



Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting

December 11, 2025

SRTS Task Force's Objectives

SRTS Task Force is a space to share information/ideas on SRTS, engage the community around SRTS, partner on events and activities, and support schools and school districts in the implementation of the strategy.

■ Roles

- Define and collaborate on objectives, goals, and milestones for the Menlo Park SRTS program;
- Help organize or support different tasks and activities; and
- Be a liaison to share information and market the program to your school community.



SRTS Coordination

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Agenda

1. Introductions, School Updates & Priorities
2. Student Travel Tally Data
3. SRTS Program Updates
4. Traffic and Safety Updates
5. City Project Updates
6. Next Meetings

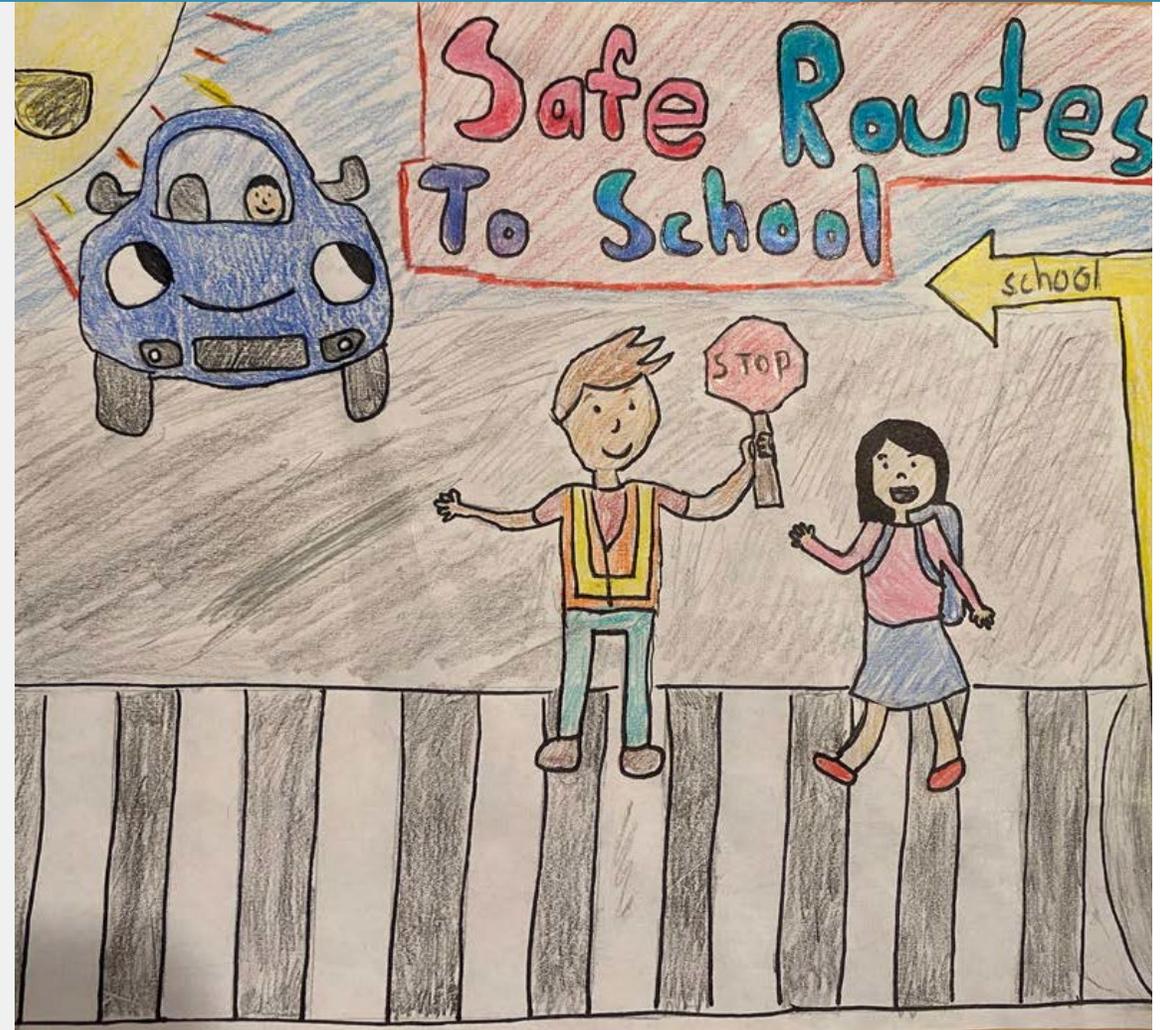


Image from the 2024-2025 SRTS Poster Contest

1) Introductions, School Updates & Priorities

Introductions, School Updates & Priorities

- Name
- Agency/Organization

School Update & Priority Examples:

- Education/encouragement activities
- Priorities related to school travel and transportation safety for the school year
- SRTS Champions at your school
- Your school's SRTS opportunities, needs, and more
- **Did your school host an event for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day? If so, please share how the event went!**
- Other announcements?

2) Student Travel Tally Data

School Travel Tally Results

Purpose:

- Menlo Park SRTS Program collects data on how student travel to and from school (since 2019).
 - San Mateo County Office of Education SRTS Program has been collecting student travel data pre-2019.
- Data collected using an in-class survey, online, or paper forms.
- We recommended collecting tallies in a minimum of two classrooms per grade per school.
- Data helps to better understand citywide student transportation trends, but is not all encompassing due to collection limitations (i.e., number of schools participating, self-reporting, etc.).

School Travel Tally Results

Data Collected in October 2025

9 participating schools (*Thank you!*)

- *Belle Haven Elementary*
- *Encinal Elementary*
- *Hillview Middle*
- *La Entrada Middle*
- *Las Lomitas Elementary*
- *Laurel Lower*
- *Laurel Upper*
- *Oak Knoll School*
- *TIDE Academy*

6,562 trips tallied

AM and PM trips over a two-day period

No major disruptions or caveats reported



School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Travel Mode Share Definitions

Travel tallies aim to capture the **primary method students travel to school**, though students may use multiple (e.g., park and walk).

The 7 different methods, or modes that student could report traveling to school:

- **Walk**
- **Roll:** Bike, skateboard, scooter
- **School Bus**
- **Carpool:** Driving students to school from 1+ households
- **Drive:** Either getting dropped off in a family car or driving self (the latter an option for high school students)
- **Public Transit**
- **Taxi-type service:** E.g., Lyft or Uber (option for high school students)

School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Travel Mode Share

	Sustainable Transportation					Drive	
	Walk	Roll (bike, skateboard, scooter)	School bus	Carpool (1+ households)	Public transit	Dropped off/ Drove self	Taxi-type service
Elementary	11%	15%	14%	1%	0%	59%	0%
Middle	14%	5%	36%	0%	0%	45%	0%
High	5%	8%	16%	5%	8%	58%	0%
Citywide	10%	9%	22%	2%	3%	54%	0%

Sustainable Transportation: Travel modes that have a low environmental impact and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

School Travel Tally Results

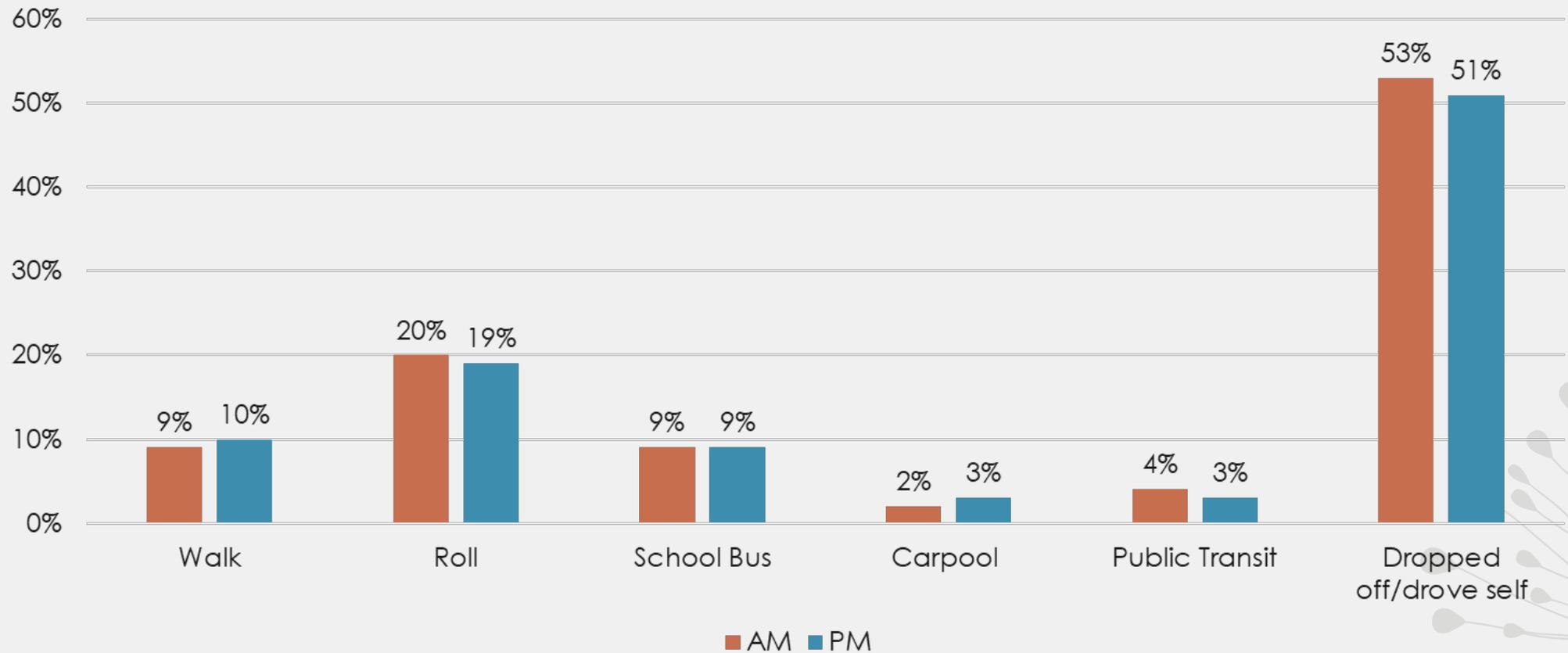
Fall 2025 Travel Mode Share

	Sustainable transportation (Walk, Roll, School bus, Carpool, Public transit)	Drive (Dropped off/Drove self, Taxi-type service)
Elementary	41%	59%
Middle	55%	45%
High	41%	58%
Citywide	46%	54%



School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Travel Mode Share Citywide (Morning and Afternoon trips)



School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Key Observations

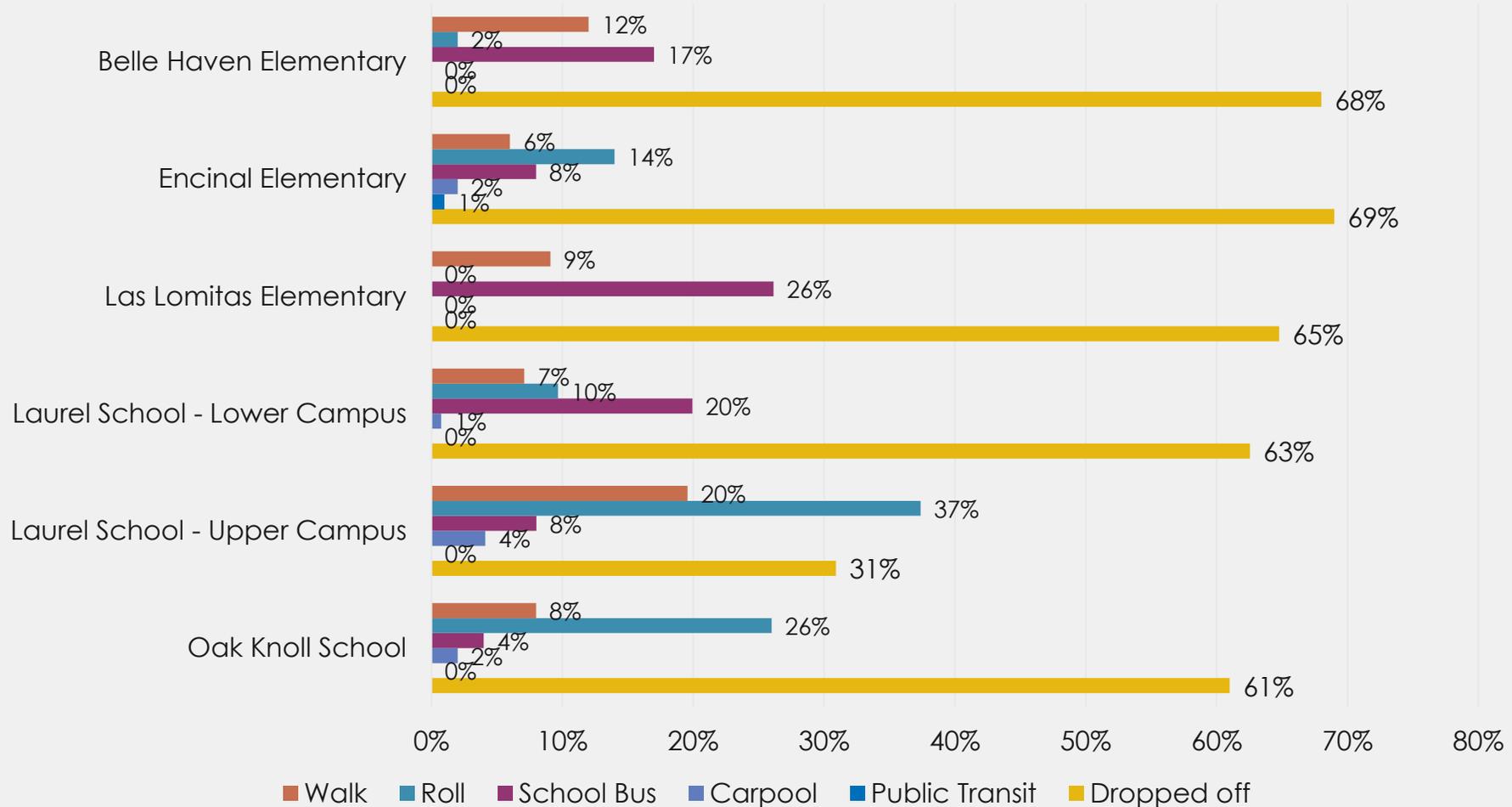
- **Almost half (46%) of Menlo Park students** travel using sustainable modes to school, though this is slightly down from last year (54%).
- **Rolling (15%)** and taking the **school bus (14%)** are the most popular sustainable transportation modes with **elementary school** students.
- **Taking the school bus** is the most popular sustainable transportation mode among **middle (36%)** and **high school students (16%)**.



School Travel Tally Results

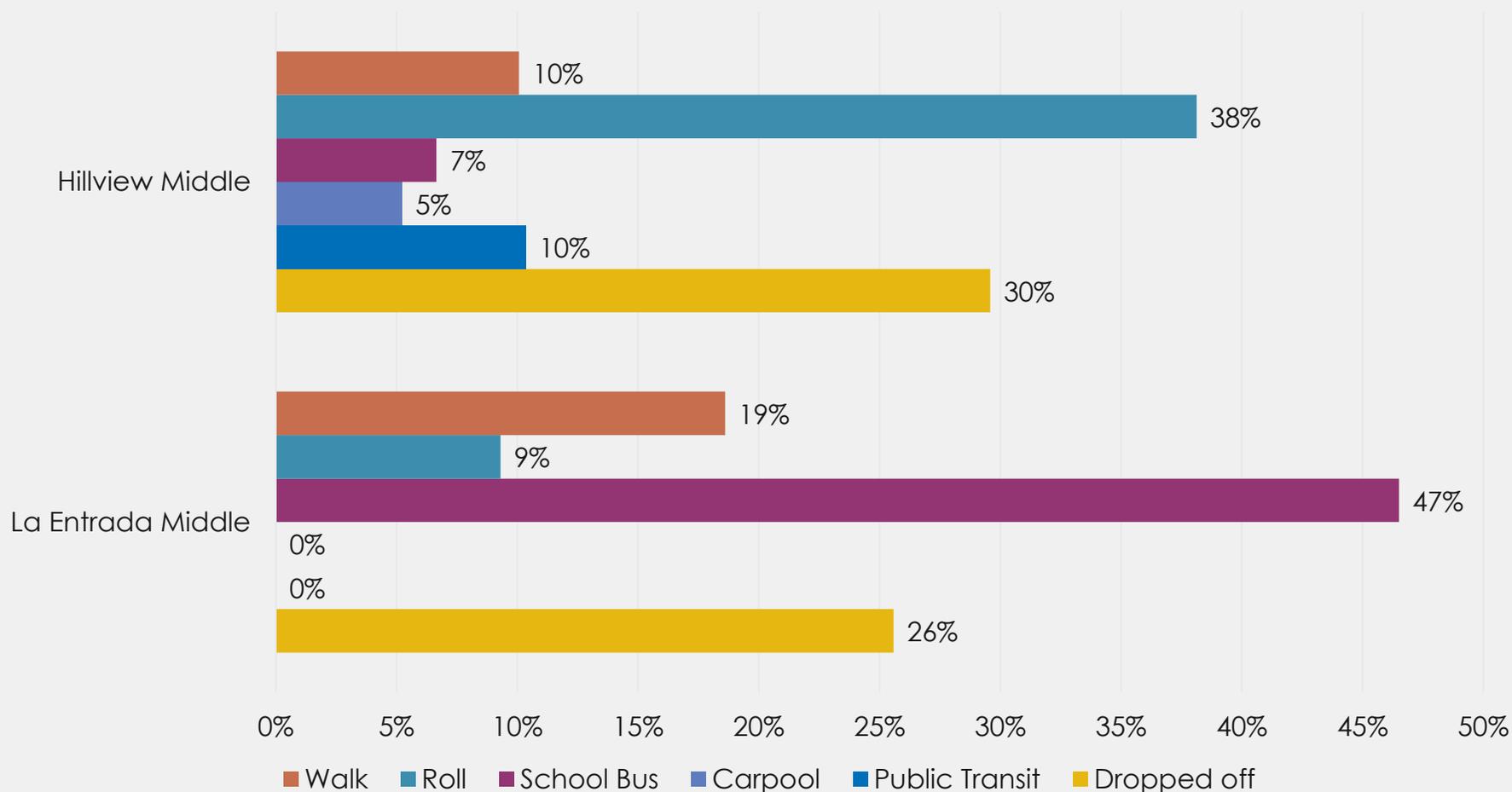


Fall 2025 Mode Share per Elementary School



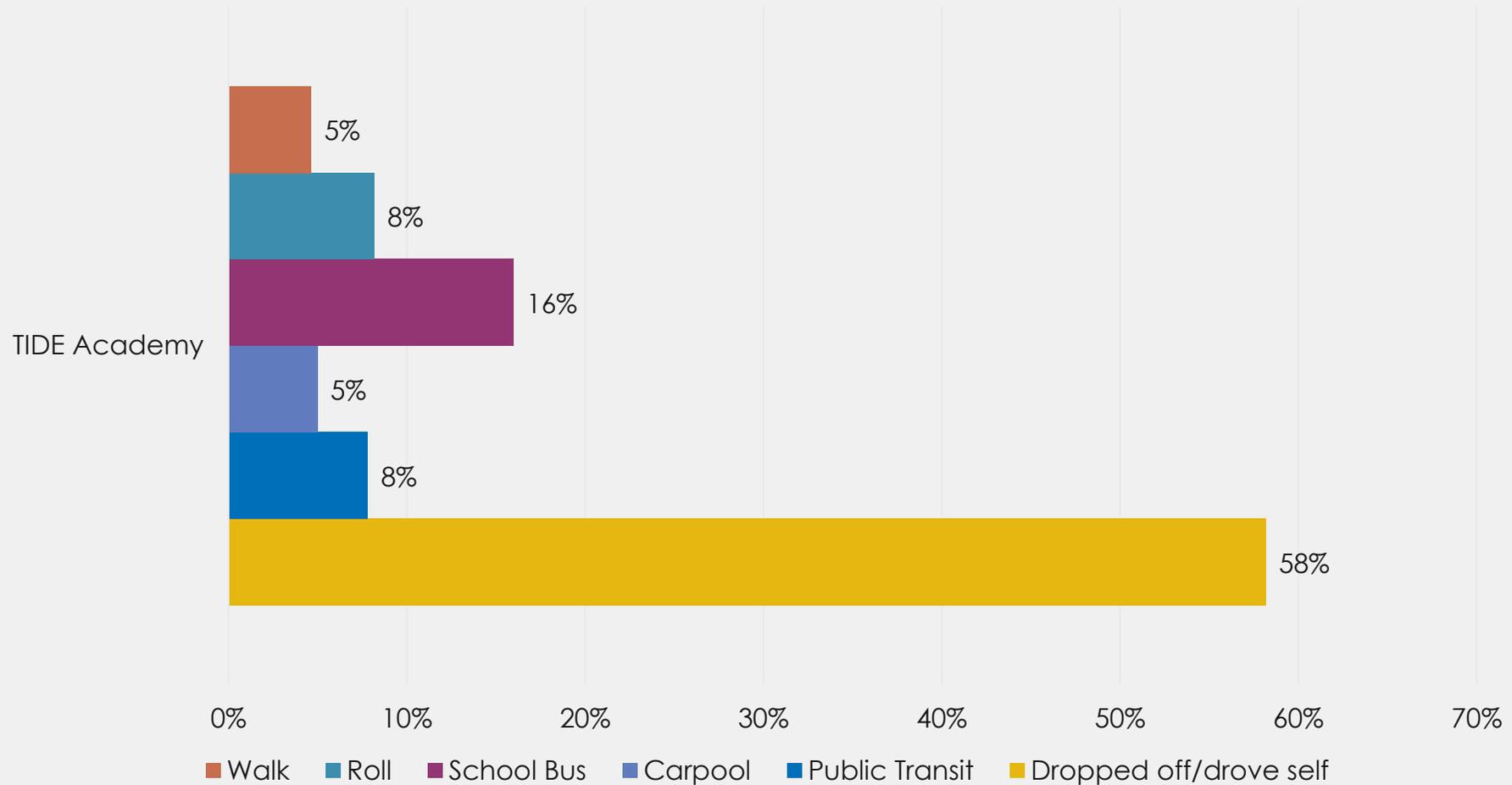
School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Mode Share per Middle School



School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Mode Share per High School



School Travel Tally Results

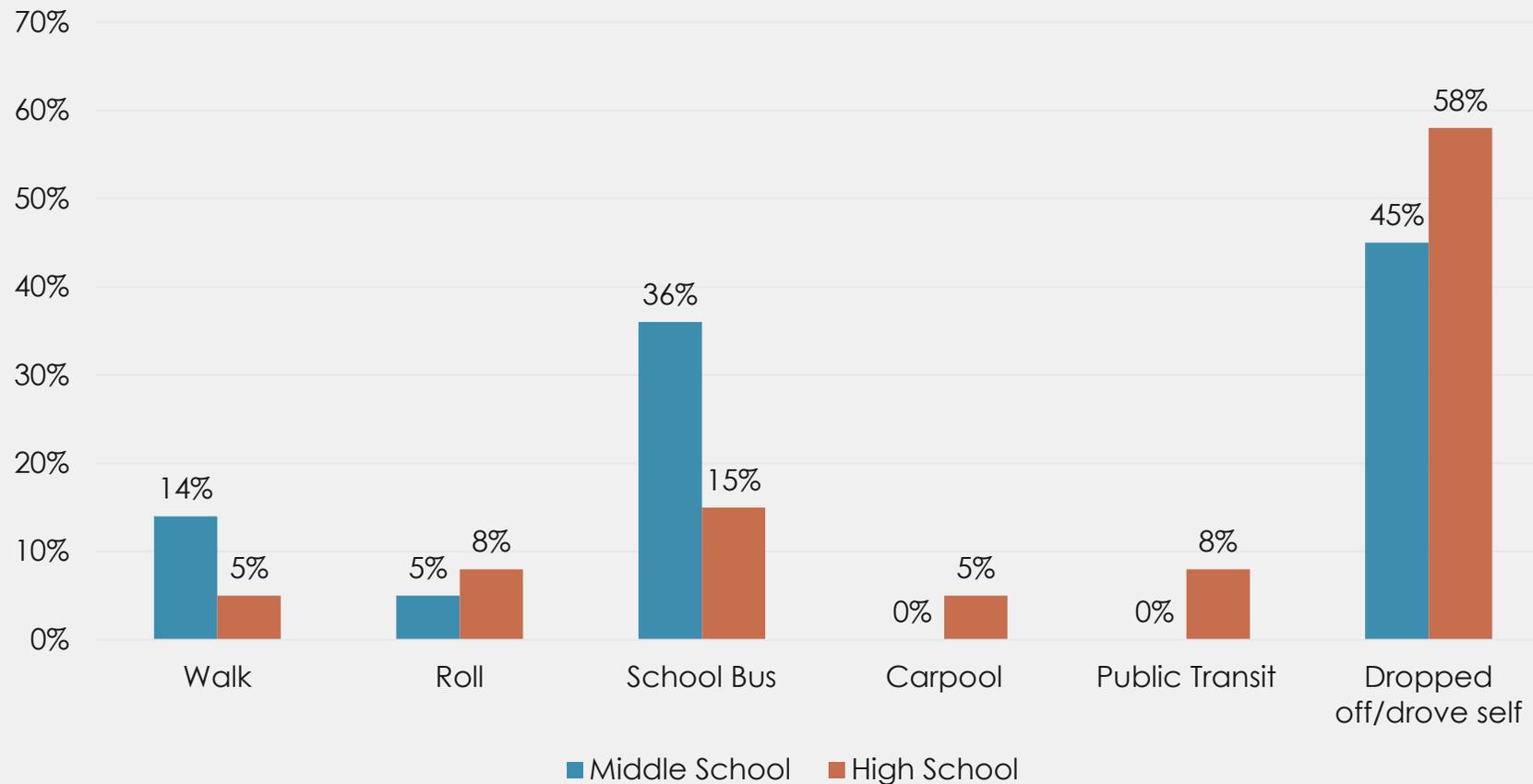
Fall 2025 Key Observations – By Schools

- **Dropped off by family vehicle** is the most popular transportation mode for all elementary school students.
- **Hillview Middle (38%)** and **Laurel School – Upper Campus (37%)** have the highest proportions of students who **roll to school**.
- **La Entrada Middle** has the highest proportions of students using **the school bus (47%)** to travel to school.



School Travel Tally Results

Fall 2025 Travel Mode Share for Middle and High School Students



School Travel Tally Results

Previous years mode share data citywide:

	Before 2020	Fall 2021	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Walk	15%	17%	17%	15%	8%	10%
Roll	12%	12%	8%	17%	23%	9%
School bus	16%	21%	12%	13%	8%	22%
Carpool	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%
Public transit/Taxi-type/ Other	9%	2%	1%	4%	20%	3%
Dropped off/Drove self	52%	47%	60%	46%	46%	54%

School Travel Tally Results

Data will be shared with SMCOE so it can be added to their school travel tally database:



San Mateo County

Safe Routes to School Travel Tally Data Summary

Tally Survey Summary
Tally Comparison and Trends
Parent/Caregiver Survey

Select a School Year

2023-2024

Select a District

All

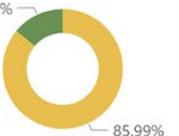
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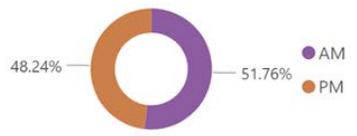
Select a Grade

All Grades

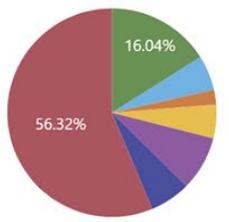
Travel Tally Period



Time of Day



Travel Modes



Time of Day

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Travel Tally Period

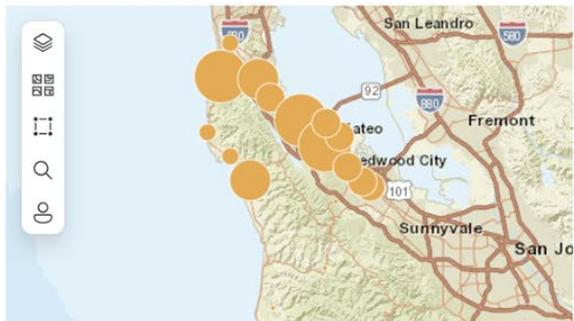
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San Mateo County Safe Routes to School collects travel tallies on annually each school year. Schools submit travel tally data in the during the Fall. The travel tallies are collected on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for one week. Tallies can be used to count the number of children traveling to and from school using different modes of travel, such as walking, bicycling, bus, private vehicle, etc. Travel behavior enables a program to measure changes after SRTS activities and better understand a school environment through travel patterns.

By default, the map below displays the total travel tally counts by city for all school years. Making district, school, and/or school year selections using the filters on the upper left will alter what the map displays.

Clicking on a city's bubble will also impact what tally counts are displayed in the charts on the left.

Travel Count by City



Esri, HERE, Garmin, NGA, USGS, NPS Powered by Esri

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3) SRTS Program Updates

SRTS Program Updates

1) Spring Activities for 2025-26 School Year

- Two bike repair events

- Bike rodeo (date and location TBD) organized with the Police Department
- **Does the Task Force have any recommendations for a bike repair event?**

Consider the following guidelines:

- About 20 bikes can be serviced
- First come first served basis
- Fixing both children and adult bikes



SRTS Program Updates

2) Caretaker & Student Biking Preferences

- When available, bicyclists must use the bike lane when traveling slower than the speed of vehicle traffic but can leave the bike lane to pass another cyclist or pedestrian, make turns, and when the lane is blocked (CVC § 21208).
- Do caretakers or students prefer to ride their bike side by side, whether in the bike lane, bike lane + buffer, or the vehicle travel lane?
- The city is interested in collecting information on bicycle travel preferences.



4) Traffic and Safety Updates

Traffic and Safety Updates

- 1) School Board Policy Regarding E-Bikes and E-Mottos (BP 5142.3)
- 2) No parking zone parking (time specific parking near school zones)
- 3) Drivers passing a school bus with the red lights flashing



5) City Project Updates

City Project Updates

- El Camino Real/Ravenswood crosswalks open on all four legs of intersection
- Middle Avenue speed feedback signs are scheduled for installation this month
- Nealon Park/Blake Street evaluation was shared with the Complete Streets Commission:
 - CSC directed staff to explore additional options for parking frontage
 - CSC recommended maintaining closure of Blake Street



6) Next Meeting

Save the Dates!

- Thursday, March 12th, 9am
- Thursday, June 11th, 9am





Thank you!