Walking School Bus

• Encourage healthy habits
• Reduce traffic congestion
• Fun to socialize

• Some parents are already walking to and from school
• Network people together to encourage greater participation
• Set times to meet at each designated bus stop
• Set safety rules (adult at front and back, stop at intersections, no rough-housing, etc.)
How do people get to Glover?

- Modes by distance from school
- The closer families live, the more they walk

![Graph showing travel modes by distance from school.](image)

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MassDOT Glover survey, 2017
• MassDOT survey from 2017 identified where people walk from
• Reach out to walking families and bring them together so they can help each other out
• Lots of families carpool; WSB is carpooling without the car
MassDOT can help prepare route maps
MassDOT offers resources to help organize
- Chalk kits, Yard signs
Bike Committee can assist with set-up
PTO needs to own the process and organization
Yard Sign Design Contest

• Get kids involved, too!
• MassDOT yard sign design contest open until March 16

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School’s Yard Sign Design Contest is a way for students to use their creativity to help promote safe roads for cyclists and pedestrians in their communities.
Walking School Bus “Next Steps”

• Reach out to your neighboring families and see who already walks
• Identify routes, stops and times for each stop
• Let other families know they can join in rather than drive
• Be consistent and communicate

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Resources

• MassDOT Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator
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• Milton Bicycle Advisory Committee
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• Newman School in Needham provides examples of routes, contacts, bus stop times, and ground rules