



PAC SURVEY

RIDGEWAY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A number of parents drive their children to and from school. This survey reveals that parents will continue to drive regardless of changes made to drop-off zoning, because the majority must drive for the purpose of travelling to or from work. Parents have indicated a variety of important traffic safety concerns which need to be addressed and require further study.

OVERVIEW

This survey was administered through Survey Monkey, from August 29, 2019 to September 24, 2019. The link to the online survey was distributed through the PAC via Facebook and email. There were 117 respondents. The purpose of this survey was to get a read on what parents of Ridgeway think about the parking/driving issues, so the PAC could represent any concerns and give feedback to the City. We acknowledge this survey is not exhaustive, but offers a starting place for further dialogue. The survey gives insight on several issues and highlights potential solutions to be explored.

MANY PEOPLE DRIVE THIS IS WHY:

Most people accompany their children to school (66.67% do daily, and 30.70% sometimes). On the majority of school days, an equal number of students walk or are driven to school (45.22% walk to school, and 45.22% driven).

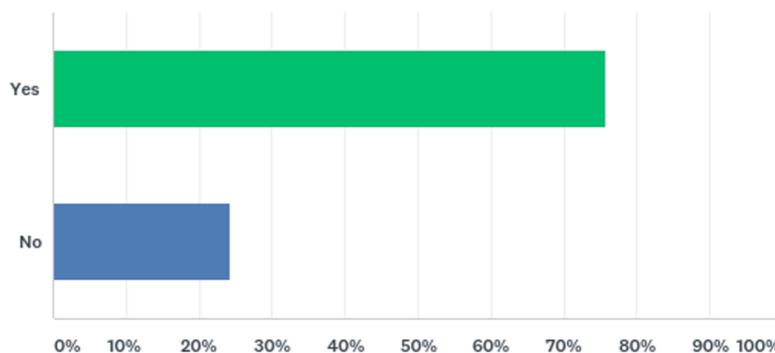
42.86% of respondents indicate they drive their children to or from school five days a week. The main reason cited is the need to commute to or from work (70.11% pick-up and 77.55% drop-off), take children to other locations (daycare / preschool) or after-school activities to get to quickly.

DOES THIS MATTER?

People are concerned about a no drop-off zone around Ridgeway (75.44%). It is already seen as difficult to park around Ridgeway (67.8%). A no-drop off zone would not encourage parents to drive less (93.52%) and increases concerns parents have with unsafe situations at crosswalks. Of the parents who currently use our drop-off zones, 14.6% would switch to parking & walking with their child to ensure safety.

Parents are most concerned that congestion creates unsafe situations (65.77%) followed closely by stopping in the middle of the road (59.46%), and children crossing outside of crosswalks (49.55%).

Do you have concerns about a "no drop-off / pick-up zone" around Ridgeway?



66.7%

Of parents accompany their children to school every day.

45.2%

Of students are driven to school the majority of school days.

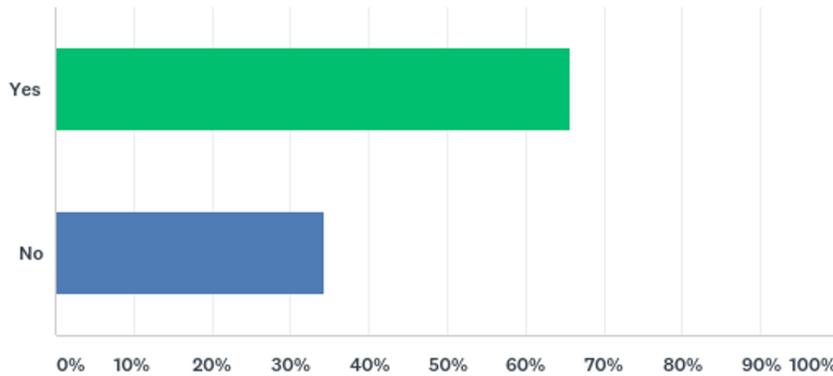
67.7%

Of parents already see it as difficult to park around Ridgeway.

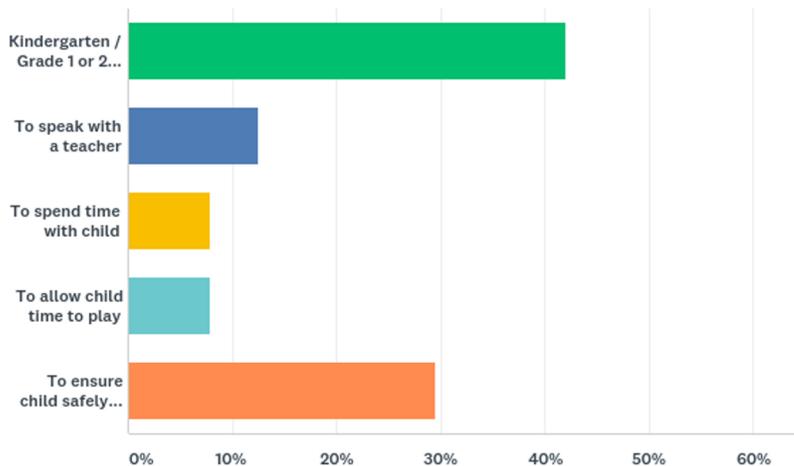
93.6 %

Of parents would NOT drive less if a a no-drop-off zone was created.

If you drive, do you get out of the vehicle with your child?



If you get out of the vehicle with your child before or after school, why?



The majority of parents get out of their vehicle when they drive their child to school (65.69%). For the vast majority of respondents the primary reason for this was due to the young age of their child/ensuring safety (71.6% combined total), as the school requires parents to line up for K-1/2.

The most popular traffic/safety solutions of the many suggested in the survey were the following:

1. Make 8th and 9th one way streets,
2. Add designated 4-way crosswalks at every corner around Ridgeway
3. School-led changes such as removing the need for parents to supervise the line-ups for younger students or staggering school start hours.