

# East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium



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<p><b>Roadways, Hazards &amp; Walking</b></p>	<p>Date Jan 2021</p>	<p>Revised</p>
<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p>It is a parent or guardian's responsibility to ensure the safety of their children to and from their stop or school. The East of Thunder Transportation Consortium will consider providing transportation to students when warranted for health and safety reasons to overcome traffic or other forms of hazards.</p>	
<p><b>Procedure</b></p>	<p>The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium may provide transportation when a hazard has been identified based on the criteria below. *</p> <p><b>A. <u>Minor Roadway (residential street) - 2 lanes</u></b></p> <p>Definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with or without sidewalks or wide shoulder</li> <li>• 60 km/hr or less</li> <li>• and less than 5 000 vehicles a day</li> <li>• all students can walk to school or to a bus stop and cross with or without a controlled intersection (stop sign, crosswalk, traffic light, crossing guard, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>B. <u>Moderate Roadway- Intercity 4 to 5 Lanes</u></b></p> <p>Definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with sidewalks or wide shoulder</li> <li>• 70 km/hr. or less</li> <li>• and 20,000-35,000 vehicles per day</li> </ul> <p>If required to cross 4 to 5 lanes of traffic:</p> <p>Students in grades 1 to 8 will be transported under a hazard consideration. Students in grades 9-12 would be assessed based on location and traveled path.</p>	

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## **C. Major Roadway or Provincial Highway – Greater than 3 Lanes**

Definition:

- 80 km/hr or greater

Transportation may be considered for all students within the walk distances when:

- there are more than 6 vehicles per minute **30 minutes** prior to school start time and/or **30 minutes** after school dismissal.
- there is no controlled intersection (stop sign, crosswalk, traffic light, yield signs) and/or at an intersection monitored by a crossing guard, and/ or crosswalk.

## **D. Railway Crossings**

Definition: There are two types of crossings, controlled and uncontrolled.

- **Controlled crossings** are marked with large red and white 'X' signs. They may also have yellow advance warning signs and large 'X' pavement markings ahead of railway crossings. Some railway crossings have flashing signal lights and bells and others use gates or barriers. Some may have all of the above.

Consideration will be given for transportation in JK to Gr 4 at a controlled crossing.



- An **uncontrolled crossing** is one that does not have red lights or a crossing gate and is located in rural areas and places where there is minimal rail traffic. However like a controlled crossing, they usually are marked with large red and white 'X' signs and may also have yellow advance warning signs and large 'X'

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pavement markings ahead of railway crossings. Some less travelled crossings also have stop signs posted.

Transportation will be considered for students JK to Gr 8 required to cross at an uncontrolled railway crossing.

**A hazard approval will not include the following:**

- all residential areas with minor roadways (2 to 3 lanes) with or without sidewalks with a traffic volume of less than 20,000 vehicles a day and speed limit of 50 km/hr or under can walk and cross without crossing guard, controlled intersection or stop signs.
- no sidewalks
- wildlife
- no posted school signage
- no cross walks or crossing guards
- construction
- snow

*\* Traffic volumes and roadway definitions have been obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation*