

Public Comments and MPO Staff Response  
Baldwin City Safe Routes to School Plan

Public Comments Received and Responses	Staff Response	Action
<b>Do you support the draft Safe Routes to School plan goals? Explain your response to the previous question.</b>		
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes, I support a goal to get more kids walking or riding bikes between school and home. Currently the paths to do so are not safe and would require the addition of several more sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.	Comment received.	No change.
Undecided, I cannot open the draft plans for Baldwin City so that is why I selected undecided. My support for safe routes to schools is unchanged, as I have served on the original committee many years ago, as well as safety committees for walking through the schools when I served on Elementary PTO and Site Council. I have continued my advocacy as a school board member who has written letters of support in the grant submission process over the last few years, especially given that we were forced to discontinue within-two-miles bus service. But, my support is qualified without being able to view the design plans because in the last phase of sidewalk development, several mature maple trees were destroyed. I think that is insanity. Thoughtful plans can work around mature trees (I have seen it done in other places), and so though I still support the sidewalk project philosophically, I do not support any plan that destroyed mature maple trees.	Comment received. Sidewalk design will be evaluated by the City during the design phase; unfortunately, right-of-way and other financial constraints often limit design for sidewalk alignments requiring tree removal.	No change.
Yes, anything we can do to ensure our kids safety is wonderful. The new sidewalks are great and the 8th St crossing of 56hwy/Ames needs serious improvement.	Comment received. The 8th St crossing of Highway 56/Ames was not identified as specific priority in the plan; however, a goal is to improve the US-56 crossing as a critical connection to improve safety of the Safe Routes to School network by 2025. The City has identified Santa Fe Drive as a necessary improvement.  The comment about 8th Street crossing Highway 56/Ames was forwarded to the City. The City said they can evaluate potential upgrades to the crossing as part of the recommendation of implementing comfortable crossings.	No change.
Yes, Baldwin desperately needs a safe walking path for all students. Especially an accessible sidewalk to the primary center.	Comment received.	No change.
Undecided, I agree with the overall concept and endgame. I want to see specifics to options being considered before I will support it.	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes, we need sidewalks in Baldwin for the children and the city.	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
No, the goal of increasing walk/bike participation seems like an underhanded way to decrease funding for busing and alternative transportation options in the district and to justify increasing the minimum distance one must live from the school to qualify for busing (i.e. asking students to walk farther, with or without safe sidewalks and crossings).	Comment received.	No change.

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Yes, more routes from southwest part of town would be nice	Comment received. Anonymized student data was mapped as routes were developed. Based on this data the route was extended south on Eighth Street to Orange Street. The data didn't warrant more of a route to the southwest.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Yes, with no bussing in town there has to be safer ways for children to get to school. Walking in the roads should not be an option.	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
Undecided	Comment received.	No change.
Yes	Comment received.	No change.
<b>Do you have any comments about the draft Safe Routes to School plan you would like to share with us?</b>		
A safe walking area along and crossing US 56 is paramount to any project in Baldwin. A high bridge or tunnel that can accommodate children and tall/wide truck loads must be considered.	Comment received. A plan goal is to improve the US-56 crossing as a critical connection to improve safety of the Safe Routes to School network by 2025. The City has identified Santa Fe Drive as a necessary improvement.	No change.
Sidewalks should be quicker than 2025, this should not take that long. Elm street project is fantastic. I would like to see something over hwy 56 for kids. and slower traffic speeds.	Comment received. If the City is awarded the KDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant the City would achieve 100% sidewalk on one side of the road along SRTS routes in 2022-2023. A plan goal is to improve the US-56 crossing as a critical connection to improve safety of the Safe Routes to School network by 2025. The City has identified Santa Fe Drive as a necessary improvement.	No change.
Need a crossing on US-56 at Santa Fe Drive with crossing lights to make it safer for that neighborhood to cross the highway.	Comment received. A plan goal is to improve the US-56 crossing as a critical connection to improve safety of the Safe Routes to School network by 2025. The City has identified Santa Fe Drive as a necessary improvement.	No change.
Needs a little more proof reading. Page 7, paragraph 3 "faucets".	Comment received on Lawrence plan, applied to Baldwin City.	Edit made.