

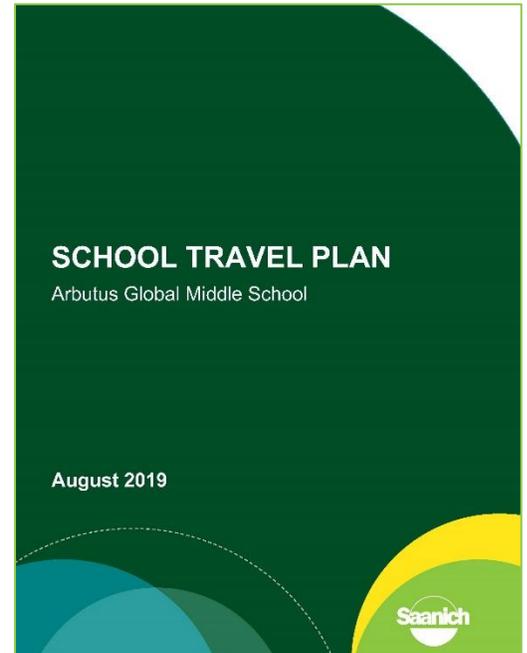
# Arbutus Global Middle School Update

## Background

The District of Saanich is committed to improving safety around its 39 schools and encouraging parents and children to choose active ways of getting to and from school. Active travel is not only a healthier choice, it is better for the environment and increases quality social time for families and friends in the neighbourhood.

Active and Safe Routes to School is a community based initiative that promotes the use of active transportation (walking, biking, bussing, and rolling) for the daily trip to and from school. To be successful, Active and Safe Routes to School involves many groups, including parents, students and school administration, school boards, municipal staff, public health, and local law enforcement agencies.

In 2015 the District of Saanich began work with the CRD, individual school Principals, Parent Advisory Committees, and the School District to develop planning documents to help guide future infrastructure decisions and identify solutions to problems in each school's vicinity. Every school community has its own concerns and suggestions for ways to reduce or eliminate them. Each solution might be the responsibility of a different municipal department or even level of government. The purpose of this document is to provide an update to the school community on work that has been completed, and what is still left to do.



Arbutus Global Middle School completed their School Travel Plan in 2019. The complete Arbutus Global Middle School Travel Plan can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

## Update 2021

On the next pages you will find a table summarizing the key actions and the status of each.

Arbutus Global Middle School is currently scheduled to revisit this plan in 2028.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments about this document or any of the actions identified. Please contact [engineering@saanich.ca](mailto:engineering@saanich.ca) and one of our staff will be happy to help in any way they can.

Location	Description	Implementation	Status
Edgelow St at Dawnview Cr	No crosswalk here where many students are crossing to get to the bus connection	install crosswalk with safety features	Completed
Edgelow St at Dawnview Cr	restrict parking on approach to intersection to increase visibility	remove parking	Completed
Dawnview Cres pathway to UVic and bus stop	shrubby is encroaching on pathway and sticking out and causing difficulty riding and walking on the path	Contact homeowners of adjacent property to trim and maintain their vegetation according to bylaws	Completed
Dawnview Cres pathway to UVic and bus stop	Widen entrance of pathway where it enters the road to decrease mud and tripping hazards	install widened concrete path	Completed
Dawnview Cres pathway to UVic and bus stop	Pathway to UVic requires maintenance	This is included in the UVIC cycling plan for their short term priorities	Maintenance and construction the responsibility of the University of Victoria.
Edgelow St at Finnerty	Location of crosswalk is not consistent with majority of pedestrians	Included in the Finnerty Road upgrade 2019	Completed
Path to Lexington Ave	shrubby is encroaching on pathway and sticking out and causing difficulty riding and walking on the path	Contact homeowners of adjacent property to trim and maintain their vegetation according to bylaws	Completed
Path exit onto Lexington Ave	Cars stopping at pathway entrance to drop off students	Evaluate installation of wider landing pad/ signage/ flex posts at trail, parking restrictions	Completed
Lexington Ave	reduce vehicle speed and volume	School area signs installed. 20km/h recommended speed installed. 30km/h school ZONE is not warranted	The existing school area is consistent with the national guidelines. Speed enforcement is ongoing.

Gordon Head Road and Edgelow	Signal results in a back up of traffic and unsafe driving conditions for left/ right turners	Make the signal cycle automatically during peak hours	Completed
Gordon Head Road and Edgelow	consider installing bike buttons to allow for cyclists to remain on the road instead of try to make it across without the light or move onto sidewalk	Install bike buttons to activate the light from both directions.	Completed
Gordon Head Road and Feltham Road	Lack of separated bike lanes, drivers turn into the bike lane on GHR from Feltham	Consider installing separated bike lanes. Identified for protected bike lanes as part of the Active Transportation Plan.	Bike lane delineators installed, further improvements included in the Active Transportation Plan as a medium term priority
Gordon Head Road and Feltham Road	Unsafe to cross at this intersection, 3+ lanes, low visibility, no flashers and high volume	Upgrade intersection to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists	This will be considered as part of a complete review of the intersection as part of further improvements on Feltham and Gordon Head Rd.