



Police and Community Building Together

TO: City of Grand Ledge Residents
FROM: Grand Ledge Police Department
DATE: August 23, 2016
REGARDING: Safe Routes to School

The City of Grand Ledge strives to be a community where children and adults can safely walk and bicycle, as a part of their daily routine. To do that, providing safe routes to school for walking and bicycling must be a priority. This spring, the Police Department began a study of student bike and pedestrian traffic patterns, to help identify the safest and most commonly used routes to school.

The first step was for Department observers to identify the main routes leading to schools. To do this, a team of officers observed students riding and walking to and from school in the month of May. They counted the students and mapped the streets that they used to get to school. Next they “back tracked” those students into the neighborhoods to see which of the secondary streets served as “feeders” to the main routes. By the end of May, they had a very good idea of how many students were coming to school on foot and on bikes. They also had developed a good idea of their paths of travel.

The third step was to have observers travel those routes and note safety issues, such as vision obstructions and worn or missing crosswalks. The end product was the identification of commonly used routes, starting at the edge of the “self-transport areas” and extending to all of the Grand Ledge public schools and St. Michael Parish School. Each of those common routes have been enhanced by the City with additional crosswalks, signs, and curb cuts. Please refer to the map of those enhanced routes. Parents may want to refer to the map, when counseling their students on the safest, most direct and most commonly used routes to school.

2016-2017 Designated Safe Routes to School



COMMONLY USED ROUTES

Routes have been enhanced with additional crosswalks, signs, and curb cuts. Students may find these common routes to be the safest and most direct way to school.



AREA SCHOOLS

Highlighted routes are within GLPS K-6th grade "self-transport" areas.

Students and Drivers:
Please use caution
and
stay safe!

