

### **JAPA in The New York Times**

*Sunday's feature in The New York Times on parents' attitudes to allowing their children to walk to school referred to an article published in the Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA). Noreen C. McDonald and Annette E. Aalborg's article entitled 'Why Parents Drive Children to School: Implications for Safe Routes to School Programs' was published in volume 75, issue 3, of JAPA and is free to view online.*

Rates of walking and bicycling to school have declined sharply in recent decades, and federal and state governments have committed funds to reverse these trends. The *JAPA* article investigates why many parents choose to drive their children even short distances to school, and what implications this has for programs to increase walking and biking to school.

This academic research comes at a time when children are preparing for International Walk to School month in October.

#### **Notes to editors:**

To read the *JAPA* article in full for free please visit:

[www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~db=all~content=a912822971](http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~db=all~content=a912822971)

To read the article in Sunday's 'Fashion & Style' section of *The New York Times* please visit:

[www.nytimes.com/2009/09/13/fashion/13kids.html?pagewanted=1&r=1&sq=walking%20to%20school&st=cse&adxnml=1&scp=1&adxnmlx=1252915470-sMMw0UMyx02I%20c%20gyEFpg](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/13/fashion/13kids.html?pagewanted=1&r=1&sq=walking%20to%20school&st=cse&adxnml=1&scp=1&adxnmlx=1252915470-sMMw0UMyx02I%20c%20gyEFpg)

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