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Who we are



„The best indicator of the quality of public spaces is the age of children who are free to roam around on their own.“



Eva Kail

Expert on gender mainstreaming in planning and construction, Vienna.

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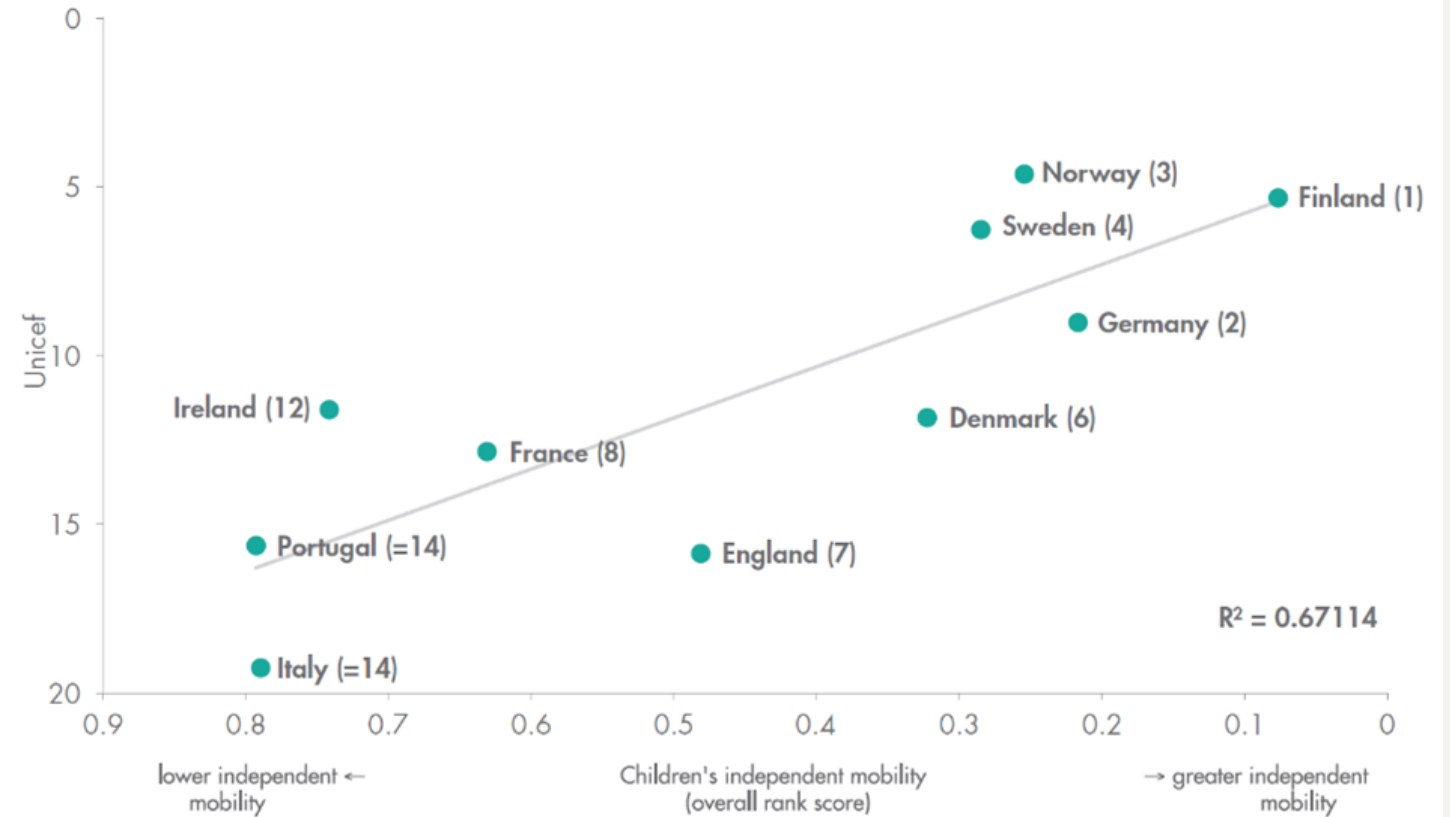
Children's Independent Mobility: an international comparison and recommendations for action

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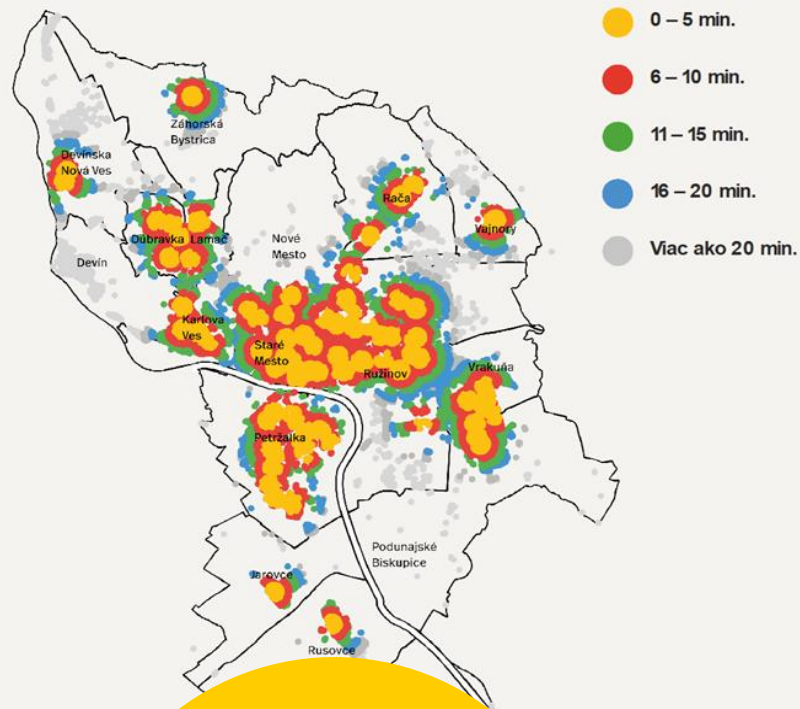


Figure 13: Unicef 2013 well-being rankings vs children's independent mobility



How far is the school ?

(min of walking from home in Bratislava)



**2/3 of
children
live up to
5min from
school**











Before



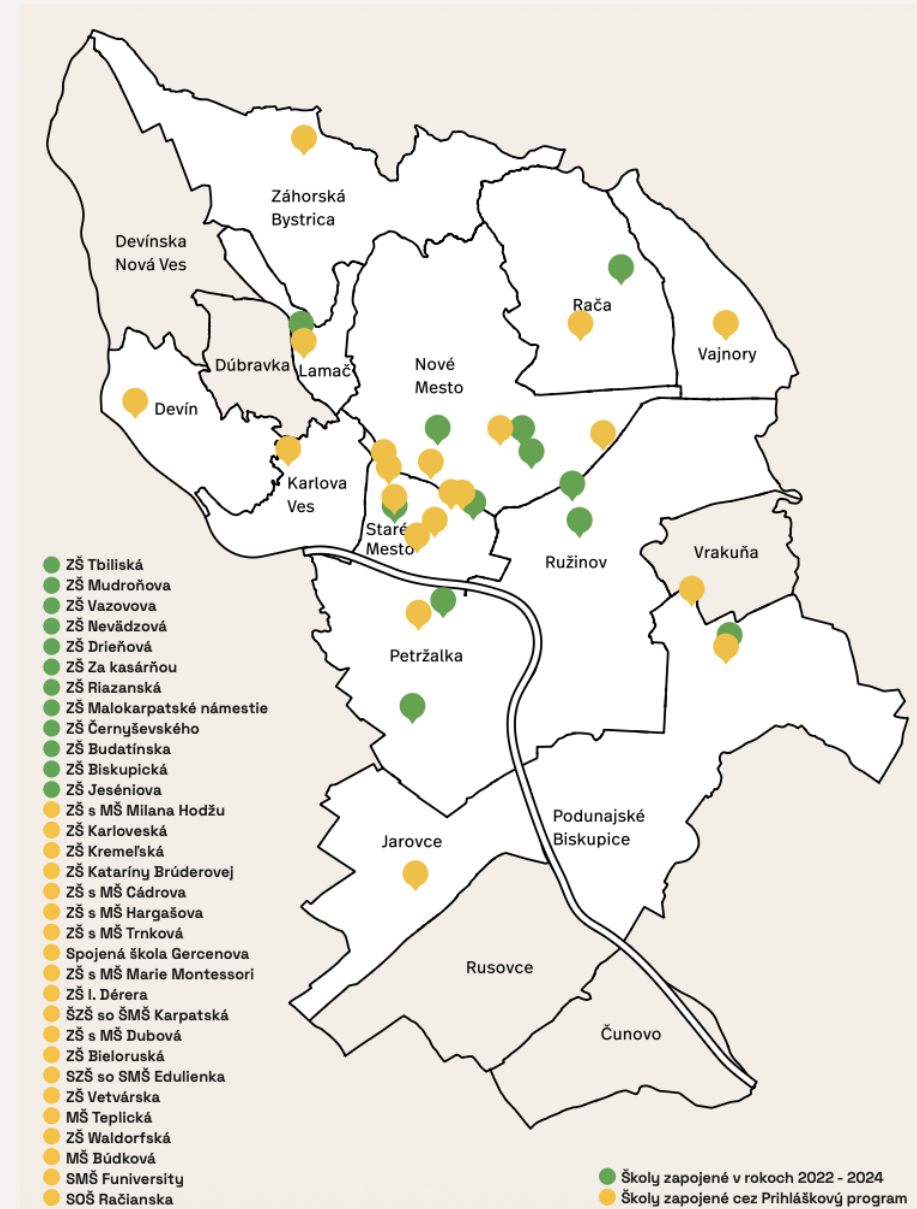
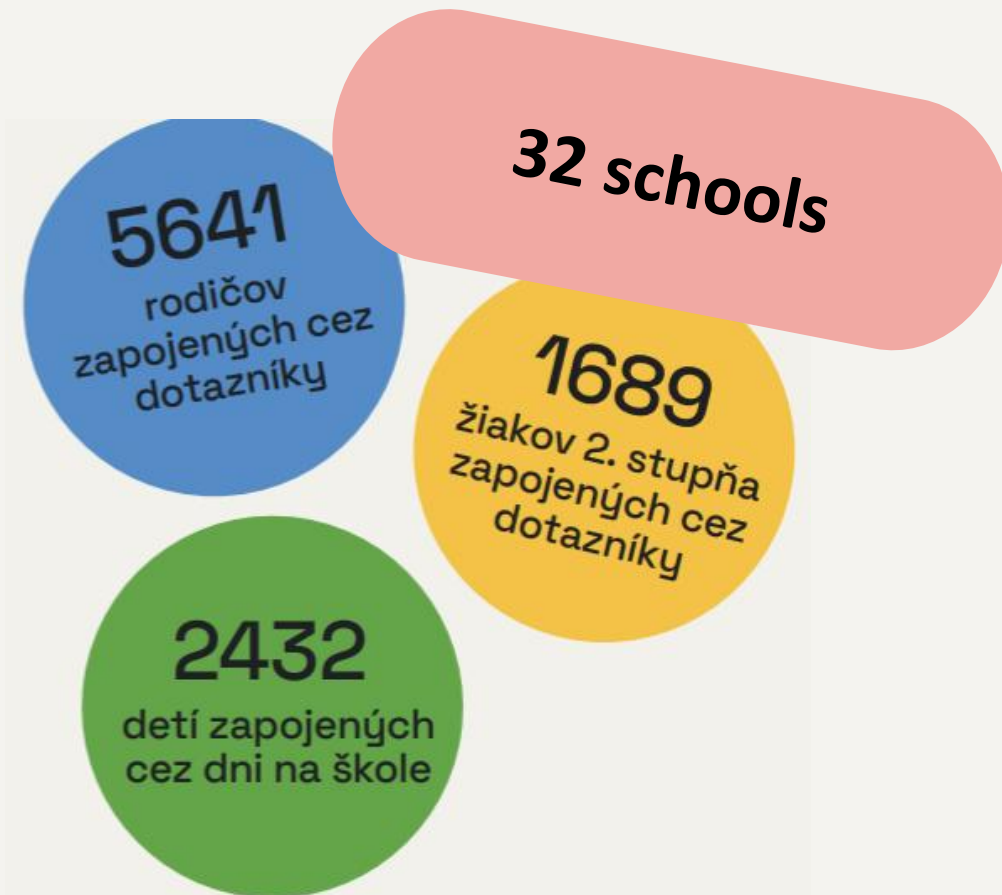
**Tactical
urbanism**



After

- **City for Children supports active mobility to school.**

City for Children is application-based program



City for Children is ...



**Partici
pation**

**Traffic
calming**

**Walking
& play**

Mudroňova Elementary School

Case study

Dangerous crosswalks

Speeding cars

Little space for
pedestrians

55 %

of parents had
perceived the
school surroundings as
dangerous





Empathy walks

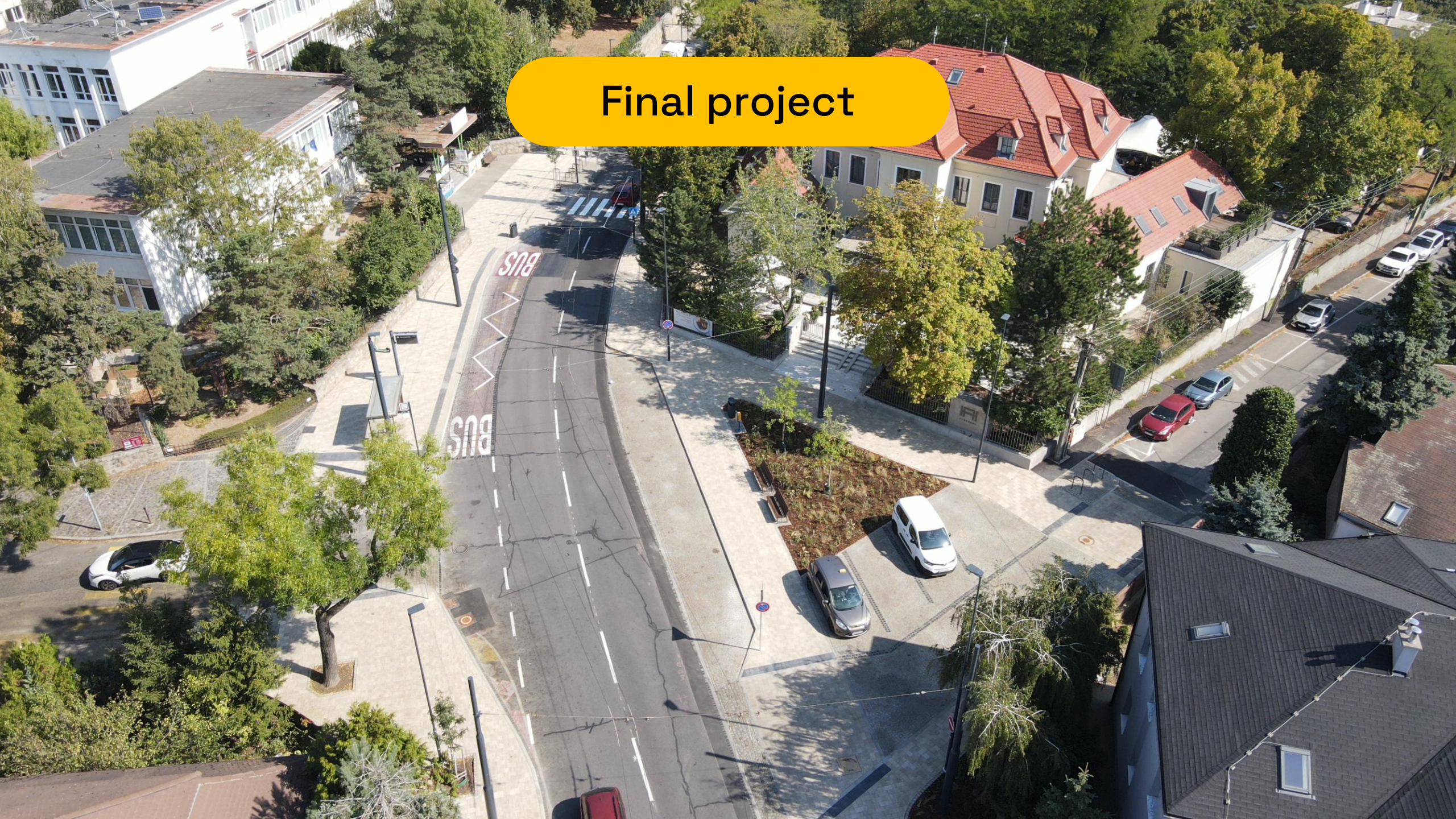


Playstreet

A vibrant outdoor scene where a large group of children and adults are playing in a street filled with white foam. The foam is piled high in the center, with many bubbles floating in the air. In the foreground, a young boy in a red shirt and dark pants is smiling and waving. To his right, a girl in a white shirt and pink pants stands with her back to the camera. Further back, a boy in a pink shirt and jeans is jumping into the foam. On the right side, a woman in a pink shirt is taking a photo with her phone. Other children are scattered throughout the scene, some standing and some playing in the foam. The background shows trees and a clear blue sky, suggesting a sunny day. The overall atmosphere is joyful and playful.

Tactical urbanism

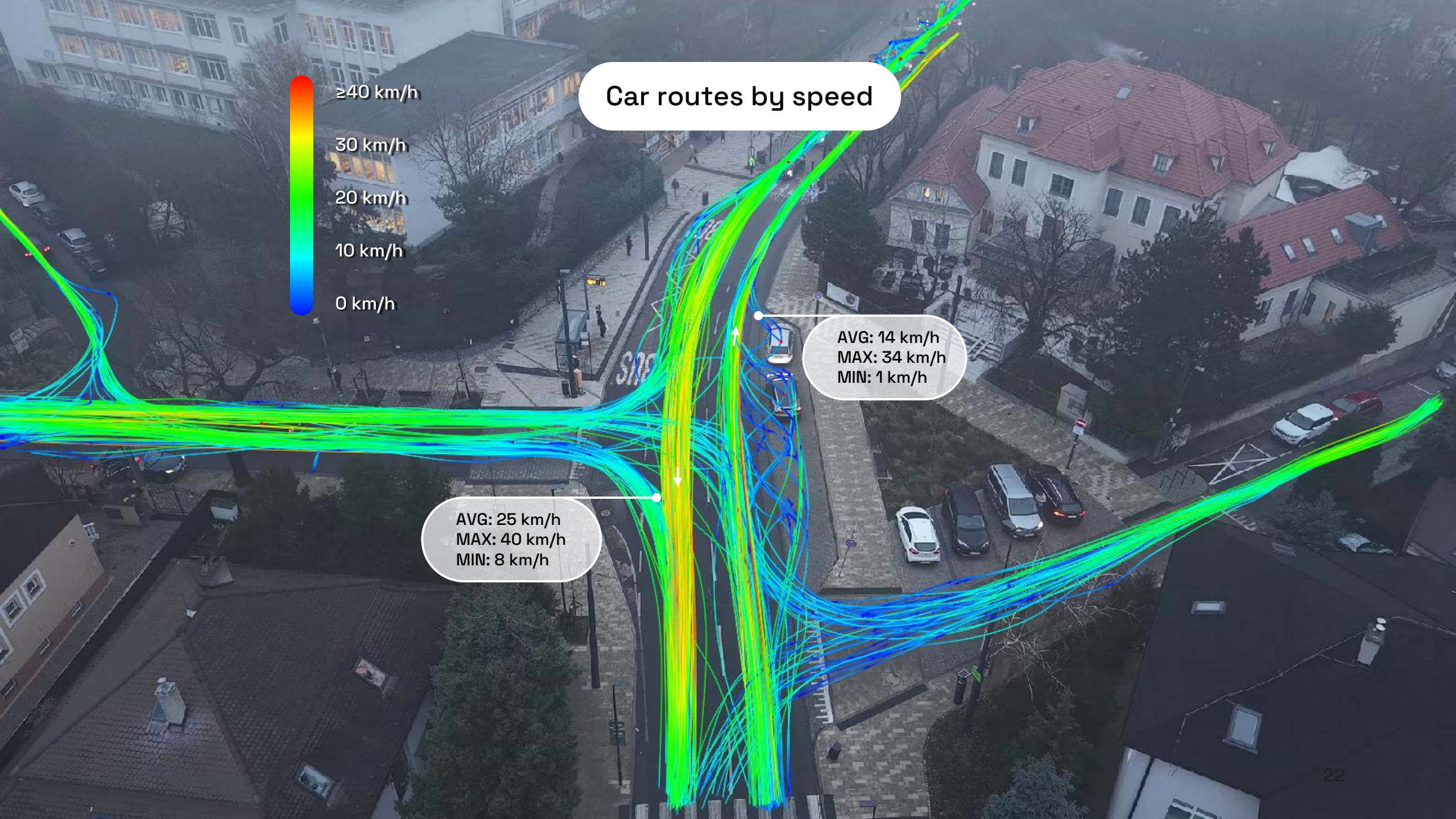


An aerial photograph of a city street intersection. The street has a red bus lane with 'BUS' written in white. There are several cars parked and driving. A yellow rounded rectangle with the text 'Final project' is overlaid on the top center. The surrounding area includes trees, buildings, and a pedestrian crossing.

Final project

“The improvements have perfectly combined a solution to a long-standing traffic problem with an improvement in quality of life.”

- one of the residents in the questionnaire



+20 %

more children now
walk, cycle or take a
bus to school



55 % → 12 %

Share of parents perceiving the school
surroundings as dangerous



98 %

of students now
perceive the school
surroundings as
safe

Thank you for your attention

