

Parent & Student Perspectives on

Active School Transportation

in a Rural Northern Ontario Community

FACILITATORS & BARRIERS



BARRIERS



Safety Concerns

Speeding vehicles, strangers, and dangerous wildlife

-Parents & Students



Built Environment

Lack of sidewalks and safety signage

-Parents & Students



Safety Knowledge

Road rules awareness levels

-Parents

Fresh Air

Time outside for children, parents, and volunteers

-Student



Community Involvement

Children are able to walk with friends; parents feel involved

-Student



Enjoyment

Can be more fun than simply sitting on the bus

-Student

FACILITATORS

Conclusion

Barriers and facilitators in the rural north are similar to larger urban centers. Partnerships must continue to address key factors deterring active transportation to school.

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