# Walking and cycling to school through children's eyes

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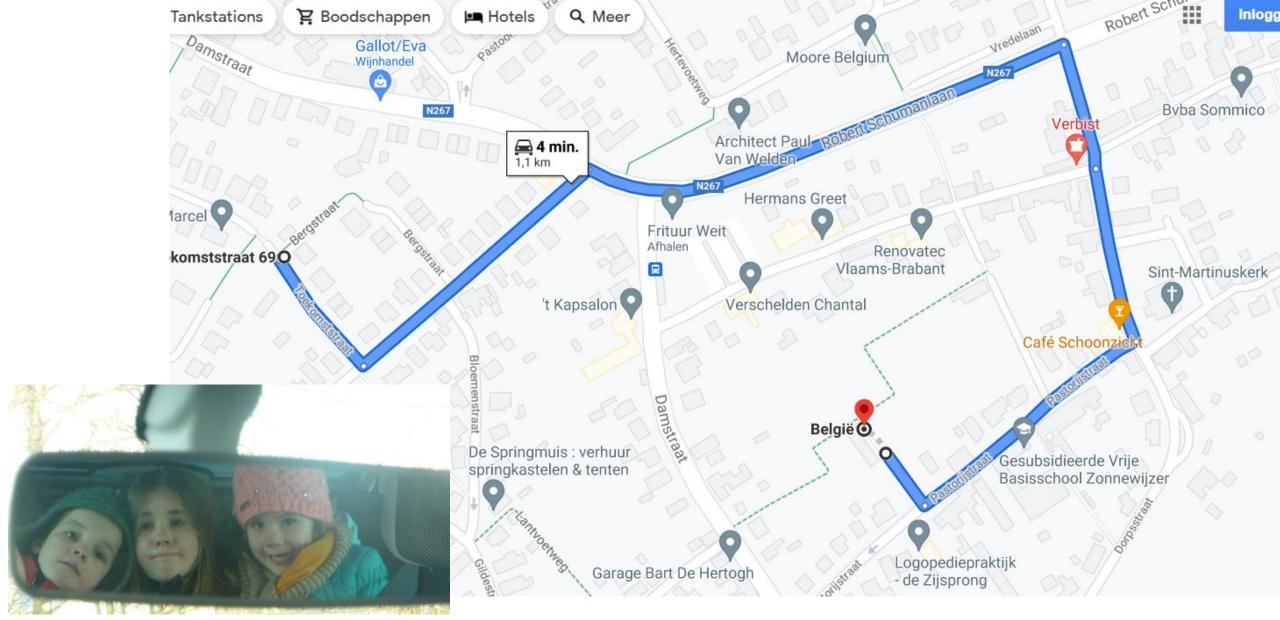


## 12 young road casualties a day: time to act

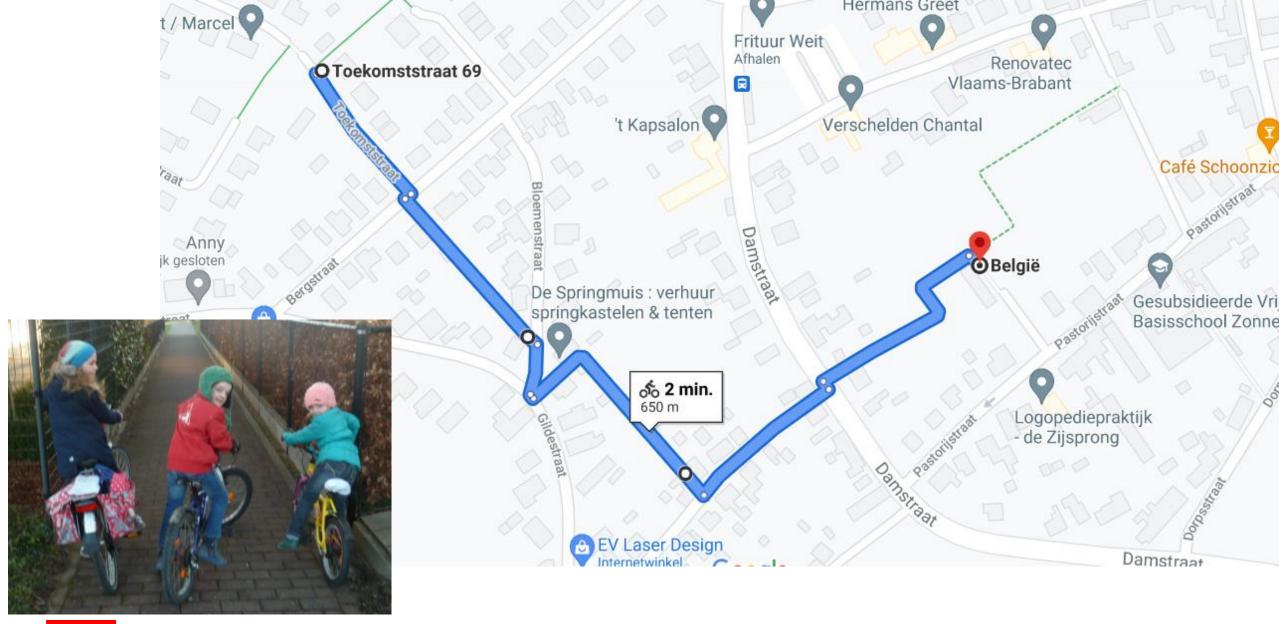
"Do children cross the street? Or do the cars drive through a school environment?"

"How do we make (young) pedestrians and cyclists the most important road users on the routes to school?"











#### Getting kids to school safely

"An attractive school route is only as strong as its weakest link."



#### Children look differently towards traffic

- Body length
- Limited field of view
- Motoric limitations
- Estimating distance
- Selective listening
- Impulsive behaviour

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQSDsQFAOIU



#### GoPro on a bicycle helmet





#### **VSV** inspires

- www.veilignaarschool.be
- Tailor-made guidance on site with an integrated approach



#### **Subventions**





"Cyclists leave first after school hours."













"Bicycle shed instead of a parking lot."



"Larger shed for bicycles at school."























#### Charter for construction site transport

- Charter between municipal authorities and temporary construction sites with a lot of heavy transport.
- With the agreement not to drive nearby schools just before and after school hours.
- More than 100 municipalities already signed the charter.



## Look at routes to school through the eyes of children, please





• Thank you!

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