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## Plainfield Schools Develop Citywide Travel Plan

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - Are the routes that Plainfield kids are taking to school each day safe enough?

That was the question Rutgers Graduate Student Planners wearing reflective vests and carrying clipboards tried to assess last Friday. The planners evaluated the safety of the ways children take to and from school in Plainfield.

The graduate student planners are part of the first district-wide travel plan that Plainfield Public Schools will participate in, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Rutgers University, EZ Ride/Meadowlink, and the City of Plainfield.

The purpose of the project is to develop a district-wide travel plan that will ultimately make it safer and easier for students to walk and bicycle to school and that would become the model for improvements in bike and pedestrian infrastructure in districts across New Jersey.

“We’ll be the first in the state to take part in this new initiative which will have an impact, not just only, in our School District, but on our entire Community of Plainfield,” said Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools Anna Belin-Pyles. “It really shows that when we work together, strong collaborative efforts can improve the quality of life of our children and our city residents.

“Additionally, the information gathered will help the District address several issues, particularly as it relates to safe routes to school for our children.”