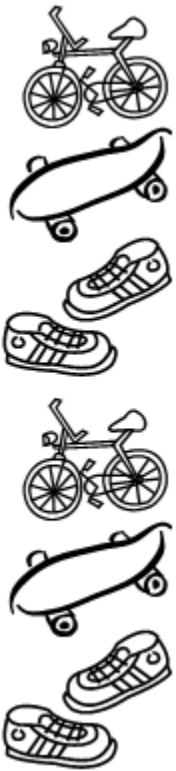


# Yukon – Context



- ❖ Northern territory
- ❖ Known for wilderness
- ❖ Population 34,000
- ❖ 26,000 in Whitehorse

- ❖ Traditional STP model initiated in 2009, with no uptake from schools



# Yukon – Context

- ❖ No PACs – instead School Council with high-level decision-making responsibility
- ❖ Minimal drop-off zone / parking concerns
- ❖ Less traffic congestion
- ❖ High proportion of bused students



# Yukon Approach to STP

## ❖ Territorial-wide scope

## ❖ Stakeholder group

## ❖ Policy and programs

### Stakeholders

- Yukon Territorial Government
  - Department of Education
  - Transport Services
  - Community Development / Sport and Rec
  - Environment / Climate Change Secretariat
  - Health Promotion
- RCMP
- Kwanlin Dun First Nation
- Skookum Jim Friendship Centre
- Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY)
- City of Whitehorse
  - Bylaw services
  - Engineering / Environment
  - Recreation
- Whitehorse Elementary School



# Yukon - Funding



- ❖ Primary funding from CLASP / Green Communities Canada
- ❖ Short-term project-specific funding received from territorial sources:
  - ❖ Community Development Fund
  - ❖ Youth Investment Fund



# Yukon Realities / Challenges

- ❖ High proportion of bused students
- ❖ Over 75% of students are bused or driven
- ❖ Rural students with different barriers to active travel to school than urban/Whitehorse students
  - Wildlife (wolves, bears)
  - Bridges on highway unsafe for walking
  - Long distances
- ❖ Climate
  - Weather
  - Light



# Yukon Opportunities

- ❖ School bus policy → Student Mobility Policy
  - Reduce time spent on bus
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - Increase route efficiency
  - Increase lengths of walks to bus stops (where seasonally and age appropriate)



# Yukon Opportunities

- ❖ Surveying and program implementation at territorial level - for all elementary schools
  - ❖ Hands Up Classroom Travel Survey
  - ❖ Family Survey (anticipating Fall 2011)
  - ❖ International Walk to School
  - ❖ On-bike bicycle safety and skill training (all Whitehorse area schools)

➤ Transport Services mandate – vulnerable road users

