

Safe Routes to School Waikoloa – Parent Survey

103 total comments to # 7 (Do you have concerns about traffic safety along the routes to school?)¹

- High speed traffic – Malina St. No sidewalks – Malina St. & Nui Haohao & Ho’oko. No crossing guards at Ho’oko/Paniolo St. intersections.
- Ho’oko Street
- Sidewalk on Paniolo, cars drive fast & sidewalks sits right on road, no room for cars to safely pullover.
- Drivers need to give consideration to children when crossing the street. Slow down approaching school zone.
- Walking from Kekumu apartment. The way people drive by stop sign to turn or other card driving straight to dirt road.
- There ought to be crossing guards at all nearby intersections before and after school. I am sure if a request was broadcasted, there would be a positive response.
- No sidewalks
- I do not trust strangers or even neighbors who may snatch or molest my daughter. She will not walk, ride a bike or rollerblade to school alone – ever.
- All parents do (have concerns) when their kids walk – all paying attn. Drive slowly!
- Paniolo Estates & Ho’oko St. near parking area at school dead-end.
- We have always driven our children to school The roads are heavily travled by fast cars.
- People are just driving too fast (in a hurry) and forget to think about keiki.
- Walking from Kekumu Apartments. The way people drive by stop sign and going straight to dirt road.
- Makina Street has turned out to be a raceway. There are also many blind spots. There’s not too many areas (if any) that my son can cross the street safety. I’m scared to death to have him walk or ride his bike down to the school.
- No place to safely cross Paniolo except at crosswalk, no sidewalks or mauka side
- Paniolo very busy, fast cars 7 blind corners.
- A big bend in raod at Pu’u Nui – Cars are coming down way too fast – Juat across pre-school.
- Paniolo is too busy
- Speedy drivers
- I think each intersection needs to have adult supervision for safety. We need crossing guards.
- Congestion during morning & after school hours, speeding cars.
- Ho’oko – cars drive too fast.
- There’s a lot of cars coming and going to school and there is no safe sidewalks (Ho’olele, Lina poe poe St.)
- Some people drive very fast, basically it’s a safe walk.
- Paniolo/ Ho’oko stoplight crosswalk very busy - need crossing guard.

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- No school attendant near crosswalks between Paniolo and Ho'oko St.
- Paniolo seems to go too fast near the schools.
- Kimo Nui – no sidewalk. Laie – no sidewalk.
- Our route to school is down Malina St; right turn down Niu Haohao; right turn onto Ho'olo/ across Paniolo in the crosswalk; across Ho'oko in the crosswalk. Lack of sidewalks along Malina St., NiuHaohao and Ho'oko St; high speed vehicles mostly on Malina St.; does not seem safe enough for 2 second grade girls to walk alone; lack of crossing guards at major Paniolo/Ho'lko intersection.
- Ifs there am adult supervising the crossroads at Paniolo. I see little children walking home alone. Why do parents leave the to walk alone, I can't understand it.
- There should be more traffic guards at major intersections.
- Only safe place to cross street is by light – need safer place to cross at other side of school.
- Kimo Hui & Laie – no sidewalk.
- Speeding – People speed to fast down Paniolo.
- There are no paved sidewalks down Paniolo Dr. the right side until you get past Pu'u Nui near the school.
- Drivers should drive slower.
- There are no adult supervisors while children use crosswalk to come to school and walk home from school.
- People using Ho'oko St. to drop off children usually pull right at the very beginning of entrance which then leads to people to get backed up. There needs to be more people to control the flow of traffic. I also see parents park and leave cars unattended which means blocking of the flow. I appreciate the lady at the crosswalk, but we still need another to help.
- No sidewalks.
- Fast road, no crossing guard by school.
- Parking area (by Ho'oko St. to Paniola) outside the gate, rough road, hard for kids to walk especially cars jamming by.
- Cars not yielding to kids in crosswalk.
- Speeding. Paniolo and Ho'oku St. lights – drivers fail to heed the walk sign sometimes turning while pedestrians are in the crosswalk. Not enough police presence.
- Everybody just needs to pay attention- Drive Slowly.
- Reckless drivers by Imi Kuamoo
- People drive too fast where children walk, not enough sidewalks to walk on.
- Crosswalk coming out of Paniolo Estates Subdivision. Many cars cross over onto dirt access road and there is no crossing guard present.
- Cars are driving too fast and do not seem to care when people are crossing the street.
- Parking lot outside the gate (Hopoko St./Paniolo Estates) rough road, hard for kids to walk especially with cars passing by.
- For other children walking up Paniolo to Hulu and speed of cars.

- Just the pulling into school area is too congested. Very difficult to walk or drive in and out of school.
- Some kids should obey crosswalks.
- Sometimes people do not respect the speed limits and the kids can get easily distracted. The streets that concern me are the Paniolo and the intersection with Hulu. Mahalo.
- Pu'u Nui intersection
- Speeding – 25 MPH is ignored.
- Drivers speeding on Imi Kuamoo – should put a speed bump to slow them down.
- No sidewalks on Ho'oko, Pu'u Nui or Lahilahi Streets – as well as all reasons circled in the next question (#8).
- People drive very fast. Some don't stop to let pedestrians pass.
- There are no sidewalks.
- Reckless Drivers. Should put speed bump by Imi Kuamoo to slow down all the drivers that drive too fast.
- No safe crosswalk at other end of school. Speeding vehicles.
- Speeders along Paniolo. Drivers that don't pay attention to the speed limits.
- Stoplight needs someone to assist.
- Stoplight needs someone there.
- Yes, the arrows painted on the school drive and signs are often disregarded - middle driveway going into school – arrows around large parking lot by school entrance.
- For the traffic, they speed, Hulu and Paniolo.
- I always notice parents (in vehicles) going over the speed limit to either get their child to school on time, or to then get to work. I think this is very inconsiderate and unsafe. Also, kids on bikes and skateboards should be reminded of the dangers of wearing headphones. They cannot hear the traffic behind them.
- Paniolo Avenue – cars going too fast.
- People drive way too FAST!
- The going in & out by crosswalk behind the H building.
- Paniolo Drive. No sidewalks. Speeding cars.
- Reduce speeding. Concerns with dropping off children. Too many cars.
- People tend to drive faster than they should.
- A traffic light would be nice to cross from Pu'u Nui to Paniolo.
- Cars speed in excess of 40 MPH to and from.
- Cars speeding and parents in a rush.
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- Just safety of children, motorists, etc.
- Definitely – Speeding. Don't trust drivers on the street. May not see child. I believe there should be a crossing guard helping the children cross & assist to and from areas near school.
- Drivers are not acknowledging the speed limits. More and more parents are driving to school to drop off their kids 5 – 10 minutes before bell rings causing traffic to back up (Nothing that the school could do... I guess we need to get our child ready earlier & bring them to school before the last minute rush.)

- People drive too fast.
- Cars and hit cars.
- Ho'oko and Nui Haohao Place. Nobody stops at the stop sign. They drive a little too fast.
- The cars drive too fast down the hill and by the school. There is no crossing guard for the students who do cross at the crosswalk.
- Busy morning traffic at the corner of Paniolo & Ho'oko St., even adults have a hard time yielding to the children at the crosswalks.
- Cars need to go slower on school days at specific times.
- The cars speeding between Paniolo and Houku St.
- Cars need to go slower at specific times so the children will be safe.
- Paniolo traffic too fast.
- Paniolo, need to slow traffic down! Speed bumps!
- Hulu St. with cross streets Laie & Kimo Nui. Paniolo Ave.
- Vehicles don't make a complete stop before line, they don't wait for children to finish crossing crosswalk at traffic light. Driving too fast down hill. Some blind spots at stop signs (hedges).
- Traffic speed on Paniolo too fast at mouth of Pu'u Nui – 40 -45 in school zone. No longer a traffic safety person at streetlight in front of school.
- Crossing Hulu Street
- Ho'oko St. and Paniolo Estates. Near school parking area dead-end.
- People going over the speed limit on Paniolo.
- No sidewalks!
- People drive Paniolo like it is a freeway!
- Drive way by Keikiland & driveway by the Plex = lots of people rushing in & out of that back area behind the Plex (through the gate) to the exit out of school.
- We NEED a crossing guard. I worry EVERY DAY about an unalert driver going thru the intersection. I also wish we had sidewalks.
- No sidewalks at corner of Ho'oko St. area, no crosswalk monitors before and after school.
- Crossing Hulu St.
- Light is green for left turn coming from Ho'oko and cars don't yield to kids crossing with the okay to cross in the crosswalk and it changes too quickly for the kids crossing.

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27 total responses to #8 – “If you drive your child, why do you make this choice?”—
“other”²

- No choice/distance
- She get a ride because we pick up others.
- Know kid got there.
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- Bully kids on bus
- School starts too early!
- Bus ride too long (over 1 hour) & too early (6:30 A.M.)
- Hot sun coming home
- Knowing my child made it to school.
- Pick up to go to activities.
- Tutoring and R. E.
- Live outside of bus route.
- Always running behind schedule.
- Hill is too steep. No friend to go with.
- Live in Waimea.
- Loose dogs.
- Brother too young and needs assistance – so must drive anyway.
- Employed at school.
- So I don’t need to rush him in morning.
- And I have the time so why not spend a few more minutes with my child.
- Paniolo dirt road unsafe for children to walk by themselves. People walking dogs without leashes too.
- Dogs not leashed.
- Kids fighting, teasing.
- Kyle has special needs.
- Must cross multiple intersections.
- Busy traffic.
- TRAFFIC on Paniolo.

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Safe Routes to School Waimea – Parent Survey

138 total comments to # 7 (Do you have concerns about traffic safety along the routes to school?)³

- Child should be safe to and from school
- Too much traffic on Mamalahoa Highway
- I feel that kids waiting at the school bus are not safe because they stand too close to the road and cross the main highway without looking, especially at the 55 mile marker (by HI Homelands Hall). Cars drive too fast and some do not stop when the STOP sign flips out from the bus.
- The main highway into town is extreme heavy traffic.
- Kawaihae Road –speeding trucks down hill, narrow road, no path separate for kids
- A lot of traffic, not enough adults to supervise
- All entrances to the school should be monitored. Enforce “No Drop Off” areas.
- I believe that the school area should be surrounded by a gate due to children can run out to the highway and get hit. Just last week a child got hit by a car. I really think there should be more security or secure safety for children by the highway.
- I’ve seen cars speeding by the school, so I feel safer if I just pick up my child.
- The main intersection is very dangerous – drivers do not pay attention – morning sun sometimes in eyes – only one crossing guard.
- Not enough parking for walking children to class. No crosswalk nearer to school than main light. Could have one on south end by Admin. Rd.
- The highway is always a dangerous place for kids! No sidewalks or even bike ways. I would prefer my kids stay as far away as possible. That includes waiting for the bus.
- We live to far away for her to walk, too much traffic.
- Kawaihae Road once the sidewalk ends – heading out of town.
- Traffic directly in front of school and at the intersection leading in and out of the cafeteria is very congested. Perhaps alternate drop off and pick up locations would help.
- Yes because when we drop off too much car going on.
- My main concern is the speed factor on the Kawaihae Road. A lot of drivers are always in a hurry, oblivious to children waiting at their designated bus stops or on the side of the road.
- Pulling out into main highway is very dangerous from Lindsey Rd (?) Morning traffic is heavy with people trying to get to work at hotels, etc. at 8 A.M. letting children walk or ride their bikes are a big risk to parents.
- No one walks children across the road from the sidewalk to the kindergarten area.
- All highway traffic.
- Traffic is unbelievable.
- Traffic congestion and lack of sidewalks or safe space along the way.

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- The main intersection is too busy, even though there is a crossing guard. Maybe when she is older.
- Very few sidewalks, people are not used to pedestrians! We need to make this a walking/friendly community!
- Too much traffic near HPA Middle School upper campus.
- Mamalahoa intersection is very dangerous.
- Bus drivers drive too fast.
- I've seen children run across the street and not be in a crosswalk. They are running in heavy traffic on Mamalahoa Highway. They are crossing right in front of the school.
- Children standing and playing on the highway on the way to and from school.
- Not enough crosswalks. I witnessed a child nearly get hit at least 3 times.
- Intersection by Chevron, library
- Mamalahoa Highway is very congested.
- Vehicles are not yielding to school buses making pick-ups and drop offs. Vehicles are also not yielding to fellow vehicles when needing to reverse out of or turn into lanes. This could cause anger and harmful driving reactions.
- I don't have a specific spot, just that drivers and students need to pay better attention.
- I am just concerned when my child has to cross the main intersection (from school to Chevron side) just because it's a really busy intersection. Sometimes the walk signal changes and I see children still walking across. Thank goodness for the crossing guard.
- Because the traffic is taking us longer to get to school because it is of backed up and if the children ride their bikes I don't know how safe they will be passing cars with "weirdoes" inside unless there are escorts along the routes.
- Kawaihae Rd. /Lindsey Rd./Route 190 inter
- People need to be more careful around schools.
- Watching students waiting for the bus on Mamalahoa Highway. I understand the need for early times and the bus stops, but seems dangerous to have students wait on the highway.
- Traffic is really bad in the morning.
- My concern is specifically the entry and cafeteria areas of Waimea School. Too many parents are dropping off their children and reversing right into the highway holding up those who need to turn into WES or WMS. Along with buses dropping off students (which is actually good), traffic needing to turn into WMS is backed up onto the main read.
- No parking or traffic is ugly in the morning
- So much traffic in the afternoons.
- Speed, cars speed in the morning on the main Mamalahoa Highway.
- Too much traffic on Mamalahoa Hwy. in front of the school – cars drive too fast also.
- Huge intersection at corner, big trucks on highway
- Not enough crosswalks I witnessed a child nearly get hit 3 times.

- Lindsey Road intersection (main) with Kawaihae Rd. Also Lindsey Road fronting Parker School.
- Intersection by Shell and Chevron.
- Between Bank of Hawaii and Art Center – students cross against light to get to school, crossing guard is busy by Chevron corner and they walk in front of cars.
- All highway roads.
- I've seen children crossing the road on Mamalahoa Hwy. and they are doing it in front of the school and are not in a crosswalk.
- Chevron/school library
- A lot of students don't pay attention crossing the intersection by Chevron. I also see a lot of these children disrespecting the person who helps them cross.
- More parking, more security.
- Crossing at intersection in town.
- No one walks children across the road from the sidewalk to the kindergarten area.
- The intersection by the school (Mamalahoa Hwy and Lindsey Rd)I think isn't safe enough. I've seen a lot of people come very close to causing accidents when making right turns and children are trying to cross.
- Congestion (I know I add to it by driving my chills, so no easy solution)
- High speeding drivers, drivers not paying attention, a huge abundance of traffic.
- I think the crossing guard on the corner should have a whistle to alert traffic. Also a crosswalk in front of school- or the school road on Mamalahoa Hwy with a crossing guard. I have seen kids during high traffic run across road. (I work at the middle school)
- Bus drivers must be more responsible for every individual that rides their bus. (example – kids fight, kick, not respecting each other...)
- A lot of traffic, people speeding.
- The back streets, out of view, safety.
- The entry of the elementary school, need a crosswalk if you park across the street.
- The traffic is so bad in the mornings it doesn't matter how early you leave home, it's still bad.
- Mamalahoa Hwy – no sidewalk, cars drive fast, major thoroughfare
- Especially Mamalahoa Hwy.
- Just the volume of traffic in the morning, especially the main intersection in town, although people are very conscious of the children and the crossing guard does a good job of that.
- The cars and our children don't pay enough attention. Everyone is always in a rush!
- Not everyone pays attention to the bus lights. I've also seen students standing in the front of the bus talking to the driver while the bus is in route.
- Kawaihae Road – lots of traffic.
- No sidewalks or safe bike lanes on Kawaihae Hwy.
- Yes, it is very busy in the morning with the big trucks driving back and forth, Old Mamalahoa Hwy.
- For bus – traffic congestion takes longer for students to get to school, Cannot make it in time to eat breakfast.

- Too many cars.
- Intersection of Lindsey and Mamalahoa Hwy. Intersection of Kamamalu and Mamalahoa Hwy.
- All traffic lights need to go together so traffic don't back up. It's terrible.
- Mamalahoa/Lindsey intersection. Also, no clear, safe, organized pick-up/drop-off location/system. Result is chaotic and dangerous.
- Always stop on intersections when driving (highways 19 and old Mamalahoa Hwy.)
- Sometimes child cross the street where there is no crosswalk (j-walk) with bad judgment.
- Riding bikes on highway, kids should feel safe to ride a bike in their town.
- Parker Ranch
- Hwy intersection crossings by Shell and Chevron, BOH, Hosp
- Mamalahoa highway is way to busy for me to feel my child is safe. Huge trucks come flying down the street and turn in every direction, especially with the Parker Mall area now full of merchants that need merchandise.
- From Sparky's to the traffic light.
- Lots of traffic on Kawaihae Rd. and no sidewalks
- All entrances to the school should be monitored. Enforce the "NO student drop-offs" at the No Drop-off areas.
- Highway to Hilo – no sidewalks.
- No sidewalks or not enough sidewalks.
- Too many traffic in Waimea area.
- Stop and go traffic starts from Nani Waimea almost every morning.
- No paved sidewalks from our street until KTA.
- Because there is no safety. Example: because someone was almost avducted at school - no safety.
- More security so problems would not arise like abduction.
- Traffic too busy by traffic light.
- Mamalahoa Hwy and Lindsey intersection and how fast the cars go, they don't watch for the kids.
- Traffic congestion to and from school
- Library ares pick-up too congested. Library stop sign area.
- Traffic – no alternate route.
- All highway traffic.
- Drop off area is always congested and no through route which cars can come in one direction only.
- Kids run across the street along the highway in front of the school.
- Some students are picked-up/dropped-off on the side of the highway, you should drop off in front of their house or at least in a street.
- Because of busy street A.M. and P. M.
- Children have to pay attention to people rushing to get to work and what have you and if one child walking, alone or riding something to school need to watch for crazyis.

- Impatient speeding drivers.
- Kawaihae Road – lots of traffic.
- Not enough security personnel.
- There is a lot of traffic and he might get hit by not paying attention because a lot of cars just go when the crosswalk light is on... Crossing and the people do not care.
- The traffic is very heavy in the morning. My son doesn't always use the crosswalk by the lights, lots of bullies hang by store and gym. So he crosses before the lights.
- Mamalahoa Hwy – even our own street, Pinahua Alanui because of drivers traveling too fast and drag racing.
- HS too far to travel daily.
- Too many cars and speeding cars.
- We tend to travel fast when we are rushed thus making a safe situation a very hazardous one.
- The intersection near the gym.
- Any accident or weather condition at Waikola Road.
- Should have more than one safety officer at the busy intersection.
- No, because the teachers watch over us.
- Waimea has become very busy and traffic is congested in town making it unsafe for children walking or riding bikes.
- Chevron/school library/ green gas station.
- I don't like having my child having to travel such a long distance to school every day.
- No sidewalks.
- Main highway in front of the school is congested every morning and afternoon. Waimea is outgrowing its community. (The county/state is the only one to resolve this problem, I don't expect the school to resolve this issue.)
- Bus drivers drive too fast.
- Traffic, unsafe drivers, accidents. Kawaihae Rd – from intersection by Merriman's to HPA; stretch by Waiaka Bridge; many areas on Kawaihae Rd. don't have wide shoulders or paths/sidewalks appropriate for bikes.
- Lack of sidewalks outside of town.
- Cars overtaking right side of shoulder road when students walking to school.
- Drop-off and pick-up should have a designated place or fenced in safe, no parking space. Intersection across from Chevron, along street in front of elementary office, near post office.
- They need to construct the bypass.
- Huge intersection – large trucks.
- Library area- congested.
- Traffic in Waimea during certain hours, not only school hours.
- There are no crosswalk available in or area.
- Too many motor vehicle accidents.

- The back of Lindsey Road by the post office. I feel we need more security out by that gate and on gravel area. It has gotten a whole lot congested in the last 6 months. A lot of traffic.
- I feel there needs to be a sidewalk from Opelo corner to Lindsey Road. And a crosswalk by Waimea Park. I see small kids walking by themselves every day, and the traffic is heavy.
- The entire area surrounding Waimea School, coming and going to and from every angle.
- Too much traffic near HPA Middle School upper campus.
- The main intersection in Waimea is bad for all who use it. The traffic is bad on all roads leading to the school.
- Along Kawaihea Road, the children walk too close to the road. There should be sidewalks and enough space between the roadway and the sidewalk to be safe.
- Too many cars, trucks, trailers, semis, busses, pedestrians on the roadway to make it a safe highway. We also take many risks by leaving the house later to rush to go to work, take children to school, etc.

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- Bus stops too far from our home, too far for young children to walk to alone.
- Since we live only 5 min. away from school I can not see my children dropped off after 3 P.M. in the afternoon, it takes away from our time together.
- I work at the school.
- Miss the bus.
- Don't want my child riding bus.
- Scary people on bus after school.
- Just miss the bus.
- Bus does not come to our area.
- Standing alone to catch bus does not work especially on Mamalahoa Highway.
- Not meet work schedule.
- Miss bus
- Watching the kids waiting for the bus is enough for me to say no bus. They stand so close to the road it's very unsafe!
- Miss the bus sometimes.
- No sidewalk to bus stop – too early in the A.M. & too late to get home after school.
- Wouldn't be comfortable in riding school bus.
- Missed the bus!!
- Child doesn't want to catch.
- Late for bus.
- Bus is too early in the A.M.
- Bus reach school too late.
- Coming from Hilo.
- Reckless driving.
- Afternoon bus situation is overwhelming to my kindergartner. He has to wait 20 min. in crowded cafeteria, older kids bother his backpack.
- No bus route less than 1 mile from school!
- My children are very secure and know that we are always there for them. Quality time.
- I work here.
- The bus comes ½ hour (7 A.M.) earlier then we leave and the kids get to school too early.
- Drop off her sibling.
- Busses are overcrowded. Have seen bus drivers display unacceptable bad attitude & behavior. Have witnessed one bus driver argue & hit a woman on the bus while parked at the post office! Come on people!
- Live too close to school, no bus.
- No security.

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- Perverts.
- School busses don't have safety belts! We all know why. Why don't we be the first in the state to correct this constantly overlooked issue!