

Ontario Active School Travel Fund - List of Funded Projects



Round 1 (May 2018 – June 2020)

#	Project name, Lead Organization and Summary Description	Project description and key deliverables
1	<p>Walking the Rural Way, led by Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit: <i>A community-tailored Walking School Bus pilot program, designed to address parent concerns and the challenges of active transportation in a rural setting. The pilot program will support a total of four school communities in Brockville, Smith Falls and Mississippi Mills.</i></p>	<p>The project seeks to build on existing School Travel Planning (STP) work in the region and address previously-identified parental concerns by delivering a community-tailored Walking School Bus (WSB) program. The project is designed to address the challenges of the community’s rural setting and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring an Active School Travel Facilitator • Recruiting Walking School Bus leaders • Strengthening stakeholder partnerships • Reviewing and updating existing policies • Promotion of safe and active routes to school
2	<p>Hamilton Active and Sustainable School Travel, led by the City of Hamilton: <i>Building on existing work through a multi-sectoral collaborative approach, an expanded School Travel Planning program, a Parent Engagement Strategy, and Site Plan Guidelines for Schools.</i></p>	<p>The project will build on Hamilton’s existing comprehensive approach to Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST) through a multi-sectoral collaborative approach, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointing full-time STP Coordinator to expand STP work • Hosting two ASST-related summits • Developing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Plan Guidelines for schools and school areas ○ Parent engagement strategy ○ Enhance awareness of ASST amongst target audiences • Undertaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ environmental policy scan ○ comprehensive data collection with systematic performance measures
3	<p>London Active School Travel, led by the London District Catholic School Board: <i>Expanded support for schools in the Thames Region by hiring a Travel Planner within the student transportation consortia. Deliverables</i></p>	<p>The project will support active school travel in the Thames Region by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring a Travel Planner within the consortia to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ participate in the ELMO ASRTS committee and working groups ○ support School Travel Planning at LCDSB schools ○ provide point of contact for all 178 elementary schools served by the consortia

	<i>include an Active School Travel Charter, an expanded School Travel Planning program, and Cycling Skills Training.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ establish AST Charter signed by all ELMO partners ○ develop a communication plan ○ explore consortia’s existing policy and procedures related to AST ○ Expand the First Rider event ○ Pilot a Walking School Bus ● Expanding program to install wayfinding signs and bike racks ● Expanding cycling skills training to STP schools
4	Niagara Active School Travel , led by Niagara Student Transportation Services : <i>Expansion of Niagara Region’s School Travel Planning program along with piloting a Walking School Bus model. Stakeholder coordination will be strengthened through a renewed advisory committee and adoption of an Active School Travel Charter.</i>	The project will build upon existing work and will expand School Travel Planning and pilot a Walking School Bus model, with a strong emphasis on formalizing stakeholder coordination and commitments through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reforming an advisory committee ● Stakeholder agreements ● Active School Travel Charter ● Research to inform policy development
5	North Bay Active School Travel , led by North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit : <i>A School Travel Planning program supporting ten schools, working across three school boards and aligned with City of North Bay’s Active Transportation Master Plan.</i>	The project will provide School Travel Planning (STP) in the City of North Bay, working with up to ten schools across three school boards. Building on previous STP pilot work, the project will be aligned with the city’s Active Transportation Master Plan under development and coordinated with the existing Walking School Bus pilot program.
6	Ottawa School Active Travel , led by Ottawa Student Transportation Authority : <i>Building on the success of Ottawa’s School Active Travel (SAT) work, a variety of initiatives including parent workshops, teacher webinars, student ambassadors, and further development of the Walking School Bus program.</i>	The project will build on the success of Ottawa’s School Active Travel (SAT) work to date through a variety of initiatives to expand upon the existing program, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent/community workshops ● Parent surveys via telephone ● Teacher SAT webinar ● Student ambassador program ● Developing a central website ● Event-in-a-box for IWALK

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation management/safety blitz • Development of the existing Walking School Bus program • Undertaking an environmental policy scan
7	<p>Peterborough Active School Travel, led by GreenUP: <i>Increased local momentum for active achool travel by hiring a full time coordinator to deliver School Travel Planning for Peterborough schools and strengthening stakeholder coordination and engagement.</i></p>	<p>The project will support active school travel in Peterborough by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring a full time ASST coordinator to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ deliver the School Travel Planning program to both school boards ○ cultivate long term program sustainability by increasing awareness and capacity of relevant stakeholders ○ review policies and update the ASRTS Terms of Reference ○ build political support and momentum across the region • Strengthen stakeholder relationships and creating more local capacity
8	<p>Walk or Wheel Thunder Bay (WOW TBay), led by EcoSuperior Environmental Programs: <i>Working collaboratively with a steering committee to support active school travel, delivering School Travel Planning (STP) in four local schools, and establishing an Active School Travel Charter.</i></p>	<p>The Walk or Wheel Thunder Bay (WOW Tbay) project will work collaboratively with a steering committee to support active school travel in Thunder Bay by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointing an Active School Travel Coordinator • Delivering School Travel Planning (STP) in four local schools. • Creating an Active School Travel Charter
9	<p>Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Active School Travel, led by Service de transport Wellington Dufferin Student Transportation Services: <i>Hiring a fulltime School Travel Coordinator, based in the student transportation consortia, to support School Travel Planning schools, pilot a Walking School Bus program, and develop a Municipal Policy Guide and an Active School Travel Charter for the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region.</i></p>	<p>The project will build on previous School Travel Planning (STP) work in the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region by hiring a fulltime Coordinator, based in the consortia, to work with STP schools and pilot a Walking School Bus program. The coordinator will also work closely with the WDG-ASRTS committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and adopt an Active School Travel Charter • Conduct a policy review and develop a Municipal Policy Guide • Develop a business case for long-term funding

10	<p>Cambridge School Travel Planning, led by the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region: <i>Expanded School Travel Planning support for schools in the City of Cambridge, as part of a region-wide initiative that will seek systemic solutions for active student transportation.</i></p>	
11	<p>Kitchener School Travel Planning, led by the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region: <i>Expanded School Travel Planning support for schools in the City of Kitchener, as part of a region-wide initiative that will seek systemic solutions for active student transportation.</i></p>	<p>The three projects will expand School Travel Planning (STP) to schools in the City of Cambridge, the City of Kitchener and the City of Waterloo, as part of a region-wide initiative coordinated by the student transportation consortia. The project seeks to find systemic solutions for STP that can be delivered at the consortia level.</p> <p>Project delivery will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employing two full-time STP Facilitators (reporting to the existing STP Planner) • Collection of comparable and reliable data • Working with partners to develop meaningful programming • Updating current policies, practices and procedures to reflect and support Active Sustainable School Travel
12	<p>Waterloo School Travel Planning, led by the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region: <i>Expanded School Travel Planning support for schools in the City of Waterloo, as part of a region-wide initiative that will seek systemic solutions for active student transportation.</i></p>	

Round 2 (May 2019 – June 2020)

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13	Ajax Active School Travel , led by the Town of Ajax : <i>School Travel Planning support and community-wide campaign events for schools in the town of Ajax.</i>	The Town of Ajax’s comprehensive active school travel initiative will increase opportunities for active school travel through promoted town-wide campaign events, and in-depth School Travel Planning at up to twelve schools.
14	Barrie Active School Travel , led by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit : <i>School Travel Planning support for schools in the city of Barrie, as part of a region-wide initiative to expand and strengthen active school travel.</i>	<p>The project will expand and strengthen Active School Travel in the City of Barrie and the wider Simcoe-Muskoka district as part of a region-wide initiative coordinated by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Project delivery will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing School Travel Planning at 17 schools. • Forming a Steering Committee and strengthening partnership commitments • Conducting a policy scan and developing an Active School Travel Charter
15	Simcoe Muskoka Active School Travel , led by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit : <i>School Travel Planning support for schools in the district of Simcoe Muskoka, as part of a region-wide initiative to expand and strengthen active school travel.</i>	
16	Blind River Active School Travel , led by the Town of Blind River : <i>School Travel Planning support for all schools in the town of Blind River, guided by a steering committee.</i>	The rural community of Blind River will use School Travel Planning to implement inclusive community-based actions that address identified barriers to active travel for school-aged children. The project will support all schools in the town and will be guided by a newly established steering committee.
17	Brampton Active and Sustainable School Travel , led by the Region of Peel : <i>Programming and resources to support schools in the city of Brampton, as part of a region-wide</i>	The project will create a new Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST) Coordinator position to build capacity, resources and coordination to expand ASST programming in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. New initiatives will include:

	<i>initiative to expand and strengthen active and sustainable school travel.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and deliver workshops to train ASST leaders • Develop and deliver social marketing campaign – parents and local community • Conduct ASST program and policy scan • Research other opportunities for new programs/activities
18	Caledon Active and Sustainable School Travel , led by the Region of Peel : <i>Programming and resources to support schools in the town of Caledon, as part of a region-wide initiative to expand and strengthen active and sustainable school travel.</i>	
19	Mississauga Active and Sustainable School Travel , led by the Region of Peel : <i>Programming and resources to support schools in the city of Mississauga, as part of a region-wide initiative to expand and strengthen active and sustainable school travel.</i>	
20	Brantford Active School Travel , led by Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk : <i>Hiring a fulltime Active Transportation Officer to provide School Travel Planning support for Brantford schools as part of a region-wide initiative to expand and strengthen active school travel.</i>	
21	Brant County Active School Travel , led by Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk : <i>Hiring a fulltime Active Transportation Officer to provide School Travel Planning support for schools in Brant County, as part of a region-wide</i>	

The project will implement School Travel Planning in the County of Brant and the City of Brantford as part of a region-wide initiative coordinated by the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk. Project delivery will include:

- Implementing School Travel Planning at six schools (rural and urban).
- Hire a full-time Active Transportation Officer
- Strengthen the newly formed Brantford-Brant Active Transportation for Schools committee

	<i>initiative to expand and strengthen active school travel.</i>	
22	Durham Active and Sustainable School Travel , led by the Region of Durham : <i>Hiring a coordinator to provide School Travel Planning support for schools in the Durham Region, working collaboratively with a regional steering committee.</i>	The project will support Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST) initiatives across the Durham Region, involving five municipalities and four school boards. A Coordinator will be hired to implement School Travel Planning at eight schools, supported by a Regional ASST Committee that will review and develop ASST policy and informational materials for the benefit of the region as a whole.
23	Markham Active School Travel , led by York Region District School Board : <i>Multi-tiered education, encouragement and engineering enhancements for schools in the city of Markham, including wayfinding for walking/cycling routes to school.</i>	The project will implement School Travel Planning at eight schools and identify interventions to increase Active School Travel in the city of Markham using a multi-tiered approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing, Communication and Education • School Classroom Competition • Parent Connection System • Engineering Enhancement- Wayfinding, Signage and Pavement Markings
24	Active School Travel the North Grenville Way: Moving towards Community Wellbeing led by Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit : <i>Identifying safe walking routes for North Grenville schools through the implementation of an updated student transportation hazard methodology and a community charter.</i>	The project will increase opportunities for active school travel by exploring changes to student transportation policies and identifying safe walking routes. This will involve updating and applying a student transportation hazard methodology to seven schools in North Grenville. The initiative will develop a community charter and create intrinsic motivation amongst the school community as a means to establish sustainable travel behaviors.
25	Sarnia Active School Travel , led by the City of Sarnia : <i>School Travel Planning support for schools in the city of Sarnia, working collaboratively with a municipal steering committee.</i>	The project will significantly expand School Travel Planning in the city of Sarnia by appointing a dedicated Facilitator to work with five schools, supported by the Municipal Steering Committee. Each school will adopt an Active School Travel Charter and will engage students, parents, school staff and elected officials with the aim of making the entire community aware of the initiative.

26	<p>Stratford School Travel Planning, led by the City of Stratford: <i>Hiring a Facilitator to provide School Travel Planning support and a resource toolkit for all schools in the city of Stratford.</i></p>	<p>Building on a 2017/2018 pilot, the Stratford project will hire a School Travel Planning Facilitator to work with all Stratford schools, in addition to undertaking a policy review and developing a resource toolkit for local schools.</p>
27	<p>Timiskaming District Active School Travel, led by Timiskaming Health Unit: <i>Hiring a Coordinator to provide School Travel Planning support for schools in the town of Kirkland Lake, and the city of Temiskaming Shores.</i></p>	<p>The project will enhance Active School Travel (AST) within the district of Timiskaming by establishing an AST Committee and hiring a Coordinator to implement School Travel Planning at four schools. This will be complemented with community-wide bilingual education and awareness to build support for young people walking and wheeling in town.</p>
28	<p>Toronto Active and Safe Routes to School, led by Toronto Public Health: <i>Wayfinding infrastructure and active transportation skills training for schools in the city of Toronto, working collaboratively with a regional steering committee.</i></p>	<p>The project will expand a school wayfinding pilot project and strengthen existing School Travel Planning (STP) in the city of Toronto. The project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of paint markings and signs along walking/cycling routes at three schools • Delivering Active Transportation Rodeos and Student Leadership Training to build skills and leadership around safe walking and cycling • Developing a Communications Plan and engaging with students, parents and teachers