



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT *SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL WALK/BIKE AUDIT*

For children and their parents to feel comfortable walking or biking to nearby schools, street design and traffic enforcement must ensure safety and convenience. Talawanda School District is happy to partner with the City of Oxford in participating in Safe Routes to School, a nation-wide program that enables communities to make walking and biking a safe and attractive option for families.

To help identify possible issues and hazards that may discourage children and parents from enjoying this healthy option, parents are encouraged to participate in a walk/bike audit. By walking these routes, and mapping potential issues, parents can assist Talawanda and the City of Oxford in identifying areas for potential improvement.

Completing the audit is easy:

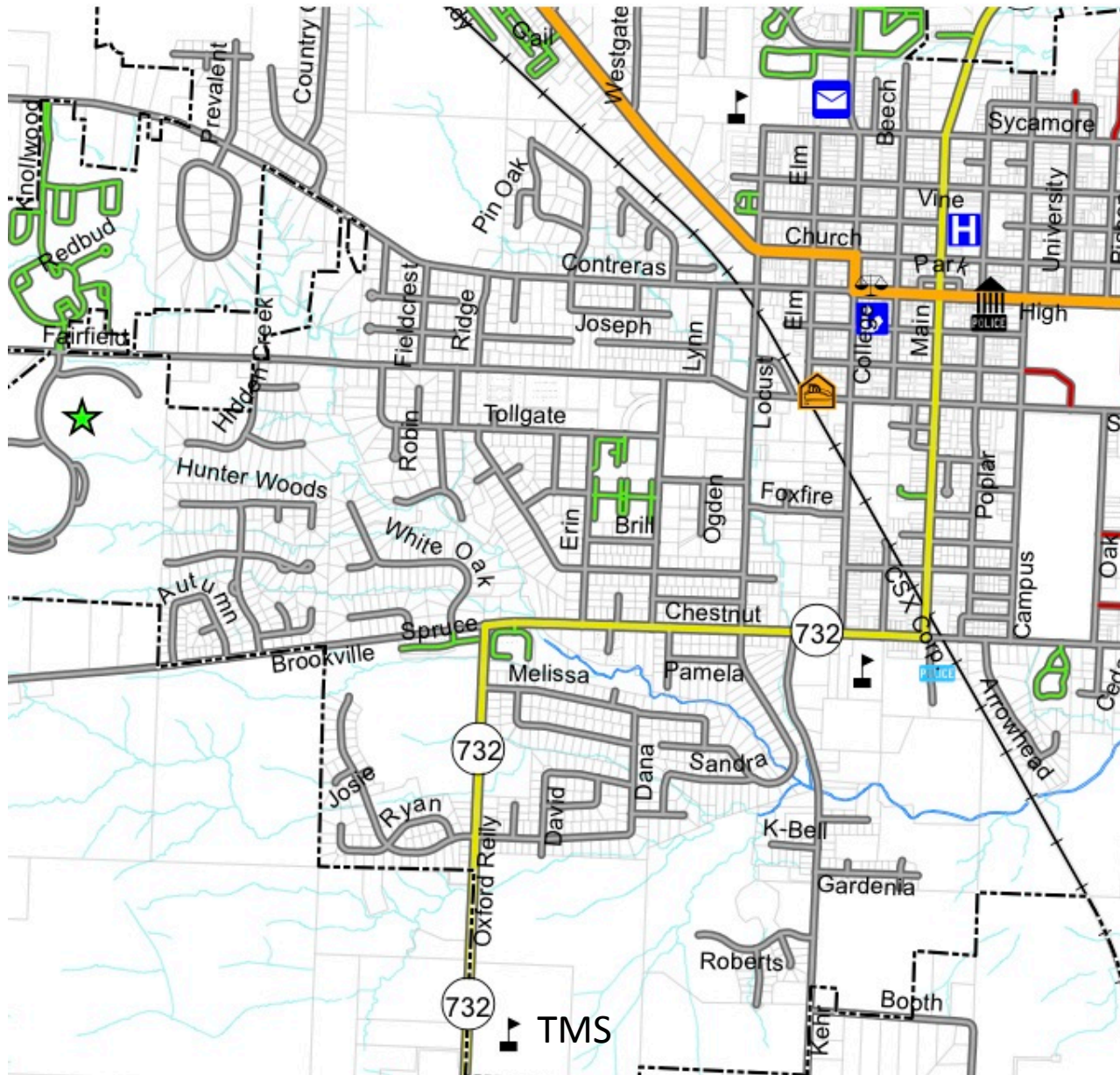
- 1. pick and print the right map** for your child's school and route
- 2. mark your child's** route on the map
- 3. indicate areas that felt unsafe** by circling one of the issues related to streets, intersections/crossings, etc.
- 4. drop off the completed map/audit at your school's main office.**

With your assistance Talawanda and the City of Oxford can help make walking and biking safer for our children.

Thank you for your participation and support. Please complete and submit by November 1 (no name need be attached). If you have questions, please contact Amy Macechko, Talawanda Health and Wellness Coordinator at maceckhoa@talawanda.net or David Prytherch, parent and City of Oxford Planning Commissioner at prythedl@miamioh.edu.

Walk/Bike Audit (TMS)

Observe your child's route, circle issues that apply, and mark that code on map (e.g. 13)



Possible Street and Sidewalk Issues

- 1 high traffic volumes and/or speeds
- 2 sidewalk segment/connection needed
- 3 sidewalk obstruction or maintenance issue
- 4 little buffer between sidewalk and street
- 5 sidewalk not wide enough for demand (pedestrians and bikes)
- 6 driveways/entrances interfere with sidewalk
- 7 street lighting inadequate
- 8 school speed limit zone inadequately posted
- 9 inadequate bike facilities (lanes, signs, parking)
- 10 snow clearance issues in winter

Possible Intersection/Crossing Issues

- 11 poorly marked crosswalk
- 12 no ADA compliant ramp
- 13 no crosswalk between distant intersections
- 14 poor crosswalk visibility or lighting
- 15 no ped./bike signal
- 16 timing of ped./bike signal inadequate
- 17 crossing guards needed
- 18 high volume/speed intersection
- 19 conflict with turning vehicles
- 20 missing bicycle markings and signage

Other Possible Hazards

- 21 neighborhood safety
- 22 other concerns? Note below.