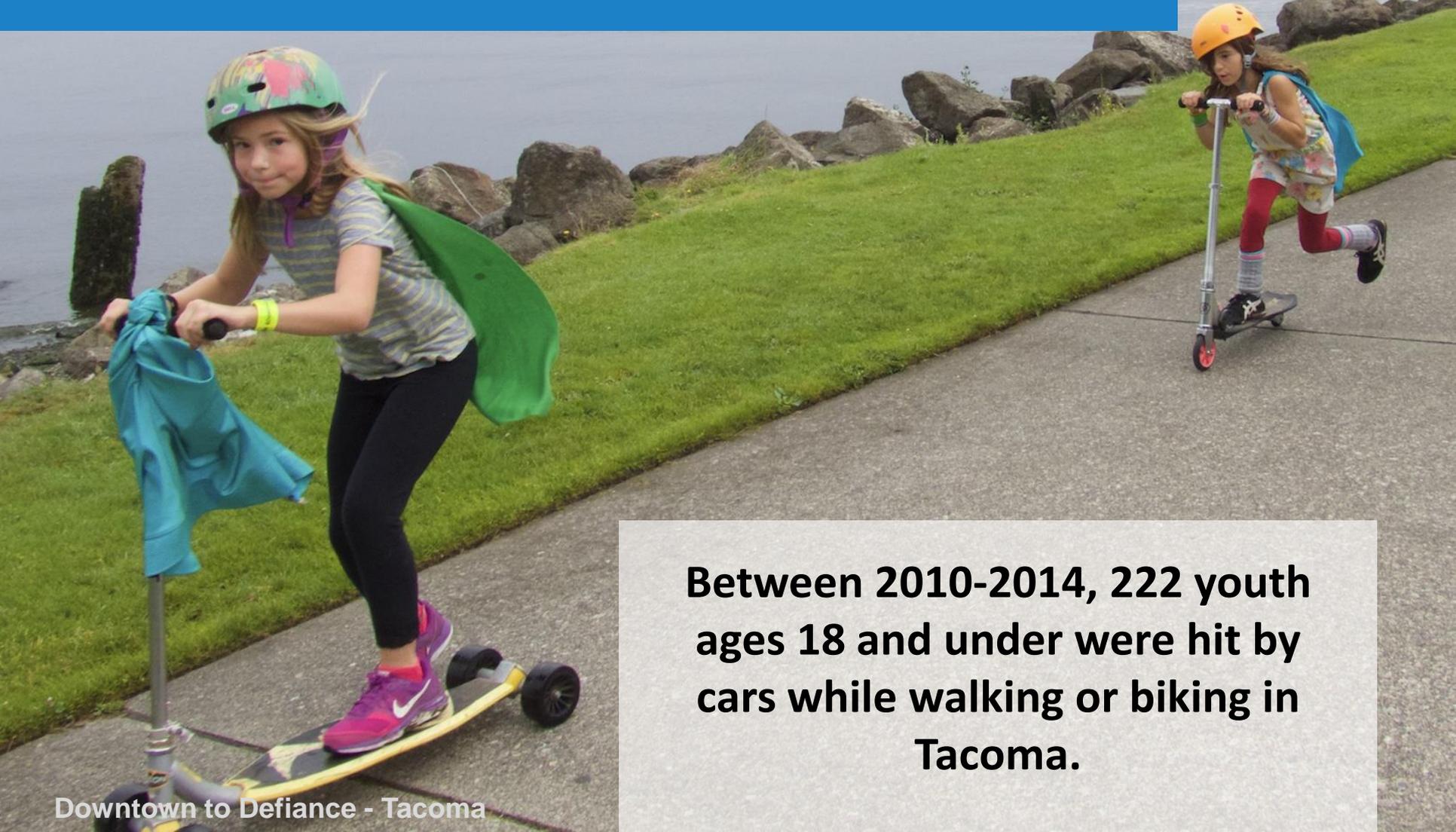


Safe Routes to School in Tacoma



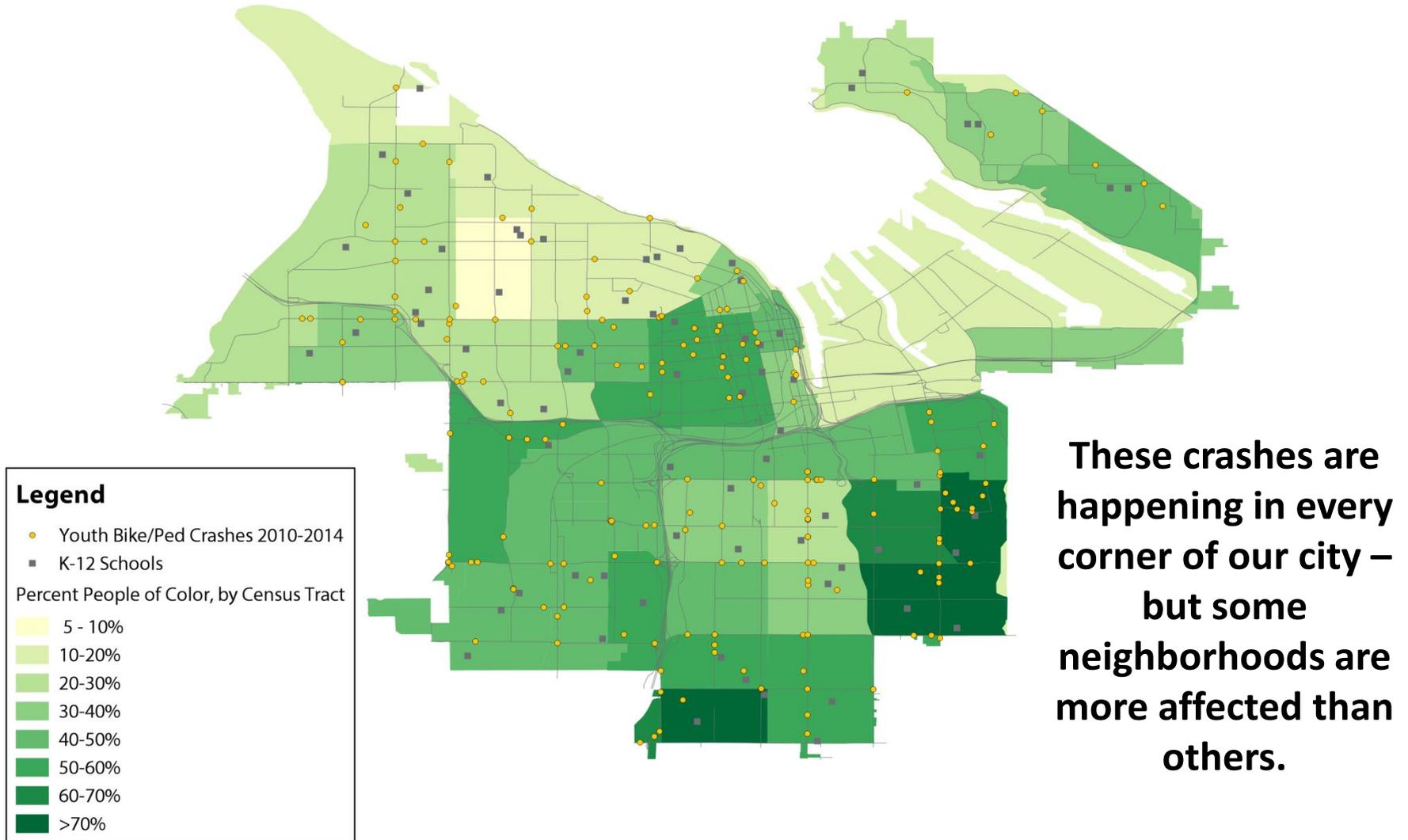
VeloFemmes & Ladies First Ride for Women & Girls

Every 8 days, a child in Tacoma is hit by a car while walking or biking



Between 2010-2014, 222 youth ages 18 and under were hit by cars while walking or biking in Tacoma.

Where?



These crashes are happening in every corner of our city – but some neighborhoods are more affected than others.

More Affluent Schools

<20% of Students Enrolled in Free Lunch Program

13.3%
of Students Walk
to School



54.9%
of Students Walk
to School

Less Affluent Schools

>80% of Students Enrolled in Free Lunch Program



Safe Routes to School Action Plan

Action Plan Outreach

- **Stakeholder Committee:** key partners in implementation
- **Stakeholder Interviews:** 22 in-depth interviews
- **Parent Survey:** 629 responses (available in 6 languages)
- **School Survey:** 42 of 52 schools responded
- **Community Events:** Hilltop Street Fair, McKinley Hill Street Fair, Downtown to Defiance, Superintendent's Breakfast
- **Open House at Lincoln H.S.:** Over 70 attendees



SRTS Community Meeting at Lincoln H.S.



Equity

Tacoma SRTS resources are prioritized for students at under-resourced schools and those most impacted by unsafe conditions

Action Plan Highlights

- Hire a full-time SRTS Coordinator
- Provide additional support to under-resourced schools that may have limited volunteer capacity
- Establish a SRTS Working Group
- Engage traditionally underrepresented groups



Sheridan Elementary Bike Rodeo

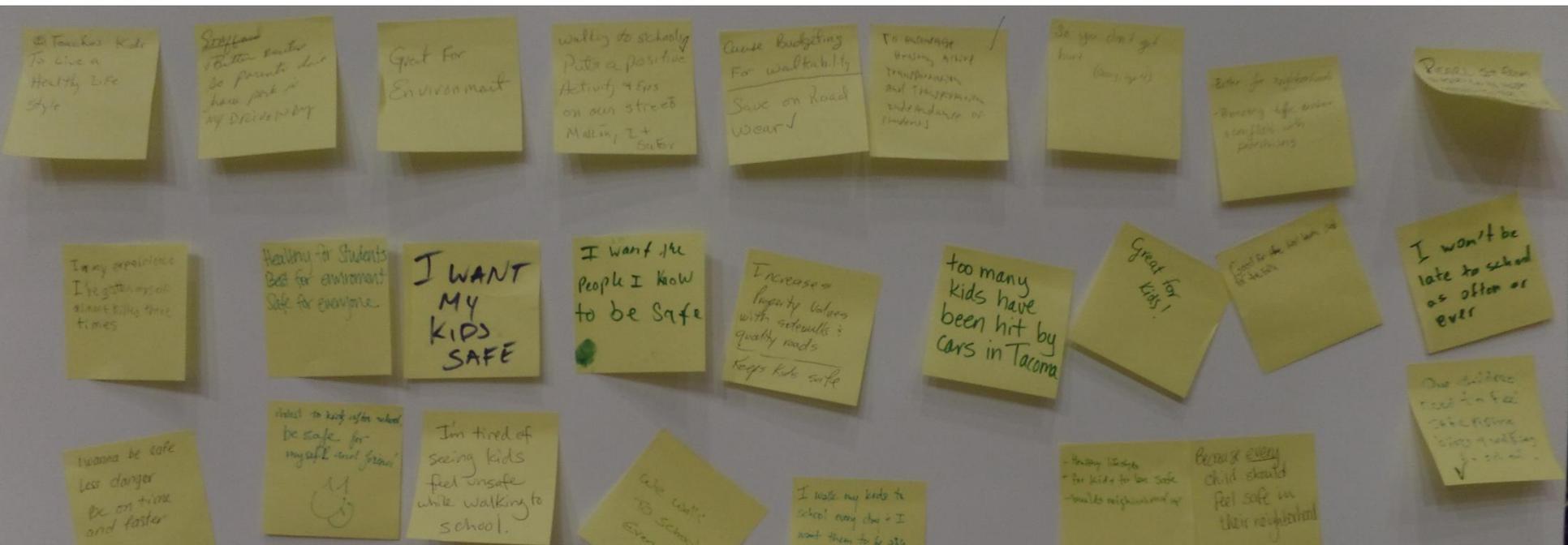


Engineering

All students in Tacoma have access to safe routes for walking, biking or skating to school

Action Plan Highlights

- Community walk audits to identify infrastructure needs at schools
- Prioritize projects based on documented safety & equity needs
- Include SRTS improvements in the TIP & TMP
- Develop maps highlighting safe routes

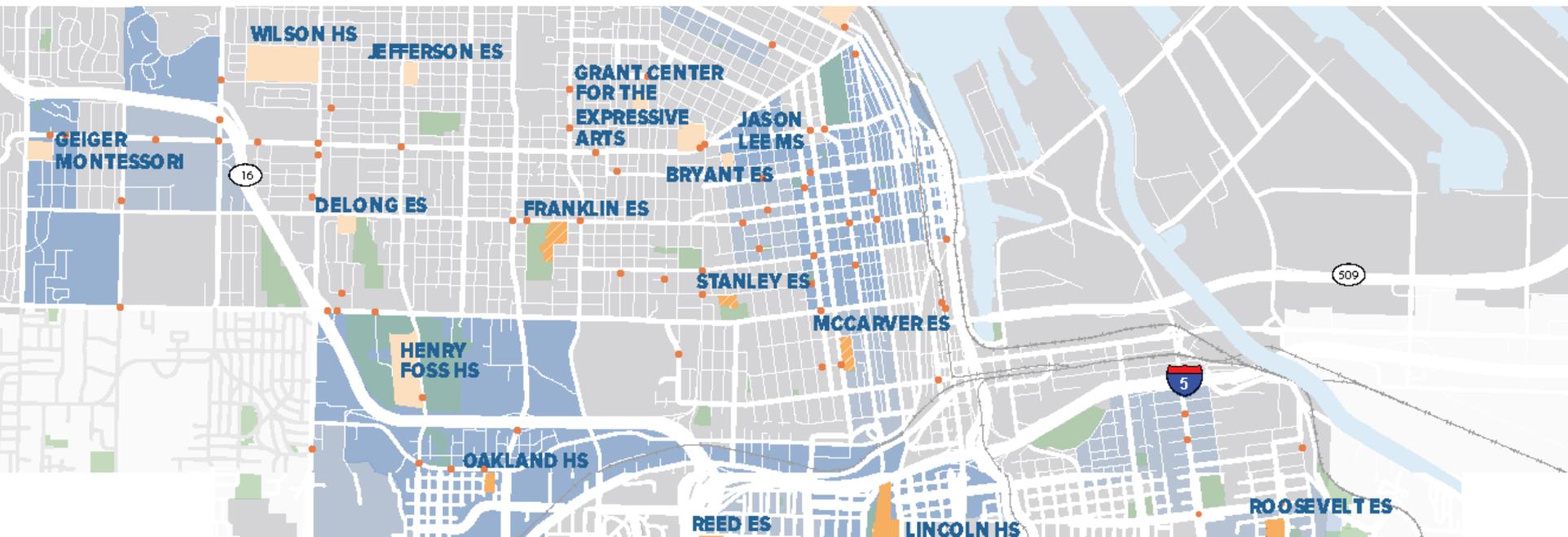


Safety & Equity Analysis

Schools were prioritized based on:

- Bike/ped crashes within one mile (2010-2014)
- Percent of students receiving free & reduced price lunch
- Percent of non-white students

Analysis will be updated every two years.



2017-2019 Comprehensive SRTS Pilot

- Lister Elementary (\$450,115 state grant)
- First Creek Middle School (\$318,885 state grant)
- Blix Elementary (2017-2018 Council Budget)
- Stanley Elementary (2017-2018 Council Budget)

In addition: \$1.07 million for School Beacons at 14 schools





Education

All students and families know how to safely walk, bike, and skate, and Tacoma residents follow traffic rules near schools

Action Plan Highlights

- Provide bicycle and pedestrian safety education at all Tacoma Public Schools, in alignment with new K-12 Health and Fitness Standards
- Develop and distribute SRTS educational materials for parents





Encouragement

Tacoma celebrates walking, biking, and skating as normal and fun ways to get to school

Action Plan Highlights

- Provide trainings for SRTS Champions who want to plan events at their school
- Establish free resource kits with everything needed to plan a specific SRTS event or program





Enforcement

The community, law enforcement, City, and Tacoma Public Schools partner to create safe travel environments near schools.

Action Plan Highlights

- Install speed enforcement cameras and/or speed feedback signs
- Develop & promote neighborhood/school zone motorist safety campaign
- Reduce barriers to following the law by giving away bike lights and helmets





Evaluation

Tacoma SRTS regularly collects data, evaluates and shares progress toward goals, and continuously improves activities based on feedback

Action Plan Highlights

- Administer hand tallies in the classroom, asking how students got to school, create parent surveys and track data over time
- Update and distribute an annual SRTS Report



Additional Elements of the SRTS Plan

- SRTS Program Toolkit
- Walking School Bus/Bike Train Guide
- Walking Audit Guides
- Annual Report

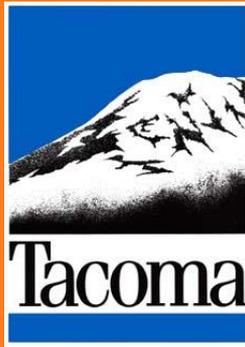


Downtown to Defiance

Next Steps



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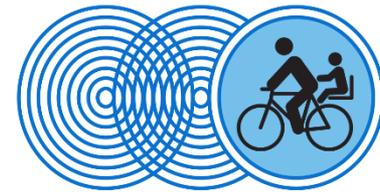


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