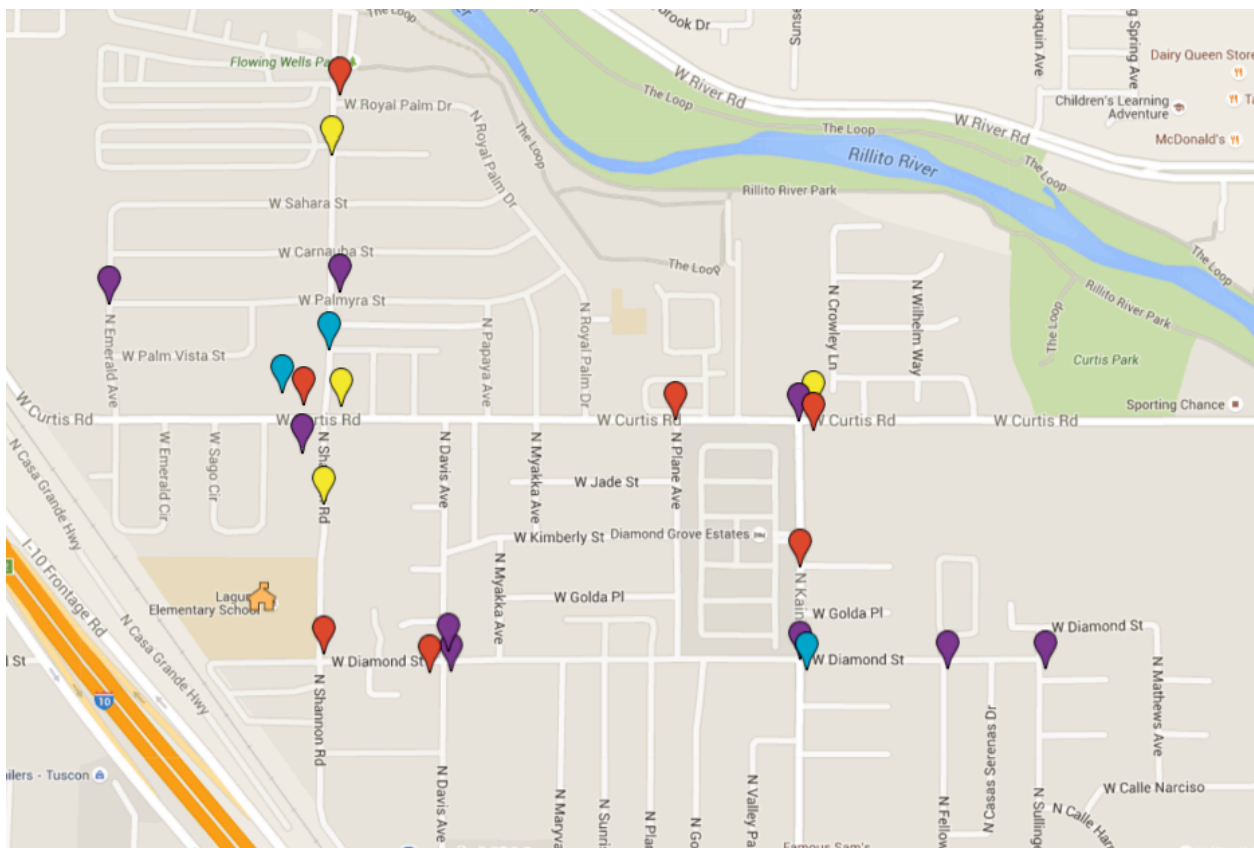
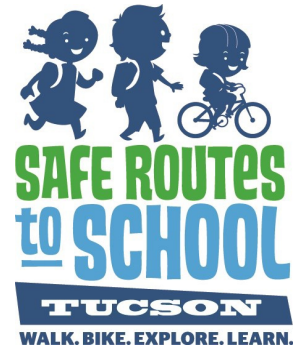


How to select your Walking School Bus routes

- 1) Spend a morning/afternoon observing which routes children commonly take to walk to and from school. This will give you an idea of likely routes.
- 2) [OPTIONAL] Use a school survey to learn who has interest in joining a Walking School Bus (WSB). Use the Google My Maps tool to map their locations.
 - a) Go to https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/?hl=en_US&app=mp
 - b) Create new map
 - c) Enter address or intersection of family in search bar at the top
 - d) Select "Add to Map" to add the pin to your map
 - e) Once all addresses are entered, you will have a map that looks similar to the one below.



- 3) Use the information from your observations and/or the family location map to develop your routes.
- 4) Double check!
 - a) Walk the proposed routes before making them official. Be sure that there are no previously unseen obstacles: stray dogs, high-speed traffic, poor walking conditions etc.
 - b) Talk to your leaders or interested families to confirm that the routes are realistic. This increases buy-in and helps ensure that your routes are comfortable for walkers (ie. one street may be better for pushing a stroller, or a slightly modified route may allow walkers to avoid a large dog).