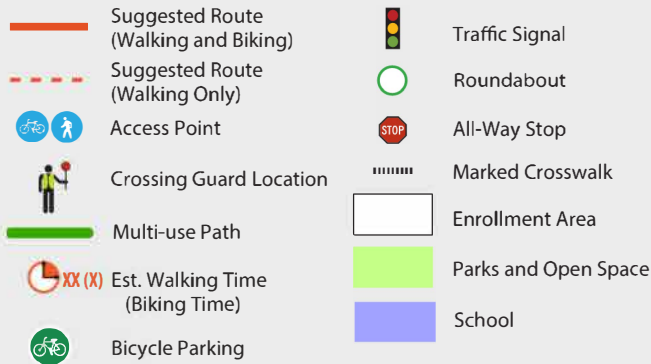
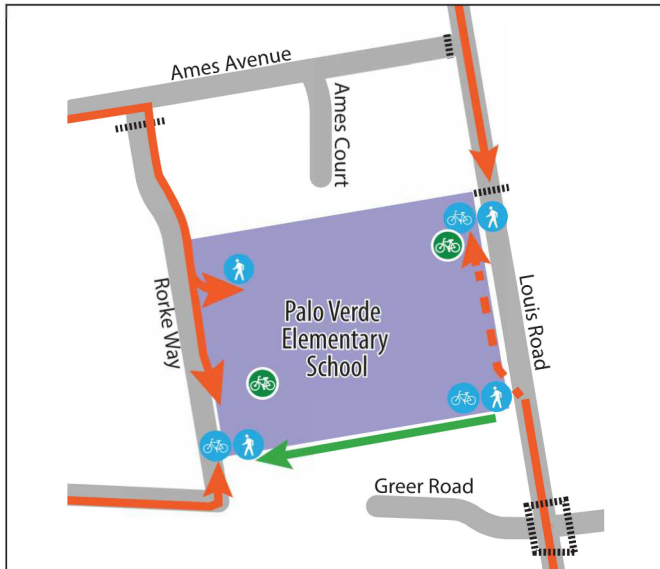


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WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL SUGGESTED ROUTES

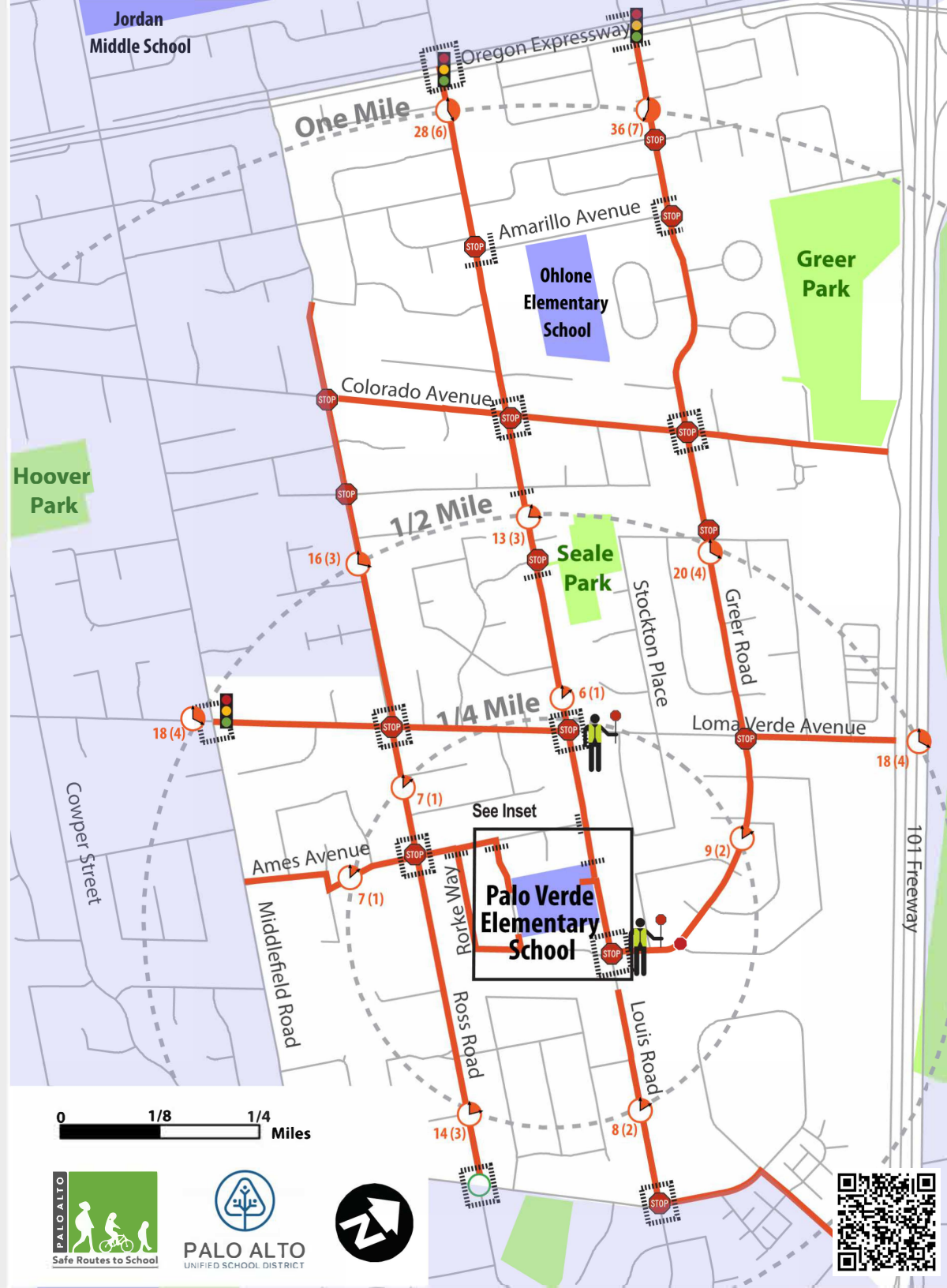


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For more Safe Routes to School information, please visit:
www.PaloAlto.gov/SafeRoutes

The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School Partnership encourages parents to walk or bike with students and use this mapping tool to explore options for commuting from home to school. Parents are responsible for choosing the most appropriate route based on their knowledge of conditions on the route between home and school and the experience level of their child.



0 1/8 1/4 Miles





Do not purchase motorized bicycles, scooters, or other devices for minors.



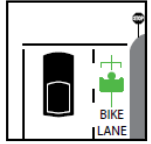
Parents: Help your student learn how to share the road safely with other users. Children who regularly practice safe walking and biking skills are more likely to make safer choices as teenagers.

Follow crossing guard instructions. They are there to help everyone cross intersections safely.

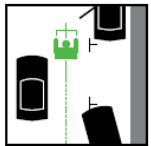
Bike, Walk, Skate, and Scoot Safely



Wear your helmet and buckle it every time. It's the law. To best protect your brain, your helmet must fit properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.



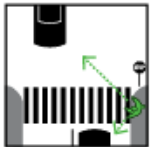
Be predictable. Stop at ALL stop signs and pay attention to traffic signals. Never ride the wrong way. The best way to avoid bike crashes and traffic tickets is to follow the same rules that apply to car drivers.



Be alert. Watch out for drivers turning left, right, or coming out of driveways. Avoid car doors opening in front of you by riding out of the door zone. Yield to pedestrians.



Check all directions. Look for drivers coming from all directions before entering the street—including behind you.



Don't assume drivers see you. Make eye contact before crossing intersections.



Pedestrians: Cross at corners and in crosswalks. This is where drivers expect to see pedestrians.

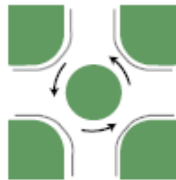


Share the path safely. Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways and paths. Give an audible warning when you pass on your bicycle (ring a bell or say "on your left"). Keep to the right and pass on the left.

Be visible. Use a bright headlight, taillight and reflectors at night.

Drive Safely

- Slow down and use extra caution in school zones, along commute routes and when approaching construction zones.
- Signal your turns and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Help reduce traffic congestion near schools by carpooling and avoiding the last-minute rush. Park a block or two away from the school and walk the rest of the way in.
- Respect "No Right Turn on Red" signs and crossing guards. They allow students to cross safely without drivers turning through crosswalks.
- It is unsafe and illegal to make U-turns or other unsafe maneuvers that put other road users at risk.
- Never double park, block access ramps, or stop where prohibited.
- When dropping off or picking up your student, follow school guidelines and always ensure that s/he exits or enters the car from the curb side.
- **Texting, phone calls, and distracted driving is illegal.**



Traffic Circles

Cyclists should ride in the center of the lane, counter-clockwise around a traffic circle. Yield to pedestrians and vehicles already in the traffic circle. Use the proper hand signals to indicate your direction of travel to others.



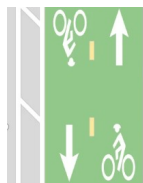
Bike Boxes

A Bike box provides bicyclists with a safe and visible way to get ahead of traffic when making a left turn. Cyclists should wait in the green box until the traffic signal turns green.



Sharrows

Cyclists should ride down the center of this sharrow symbol to stay outside of the door zone on streets without bike lanes. Sharrows also remind drivers to watch for cyclists.



Two-Way Bikeways

Two-way bikeways are physically separated bike lanes that allow travel in both directions on the same side of the road. Some bikeways begin and end at a signalized intersection where cyclists should follow the pedestrian signal.



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Suggested Routes

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Interested in helping with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) events and programs?
Contact your PTA today!