

# ESSEX COUNTY – WEST CALDWELL TECH SAFE TRAVEL PLAN FOR WALKING & BIKING



DEVELOPED BASED ON GUIDELINES FROM NJ SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM  
DEVELOPED IN JANUARY 2021

**SCHOOL NAME:** Essex County – West Caldwell Tech

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Essex County Schools of Technology

**SCHOOL ADDRESS:** 620 Passaic Avenue

**CITY:** West Caldwell, NJ 07006

**GRADE LEVELS:** 9 -12

**STUDENT POPULATION:** 380 Students

**SCHOOL HOURS:**

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION:

The school is located in suburban community of West Caldwell Township. The school is located in a Commercial/Business District of the township. There are 4 major open-air shopping plazas that contain a variety of shops and restaurants. There are also 2 grocery stores, 2 fast food restaurants, 3 banks, and a drug store. We are also close to Township Hall / Library. There is also a large industrial park. The speed limit is 35 MPH on Passaic Avenue. The school is in a high traffic area that sees many personal and commercial vehicles.

## SCHOOL WELLNESS COUNCIL - SAFE TRAVEL SUB-COMMITTEE:

Name	Organization/Department	Role
Ayisha Robinson	Administration	Principal
Gerard DiVincenzo	Administration	Vice Principal
Dan Delcher	Faculty/Staff	Health Team Leader/Teacher
Kim Simmons	Security	Security Officer
Kenneth Winbush	Security	Security Officer
Bonnie Rogers	Health Office	School Nurse
Delores Wallace	PTA	PTA Coordinator

## NEIGHBORHOOD & SITE MAPS:

See Appendix A – School Site Graphic View Map

See Appendix B – School Site Satellite View Map

See Appendix C – School Neighborhood Graphic View Map

See Appendix D – School Neighborhood Satellite View Map

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## AREA ASSESSMENT METHOD:

See Appendix E – Area Assessment Method

## BARRIERS & OPPORTUNITIES:

The primary barrier is that most current students do not live near the school to be able to walk or bike to the school. The students that do walk to school take the NJ Transit Bus to a Bus Stop that is about 2 blocks from the school. If any local students decided to attend the school, our school policies and the area would permit walking and biking to school. There are some safety concerns that are displayed in the below photos. Issues include:

- Crosswalks not marked or properly marked
- Raised and cracked side walks
- No School Zone established and road in front of school has a speed limit of 45 MPH
- No Place on school campus for students to secure a bicycle



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### GOALS & ACTION PLAN:

Action Item	Responsible Party/Person	Progress & Resources	Timeline	Approx. Cost
Investigate with the township the process for sidewalk repairs and make recommendations to them based on Student common traveled path	Principal	Safe Routes to School	Report to Committee by September/October 2021	N/A
Investigate with the township the process for crosswalks to be properly marked and painted and make recommendations to them based on student common crossed crosswalks and intersections	Principal	Safe Routes to School	Report to Committee by September/October 2021	N/A
Investigate with county and district administration about School Zone designation and road speed limit	Principal	Safe Routes to School	Report to Committee by September/October 2021	N/A
Install Bike rack	Team Leader	Safe Routes	September 2021	\$500

### EVALUATION & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:

The Safe Travel Sub-Committee will annually evaluate the area and continue to make recommendations to the district administration and the local township council for resolving route issues.