

# Safe School Streets **Charlottesville**

Every child should be able to walk or bike to school,  
and every parent should be able to trust that they'll get there safely.



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Coach Sam Balto's bike bus, Portland · Photo: Jonathan Maus/BikePortland

## Happier, healthier trips.

Walking or riding with friends adds joy and daily activity.<sup>1</sup> Safer streets let more children join in.



### Watch the bike bus!

The joy of biking to school

Streetfilms · YouTube

## Good street design protects children.

Traffic calming slows drivers and protects crossings. Improvements can start with paint and posts.



### Slow the street.

A speed hump and curb extensions on Allen Street.

Bloomington, IN



### Daylight the crossing.

Daylighting clears sightlines. Curb extensions shorten crossings and slow turns.

Hoboken, NJ



### Extend the sidewalk.

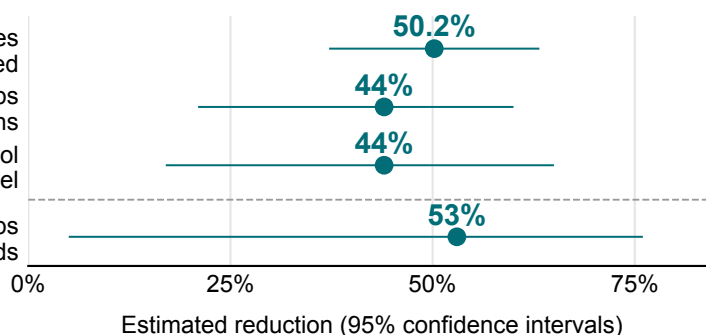
Planted curb extensions shorten the crossing.

Hoboken, NJ

## Traffic calming works.

Studies show large safety gains. **Our school routes need more speed humps and safer crossings.**

London · 20 mph zones  
Children killed or seriously injured  
Toronto · speed humps  
Child pedestrian-vehicle collisions  
NYC · Safe Routes to School  
School-age pedestrian injuries during school travel  
Oakland · nearby speed humps  
Children's adjusted pedestrian-injury odds



## Zero is possible. Even in much bigger cities.

**Charlottesville**  
46,553 residents

**13**

traffic deaths  
2018–2022<sup>4</sup>

**Hoboken**  
60,419 residents

**0**

traffic deaths  
2018–2022<sup>4</sup>

**Helsinki**  
684,000 residents

**0**

traffic deaths in a full year  
Reported July 2025<sup>5</sup>

**Oslo**  
709,000 residents

**0**

walking or cycling deaths  
2019 & 2023<sup>5</sup>

Hoboken, Helsinki, and Oslo put traffic calming and safer street design at the heart of their approach.

# Safer streets benefit every family.

Healthier kids, cleaner air, and less time in the drop-off queue.

## Healthier kids. Ready to learn.

Walking and biking build activity into the school day. Regular physical activity benefits body and mind.<sup>1</sup>



### Stronger bodies

Stronger muscles  
and better fitness



### Ready to learn

Better attention  
and memory

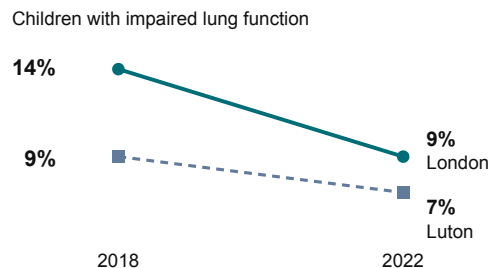


### Mental health

Lower risk  
of depression

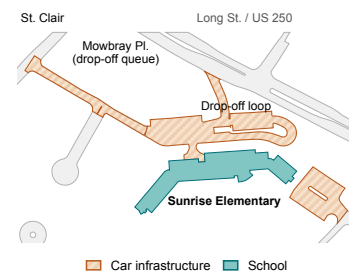
## Cleaner air protects growing lungs.

After London's Ultra Low Emission Zone began, children's lung health improved substantially.<sup>2</sup>



Children with impaired lung function fell from 14% to 9% in London, compared with 9% to 7% in Luton.

## Driving is expensive for both parents and the school.



Parents pay with fuel and time. The school devotes land and staff time to car drop-off. Map: Sunrise's parking, loop, and Mowbray queue.<sup>3</sup>

**Fewer cars. Faster drop-off.** Walking and biking take very little space. More families walking or biking means shorter queues for those who need to drive.

**Read more:** [yyahn.com/wiki/Cost-of-car-ownership/](https://yyahn.com/wiki/Cost-of-car-ownership/)

## Join our parent network.

### Charlottesville Safe School Streets

Request to join our Google Group.

1. Connect with other families who care.
2. Discuss how we can improve street safety.
3. Work with the schools and city to make our streets safer.

Reach out to **YY Ahn**: [yongyeol@gmail.com](mailto:yongyeol@gmail.com)

**Everyone is welcome, however your family gets to school.**

**Request traffic calming.** Use **MyCville** to flag a dangerous street or crossing and ask for a traffic-calming review. Instructions: hub QR above.



### Join Google Group

[groups.google.com/g/cville-safe-school-streets](https://groups.google.com/g/cville-safe-school-streets)



### Evidence & actions

[yyahn.com/wiki/Charlottesville/Safe-school-streets/](https://yyahn.com/wiki/Charlottesville/Safe-school-streets/)

**Connect with Livable Cville.** A local community advocating for safer streets and better ways to walk, bike, and get around. [livablecville.org](https://livablecville.org)

### Sources & photo credits

1. CDC, Physical Activity Benefits for Children (2026). 2. CHILL study (2026); rounded lung-function figures from Queen Mary University of London. 3. Map: Charlottesville municipal GIS, September 2026.

4. Hoboken: nine consecutive years without a traffic death, May 2026, including 2018–2022. Move Safely Blue Ridge: 13 Charlottesville deaths, 2018–2022. Populations: 2020 Census, Hoboken and Charlottesville.

5. **Nordic cities:** Yle, July 29, 2025: Helsinki had no traffic deaths in the preceding 12 months. Oslo Transport Authority / TfL case study: zero pedestrian and cyclist deaths in 2019 and 2023. Rounded city populations: Helsinki, end-2024; Oslo, January 2023.

**Safety:** Grundy et al. (2009); Rothman et al. (2015); DiMaggio & Li (2013); Tester et al. (2004). Links and study details: [yyahn.com/wiki/Traffic-calming-works/](https://yyahn.com/wiki/Traffic-calming-works/)

**Photos, left to right:** City of Bloomington (2024); City of Hoboken, Second & Bloomfield (2023); City of Hoboken, Garden Street (2021).