

EIT UMX New Shorts: School Streets – *Reading Script*

You may have been hearing a lot about school streets in the past few years and find yourself asking – What is a school street?!

Basically, a school street restricts car traffic in front of a school to make it safer for children.

With the idea first showing up in Bolzano, Italy in 1989.

The explosion of school streets can be attributed to a few factors:

- Reducing traffic conflicts between children and cars at schools
- Promoting physical activity and play for children and their families
- Addressing climate change and air quality

Every school street project is a little different.

- Some use temporary barriers installed by volunteers
- Others use traffic calming changes to the street
- Some cities use tactical urbanism for temporary changes
- With many pilots becoming permanent

School streets make getting to and from school an active, safe, and fun part of childhood.

No matter what they look like, the positive impact is clear!

Do you have a school street project that inspires you? Tell us about it below!

It is inspiring to learn how cities are changing how we move in creative, healthy, and social ways!