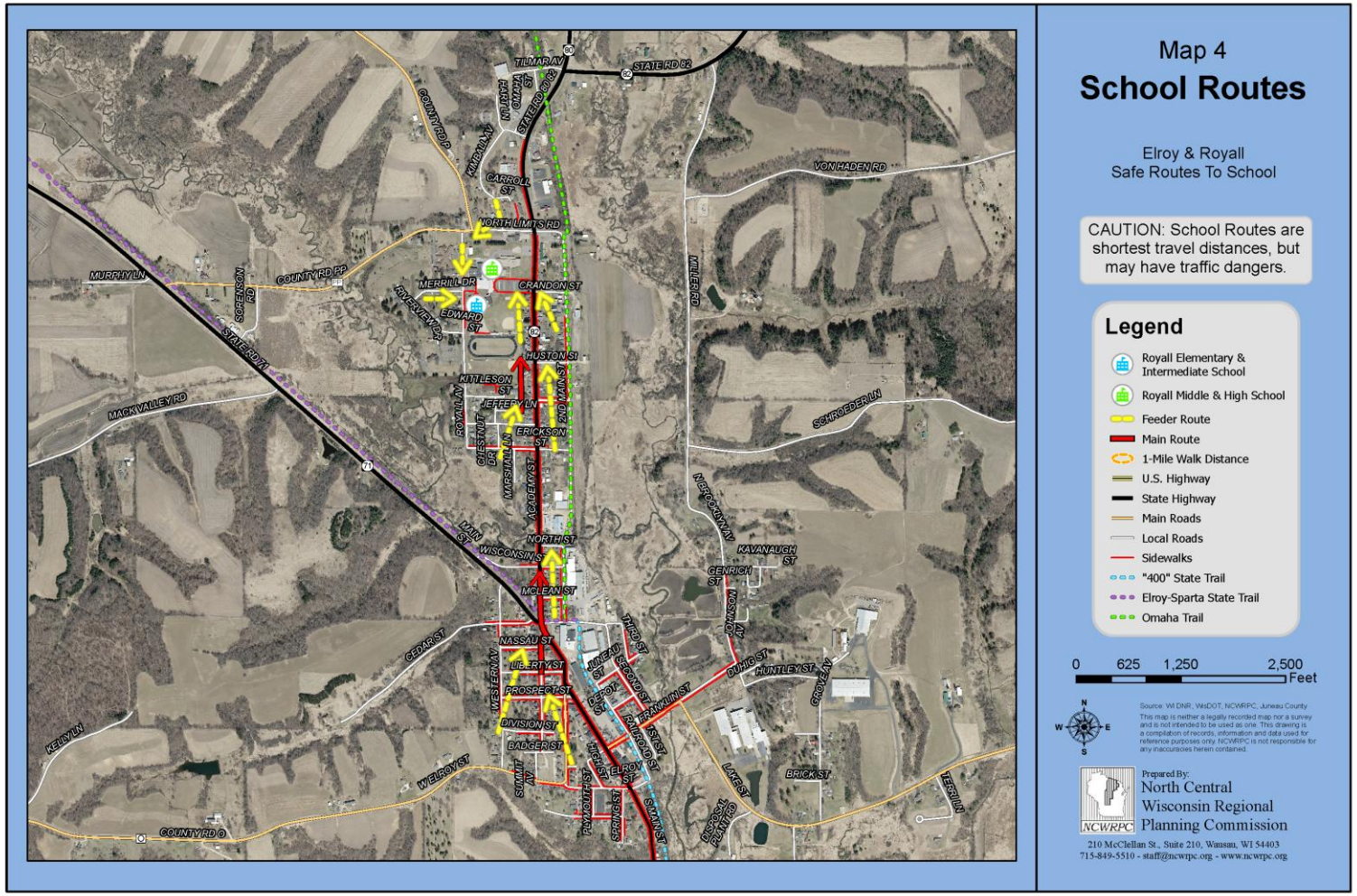


Walk Audit notes go on this map.

Transportation maps…



School Routes maps…



Is SRTS it really difficult???

Results

In most (61.5%) schools, 10% or fewer students walked or biked to school in the morning on an average school day; in 22.7% of schools, 26% or more students did so. Although having crossing guards (adjusted odds ratio [AOR] = 3.3; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.9–6.0), having bicycle racks (AOR = 2.7; 95% CI, 1.2–5.8), and providing promotional materials to students or families on walking or biking to school (AOR = 2.9; 95% CI, 1.7–5.1) were associated with having 26% or more students who walk or

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