

## Lead Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

### Partners

- Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario
- City of Brockville
- Brockville Cycling Advisory Committee
- Town of Mississippi Mills
- Town of Smiths Falls
- Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario
- Upper Canada DSB
- Brockville Police
- Smith's Falls Police
- Ontario Provincial Police
- YMCA of Brockville and Area
- Mills Community Support (Lanark)
- Volunteer Centre of St. Lawrence Rideau



### Contact

<https://healthunit.org/health-information/physical-activity-rest/active-school-travel/>

**Budget \$281,215** (\$100,000 OAST Fund + \$181,215 matching local support)

### Overview

Building on previous School Travel Planning (STP) work in the area, project partners developed a new Walking School Bus (WSB) program tailored for smaller rural communities as well as other resources to promote active travel to school.

### Project highlights

- » Implemented STP at nine schools and established WSB routes in Brockville, Smiths Falls and Mississippi Mills.
- » Implemented traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety in school zones.
- » Developed an Active School Travel Charter that was endorsed by municipal, school board and public health stakeholders.

### What they're saying

*"I wish everyone involved in this wonderful project the best of success. I'm confident other communities will soon recognize this is a great idea and we'll see them picking up the pace to catch up to our stride."*

- MPP Steve Clark, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands & Rideau Lakes