

City Sidewalk Pour

Making TC Safer and Walkable

As part of the Safe Routes to School Program, Traverse City received grants to install sidewalks in the areas lacking walkability. Norte ([hyperlink to Norte's website](#)), a youth-focused nonprofit in town, helped advocate for the Safe Routes program and continuously encourages kids to walk and bike to school.

In 2017, Team Elmer's poured one mile of sidewalk in Traverse City for this project – 85% new sidewalk and 15% repairs to old sidewalks. As Traverse City aims to create a safe and walkable city, Team Elmer's couldn't be happier to stand behind their hometown and help achieve this goal.

As Norte's executive director, Ty Schmidt, explained, there are many benefits to kids walking or biking to school, aside from exercise. When kids walk to school, they are engaged with their community and get to know their neighbors, there's less traffic congestion, and, therefore, less pollution. It also "turns their brains on" so they're ready for their school day. Creating a more walkable city will make sure kids can walk to school safely.

Learn more about the City Sidewalk Pour project: https://youtu.be/KudlhF5_S-A