



# INVESTIGATEWEST

Schools and big roads – and  
why they don't go together

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- Supports in-depth journalism on urban sustainability issues



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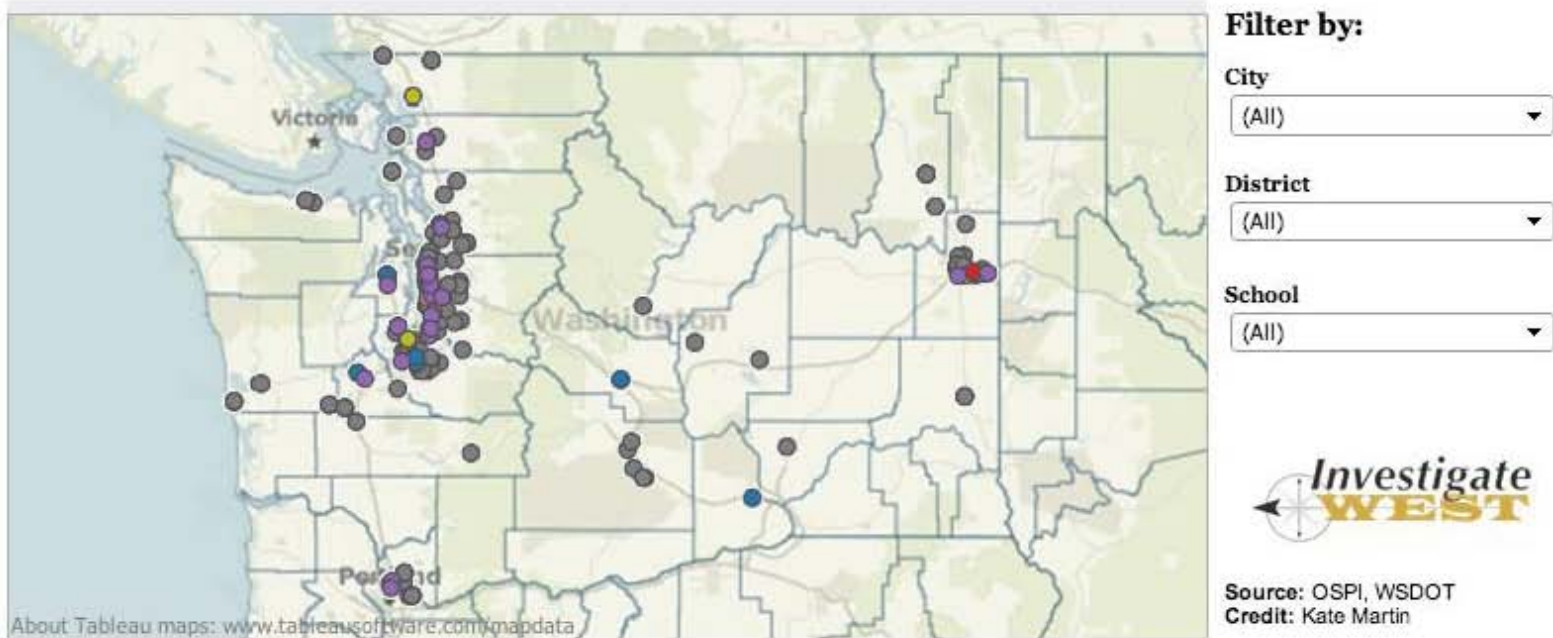
Started with intriguing study



Used state public-records law to obtain government databases on location of schools, day cares, roads

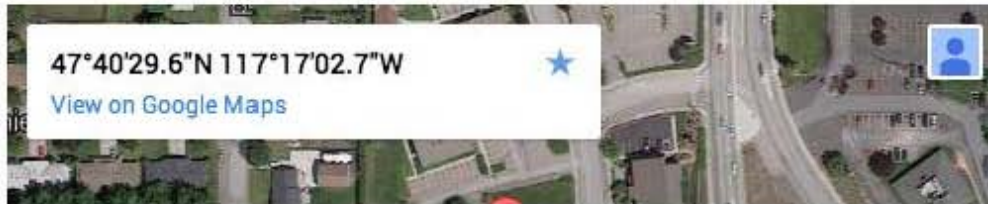


# Online tool for parents



School: **Spokane Valley High School**

No. of Facilities by Road Proximity \*



Route	
High traffic and T1	1
High traffic and T2	1

Identified ~30 schools, 100 day cares at major risk



# Results

## GOVERNMENT

- Seattle Schools change policy to issue air quality alerts to principals;
- John Marshall Junior High air-filter investigation;
- Attention sparked at other news organizations and ongoing reporting at KING 5



# Thank you,

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Online: [www.invw.org/exhausted](http://www.invw.org/exhausted)

UW study:  
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/754307-seattle-portland-air-pollution-study.html>