



Hunterdon County
Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School

TRAVEL PLAN

2010



High Bridge School District

High Bridge, NJ

High Bridge School District:
High Bridge Middle School
High Bridge Elementary School

Introduction

The High Bridge School District consists of High Bridge Elementary School (K-5) and High Bridge Middle School (6-8). High Bridge is a walking district.

<p>Community Profile: Borough of High Bridge Population: 3,701 (2007 est.) Police: High Bridge Police</p>
--

High Bridge Middle School is located within a residential area, two blocks east of County Route 513. Of the 147 students that attend High Bridge Middle School, approximately 50% of students walk to school regularly, while 50% are dropped off by car. Four crossing guards currently assist students walking to the Middle School. Sidewalks are present and in good repair through most of the area.

High Bridge Elementary (K-5) lies on Route 513, two blocks north of the Middle School. The majority of the 242 students are dropped at school by car.

Objectives of the Travel Plan

1. To make travel to and from High Bridge Schools safer and more efficient.
2. To reduce traffic congestion around the school.
3. To encourage travel to school by means other than the car.
4. To encourage students to walk to school as a health option.
5. To incorporate travel safety, health and environmental information into the school day and curriculum.

<p>Members of the Working Group: Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Superintendent/ Middle School Principal Mr. Paul Nigro, Elementary School Principal Officer Jeffrey Andruczyk, High Bridge Police Department</p>
--

Current Policies

High Bridge Middle School has a preferred route for students along Church Street and Thomas Street which keeps the students on streets with sidewalks and brings them to the front of the school. Due to terrain and the traffic volume on Route 513, bicycling is not very popular.

Parent driving behavior in the drop off area of the Middle School created some conflict between student walkers and vehicles, but the High Bridge Police have been able to station an officer and a cruiser there on most mornings. The presence of an officer has encouraged more considerate driving.

Challenges

Most of High Bridge has excellent sidewalks and a pleasant walking environment. There are a few gaps which could be improved and provide better connection between existing sidewalks. Infrastructure recommendations are detailed in the 2010 Walkability Audit, attached.

Proposed Actions

Education Actions	Responsibility	Timeframe	Cost
Incorporate benefits of walking into curriculum (Earth Day)	School/TMA	Spring 2011	Low
Provide regular safety information to both students and parents	School/TMA	Spring 2011	Low
Encouragement			
Participate in International Walk to School Day 2011	School	Fall 2011	Low
Enforcement Actions			
Traffic Enforcement in Drop-Off area for Middle School	Local Police	Ongoing	Low
LED Stop Signs for Crossing Guards	TMA/Police	Complete-Fall 2010	Medium
In-street Pedestrian Signs	TMA	Complete- Fall 2010	Medium
Engineering Actions			
Repaint crosswalks and pavement markings	Municipality		High
Install signage on Route 513 at the Fairview Avenue & Church Street intersection	County	If approved, 2011	Medium
Add a crosswalk and associated ramps at Mill Street & McDonald Street	Municipality	To be determined	High



