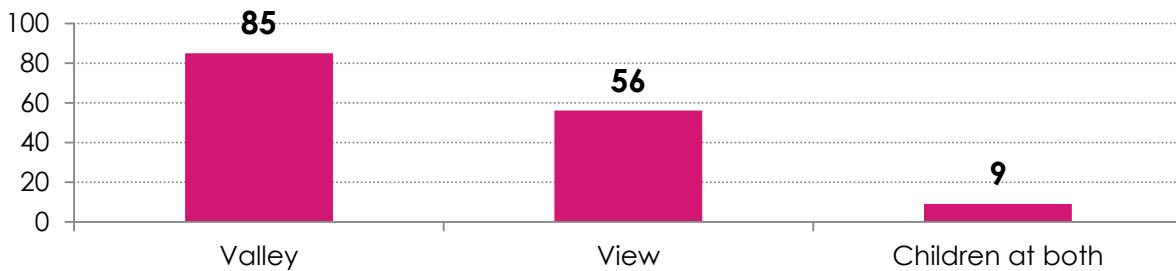


# Hermosa Beach Walk/Bike to School Survey

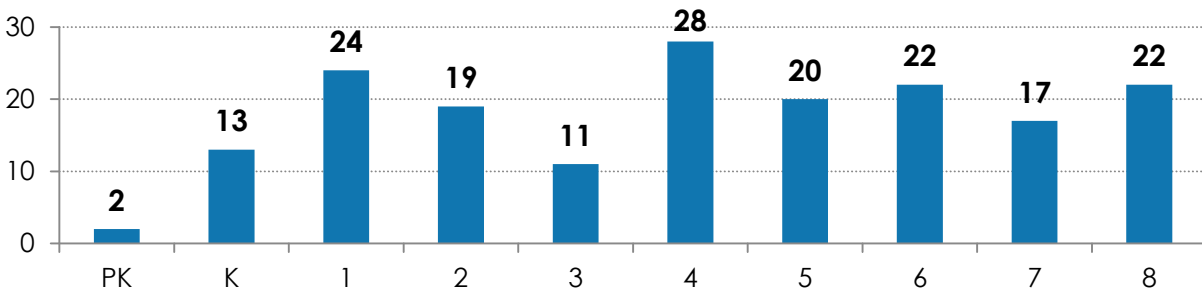
## Parent Survey about Walking or Biking to/from School conducted in August 2016

The survey was prepared by the City of Hermosa Beach and distributed by the Hermosa Beach City School District to parents via email. The survey was provided online and received responses from parents representing approximately 150 students.

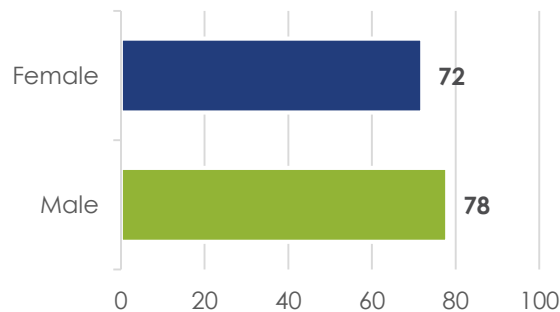
Which School does your child attend?



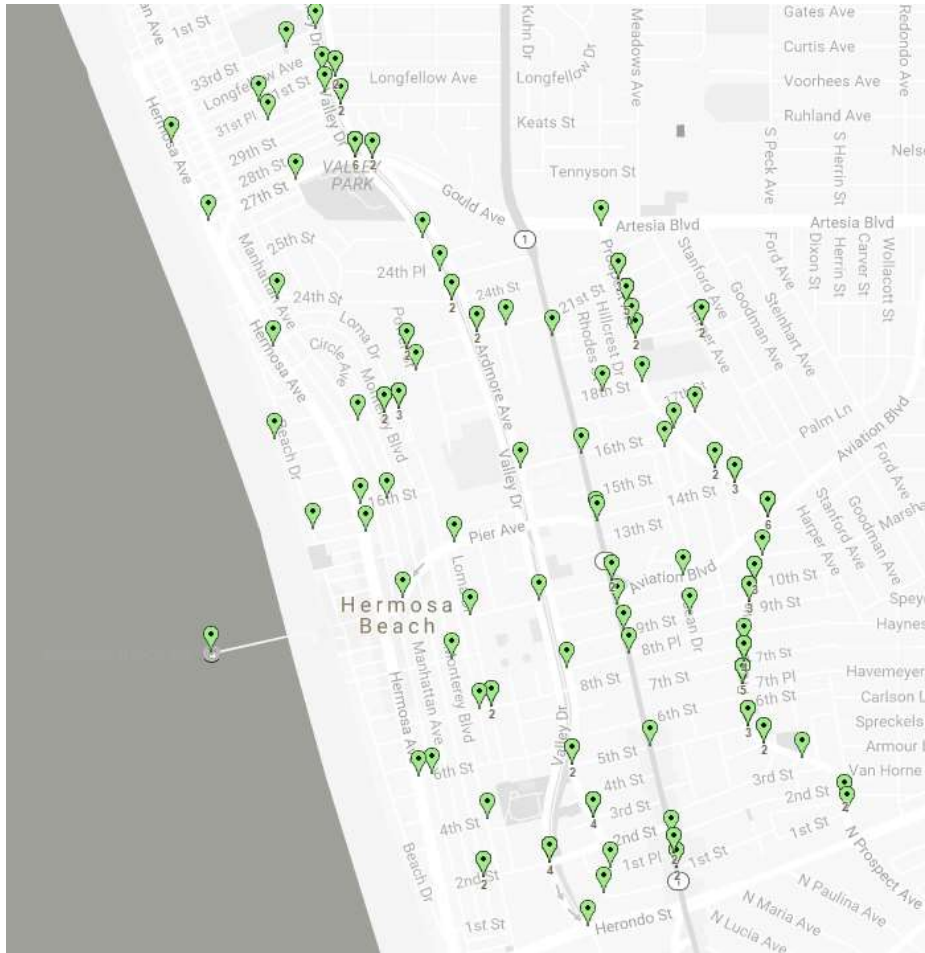
What grade will your child be in fall 2016?



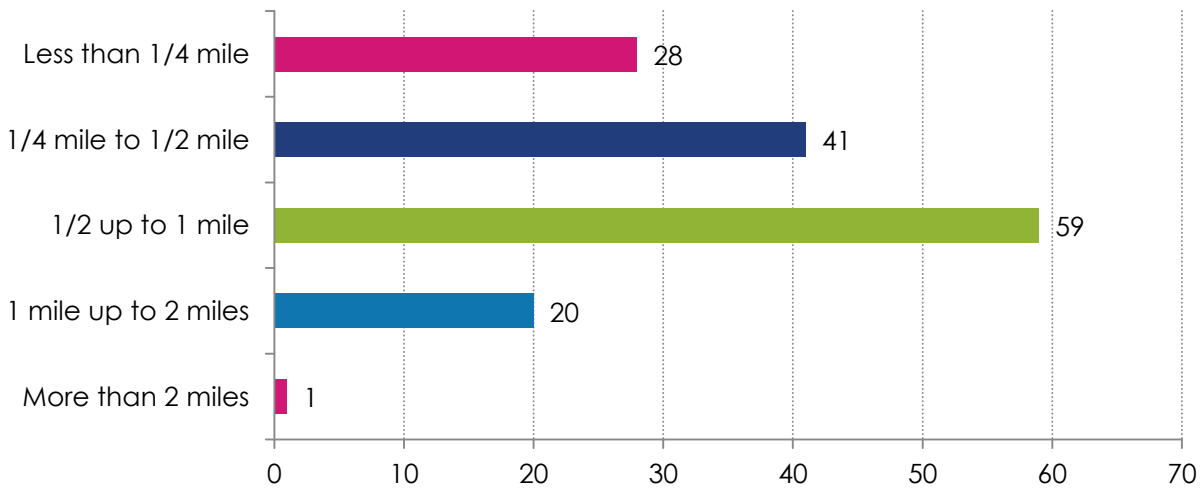
Is the child whom you are filling this survey out for male or female?



What is the street intersection nearest your home? (Provide the names of two intersecting streets)

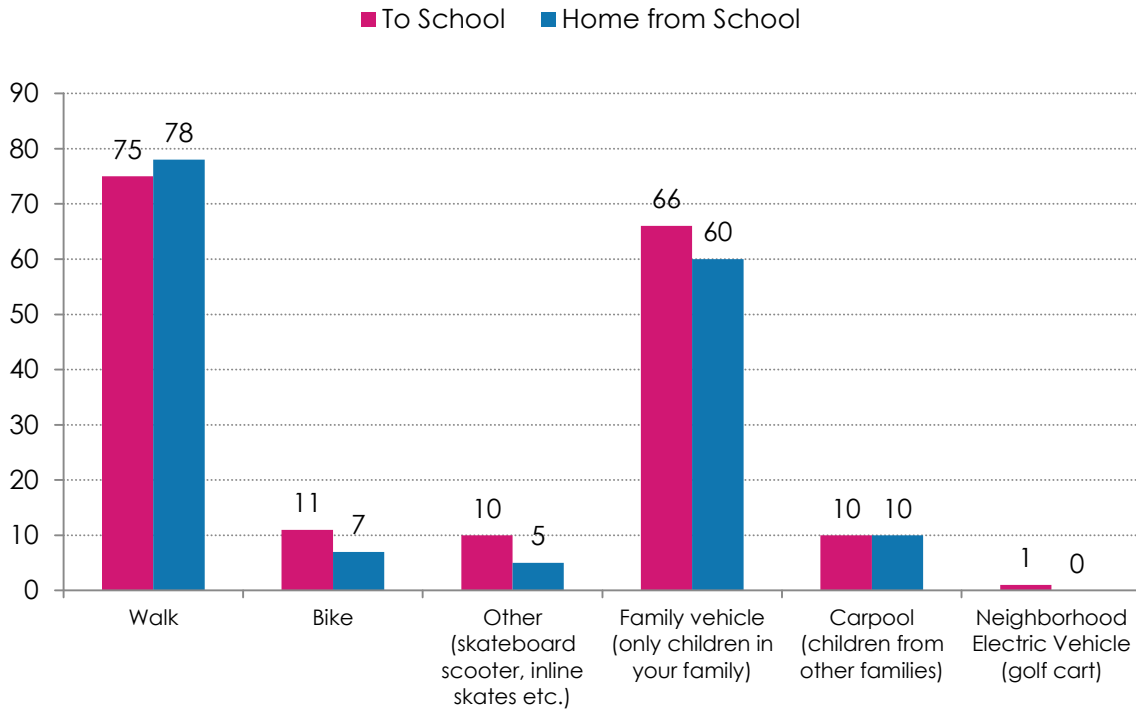


How far does your child live from school?

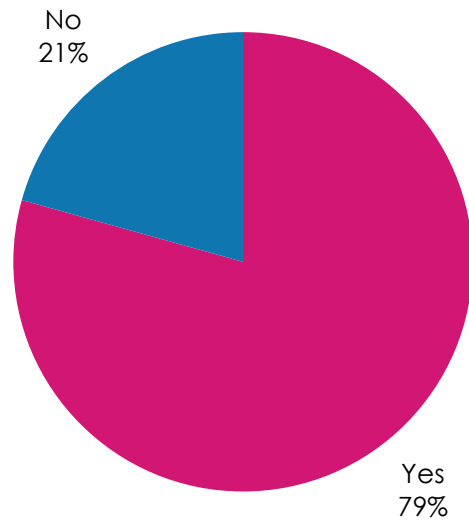


86% of students live within 1 mile of school

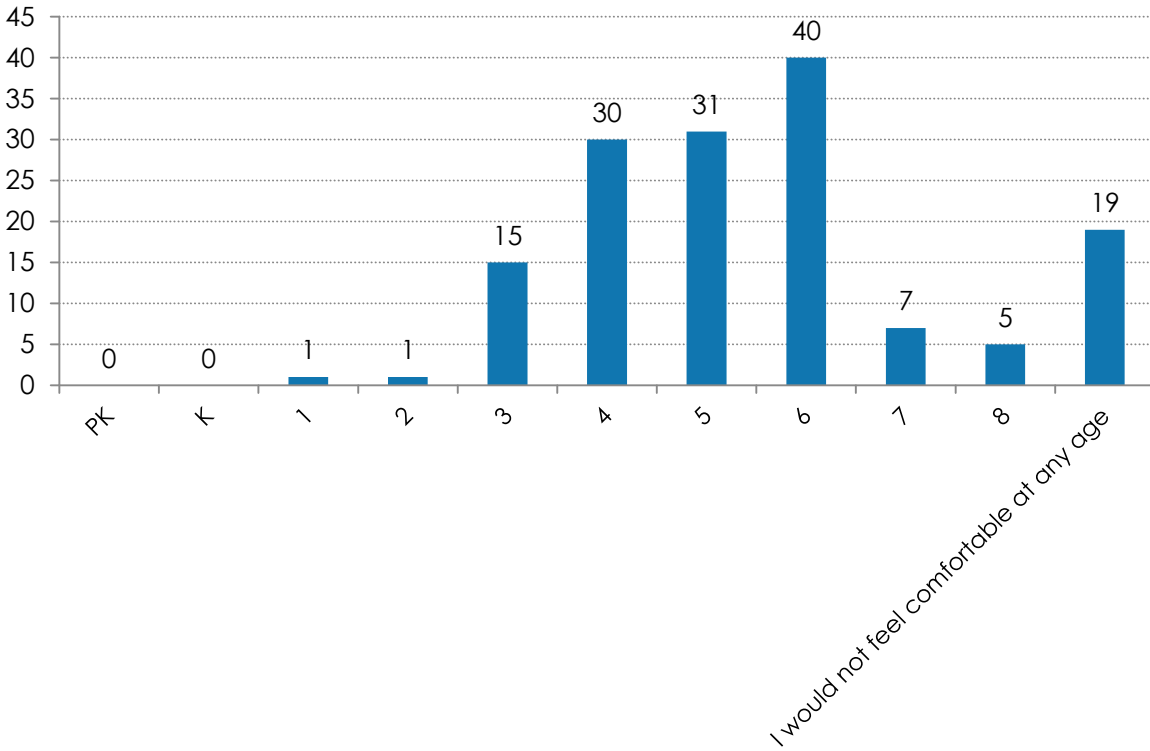
On most days how does your child arrive and leave for school?



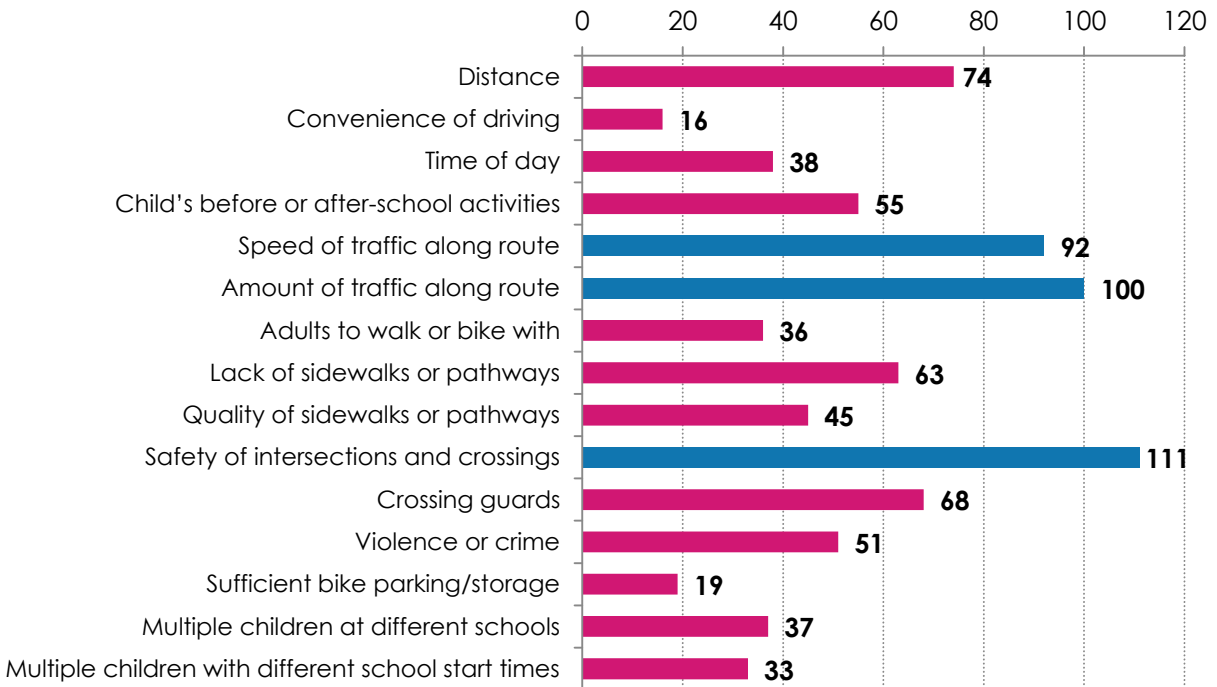
Has your child ever expressed interest/asked permission to walk or bike to/from school?



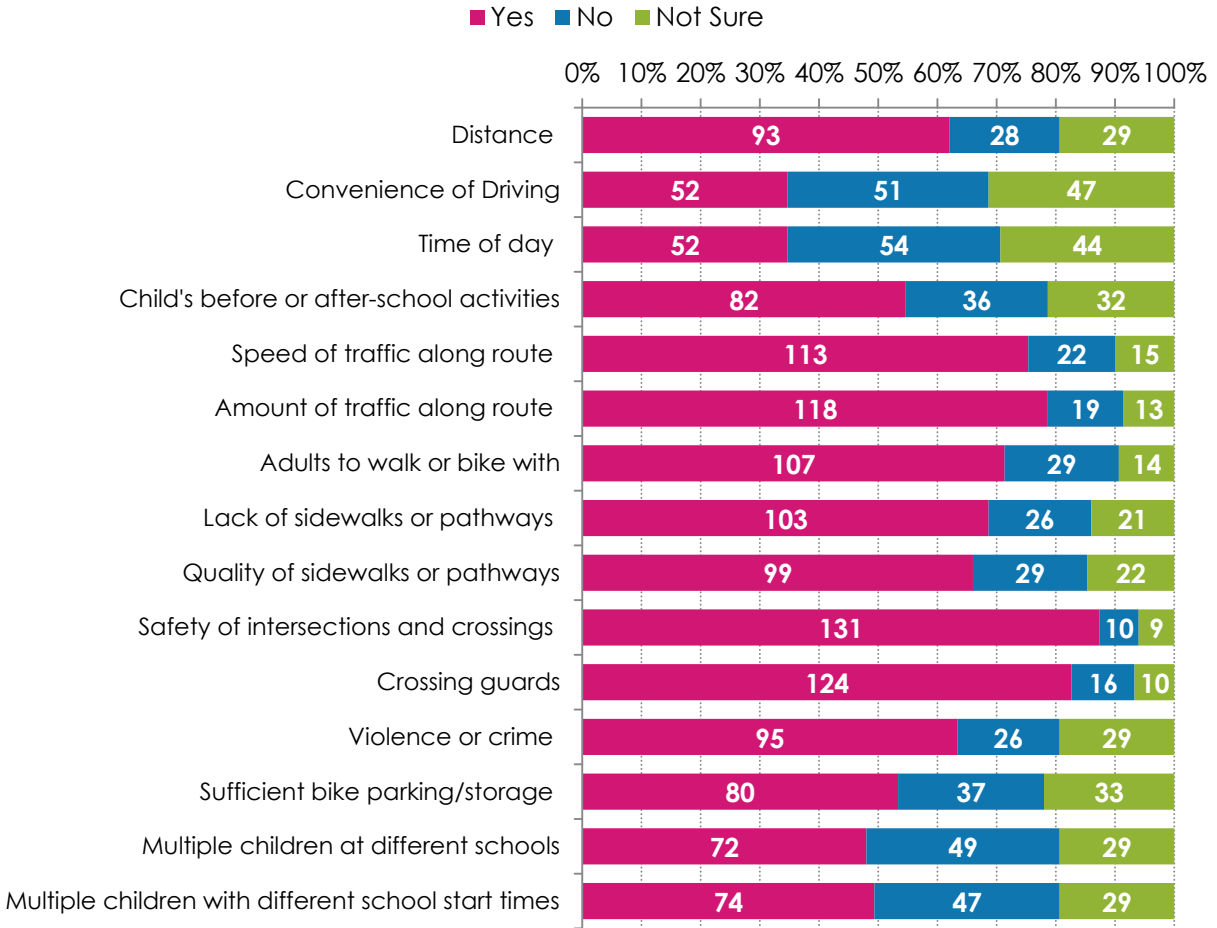
At what grade would you allow your child to walk or bike to/from school without an adult?



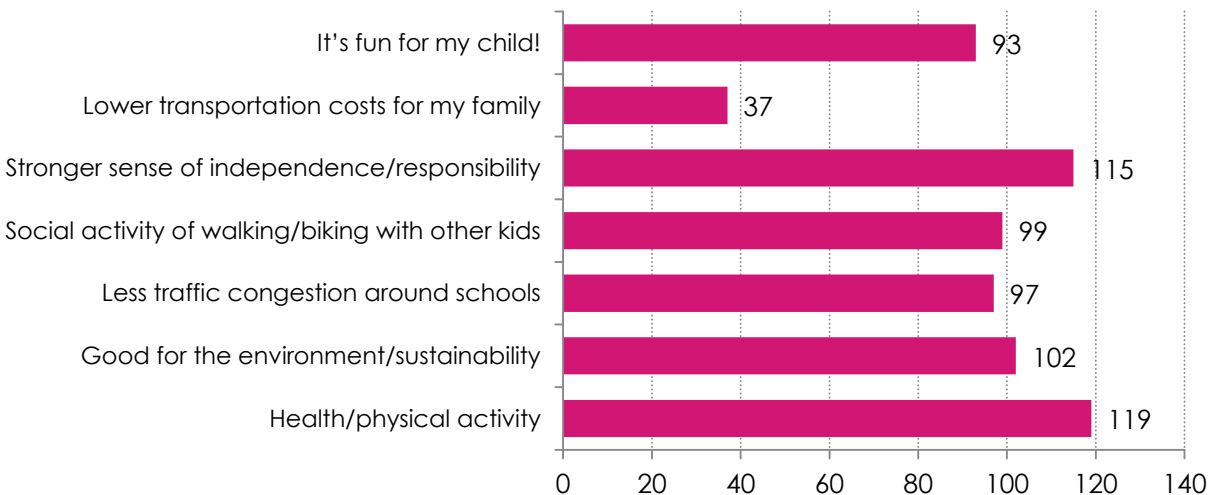
Which of the following factors influence your decision to allow, or not allow your child to walk or bike to/from school?



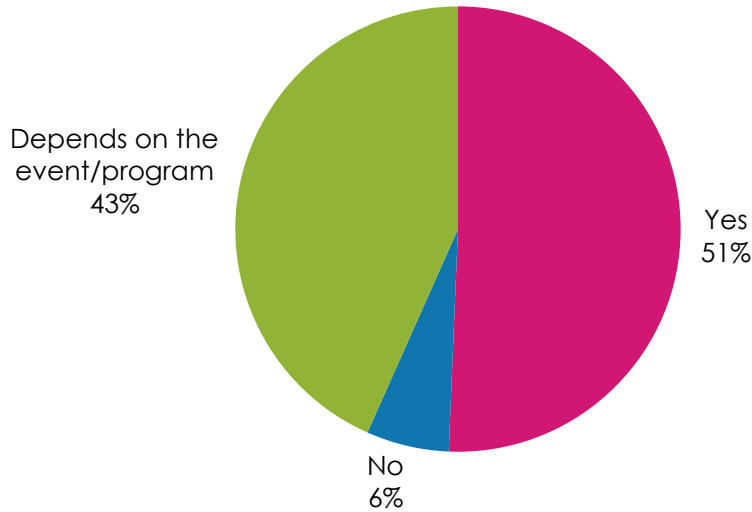
Would you allow your child to walk or bike to/from school if any of these problems were changed or improved?



If you currently allow your child to walk or bike to/from school, are any of the following benefits a factor? (Select all that apply)



Would you or your child be interested in participating in future walk/bike to school events or programs?



Please provide any additional comments below.

We walk to school every day but 21st between Ardmore and Prospect has lack of sidewalks or the sidewalks are damaged. We would appreciate them being fixed as we have a formal walking school bus route on this street.
Walk and bike answers would differ so lumping them together here lead to some odd results and answers.
It's too far and all uphill for my child at this age. He will bike to valley
The sidewalk along Valley is really congested with combo of walkers + wheeled transport (bikes, skateboards, scooters). Would be great if valley could be 1 way during school so some of street could be used safely for wheeled vehicles, or if some if of the city median could be carved out for a pathway to be designated for one or other.
We desperately need bike paths.
Expand walking school bus. South-west Hermosa is not being served
Safety. Drivers around town do not regard stops and speeding.
A crossing guard at the corner of Ardmore and 21st Street would be very beneficial. Drivers do NOT stop at that stop sign and I have been hit there 2x already. Thank you.
The biggest factor is my kids start school at different times.
We are planning to let our boys walk/ride together this year since they will now be at the same school. Crossing PCH and Aviation/Ralph's intersections are not the safest for kids walking. Ideally, there would be a crossing guard, but the kids are learning that drivers are not the safest and to be extra careful.
My children walk to school because they have to. I'm a single parent who works 6-3. Thank God Hermosa is safe with watchful neighbors.
I worry about rolling stop at Gould and Ardmore. I almost get hit weekly there.
For the first time, my son is going to walk to school alone or with some friends. He has to go through the Hermosa View school area on Prospect. Some drop off parents drive like idiots and park even worse. They are so busy trying to get their kid to school, they are not watching

<p>out for others. So I worry about the traffic and people along View. It is too congested over there. Please do something about this. Have more police watching the traffic and the illegal driving or the illegal parking jobs. Have more people guiding traffic along the route, etc. It is also a problem at Valley but not as much as around View.</p>
<p>My son has had a skateboard and scooter stolen from school, would greatly appreciate better security for personal items and more punishment implemented for theft by other students.</p>
<p>Concerned about safety at intersections along Gould Ave/ Artesia.</p>
<p>Some of these are guesses as she hasn't started school yet and we've only practiced the route once.</p>
<p>I walk my child to valley every day. She's really responsible I'd love to let her go alone. 5 way crazy stop at Gould, Ardmore, Valley make that impossible. No crossing guard &amp; ridiculously unsafe in the am.</p>
<p>Occasionally my son walks w/ his sister and I to Valley and then up to View. It's hard on him to do the hill. He will walk every day w/ us by 3rd grade. I'd LOVE for him to bike or walk with his sister by 4th but with no crossing guards at 5 way stop at Valley Park NO WAY. That intersection is beyond dangerous. Drivers in a huge rush in the am, need a signal there badly!!!</p>
<p>Convenience for me (easier to get ready for work) was the biggest factor in having our oldest start walking himself to View.</p>
<p>Traffic along prospect and aviation is very fast and people don't stop for stop signs. The problem is how people drive in Hermosa Beach like they are on a freeway.</p>
<p>I think the survey has some glitches. I do not currently allow my daughter to walk or bike to school, but question 15 forces a reply that is normally only for parents who do allow their child to walk or bike. I think question 14 is confusing &amp; redundant? It again requires comment on items I did not list as problems rather than skipping to a different set of options based on my prior responses.</p>
<p>Hermosa streets are not safe. Too many fast drivers...Some streets have stop signs, some don't...Unless you live here, it's confusing. Some of the crosswalk lights don't work...The intersection at Pier &amp; Valley/Ardmore is one of the worst I've seen in the a.m. and after school lets out...My husband longs to build a street that crosses over for pedestrians. I do not feel safe letting my child walk alone really anywhere in Hermosa.</p>
<p>Not having to cross prospect or aviation played a big factor in why I let my other child walk in third grade</p>
<p>This survey could be much better constructed in order to provide a clearer picture. I have two children at different schools. Perhaps a separate survey for each? Also, there is one question duplicated in addition to unclear language. The main problems I see at View stem from a very confusing crossing guard directing traffic to pass down the center of prospect. At Valley</p>
<p>Walking age if different based on whether she has to cross PCH or not</p>
<p>neighbors on route have complained &amp; harassed the children loitering/playing at/around CA Water Station 9</p>
<p>We finally have a crossing guard at Prospect and Aviation. There should be one at PCH and Aviation it's such a busy intersection!</p>
<p>My twin boys are only starting 2nd grade, but I would love for them to get themselves to/from school, just like I did as a kid (maybe starting in 4th grade?) because I think it's great for their independence and self-confidence. I am not worried about crime/violence/abduction but I do worry about inattentive drivers (and short little people), even in our little town/slow speeds.</p>

<p>Skateboard/scooter secured storage would be a big benefit for my daughters. On at least 3 occasions the past school year, their property was stolen. A police office recognized a non-student and returned the skate board back to my daughter, Lauren Beach</p>
<p>For #15, I just picked any answer as this question does not apply. The reason I drive my son to school is because I have to leave for work after dropping him off. I don't have time for a 2 mile leisurely walk in heels and dress before heading to work. I pick up my son on my way home from Extended Day and again, I don't have time to go home, change clothes and walk for 2 miles. We need to get home to start homework and dinner.</p>
<p>Bike lanes would be the best improvement.</p>
<p>The street sidewalk is dangerous and too narrow. Too many kids racing by on bikes and skateboards. It's scary!</p>
<p>The route to school includes a steep hill on a narrow road. It is dangerous for kids walking or biking.</p>
<p>I've requested the HB Police to install a crosswalk at 15th or 16th Streets and Prospect Ave. That would be so helpful during peak hours when commuters speed. Please urge the Police Dept. and the City to accommodate that request.</p>
<p>People are constantly running the red lights at the intersection of Prospect and Aviation, and Aviation and Ocean Avenue. The morning crossing guard helps but it's still so dangerous. Also people constantly run the stop signs at Prospect and 9th avenue. We need a blinking stop sign like the ones on Pier Avenue.</p>
<p>Having children with different start and end times that attend the same school is a big challenge for our family</p>
<p>The crossing guards do not stay at the corner of 21st and Sepulveda long enough for middle school students to get all the way there. If they have to see a Teacher after school for even 10 -20 minutes; the crossing guards are definitely gone. They barely stay 10-15 after middle school out.</p>
<p>When going to View we walked our student to and from school often with friends. Only drove once when friend had a limo to ride in. Now at Valley our student wants to ride bike. All for it. But I think that a tram service that picks up students going to any of our schools would benefit our community and cut down, especially morning traffic congestion. The tram system could be used by beach patrons in summer for small fee, and help with summer movies and concerts. Tram would be really helpful when North School is back in service.</p>
<p>It would be safer if there was a crossing guard at Valley/Gould intersection. It's very busy with cars in the morning especially and often drivers can't see that well due to windshield condensation and sun glare.</p>
<p>If the walking school bus came closer to our house I would send kids.</p>
<p>If the waking school bus came near, I'd send them</p>
<p>Right now view is closer to our home but I worry about valley and PCH, aviation and the speed of traffic (not so much the distance). I also work so have to drive sometimes (might ask that next time as it's not about convenience but getting to work on time). 8am kinder start helps</p>
<p>Child may be picked up/dropped off by before or after school programs either by bus or walking which I did not include in these answers.</p>