

Braefoot Elementary 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.

Braefoot Elementary School completed their School Travel Plan in 2017. The complete Braefoot Elementary School Travel Plan can be found on our website at the following link:

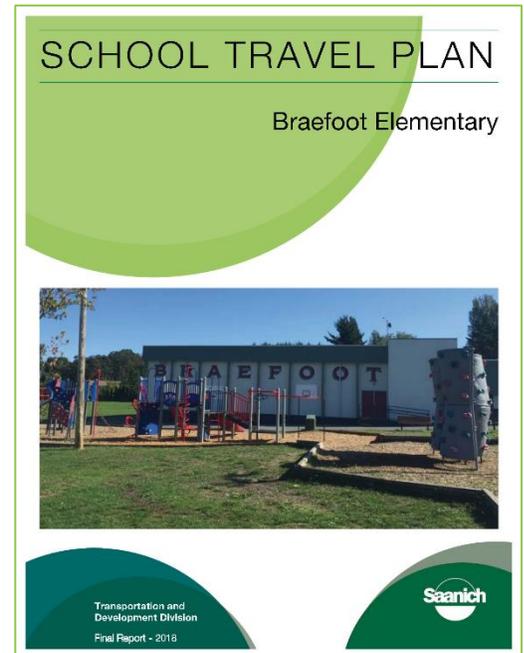
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Braefoot Elementary School is currently scheduled to revisit this plan in 2025.

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



Location	Description	Implementation	Status
Harrop Road at Braefoot Road	Encourage alternate drop off and active travel	Parents and Administration to close Harrop Road at Braefoot Road and along Wende Road to vehicles - Saanich to assist with organizing and have presence during event. Coordinate a Block Party to encourage alternate drop off and active travel	Responsibility of the School and PAC to organize. Saanich will support event.
Harrop Road at Braefoot Road	Improve pedestrian crossing accessibility.	Upgrade curb returns (shorten crossing distance); Install curb let down on west side	Completed
Feltham Park	Improve visibility to pathway	Vegetation becomes overgrown and impacts perceived safety of the park. Review if maintenance schedule is appropriate	Ongoing
Pedestrian pathway through Braefoot Park between Braefoot Road and Blenkinsop Road	Improve lighting and visibility on the pedestrian pathway	Trim vegetation on pathway to improve natural lighting. Install lighting on pathway through the park.	Vegetation has been trimmed. Lighting is not considered at this time
Mid-block crosswalk on Blenkinsop Rd between Cedar Hill X Rd and Garkil Rd.	Improve pedestrian sightlines and visibility	Create protected pedestrian staging area (curb bulge) Change existing crosswalk signs to school crosswalk signs	Reviewed - midblock crossing on straight road. Visibility is not restricted. There is no crossing guard here so it does not qualify for school crossing signs
Blenkinsop Rd at Cedar Hill X Rd	Improving pedestrian crossing facilities on the northwest quadrant of the intersection	Change horizontal configuration of channelized right turn (compound curve), install crosswalk bisecting the radius to the median. Install sidewalk connecting existing sidewalk in the median.	As priorities and budget permits. Blenkinsop will have a sidewalk project in the next 3-5 years.

Cedar Hill X Rd at Braefoot Rd/Epson Rd	Currently there are no designated pedestrian facilities on the south west quadrant of the intersection, the intersection is angle. Review the intersection for potential upgrades.	Review signal phasing for left turns at intersection. Consider adding audible pedestrian signal. Review pedestrian staging areas on the west side of the intersection of Cedar Hill X Rd. and Epson Dr. Review warrant to install north-south crossing on the west side of the intersection. Recommend improve pedestrian staging areas.	Signal phasing has been updated. Audible signals added. Additional review of crossings and upgrading staging areas are required.
Intersection Blenkinsop Rd at Union Place	Review location for potential infrastructure upgrades.	Conduct crosswalk warrant for proposed installation, review location for potential infrastructure upgrades. Install east-west crosswalk, and tighten curbs returns at intersection to shorten crossing distances	Reviewed and not recommended due to limited visibility. Pedestrians recommended to use the Judge crossing or Cedar Hill Cross Rd
Intersection of Blenkinsop Rd at Judge Place	Improve visibility & and sightlines of pedestrians, this is a desired location to cross Blenkinsop.	Review warrant for special crosswalk.	Completed
McKenzie Overpass	Concerns with orientation of the pedestrian overpass to road side barrier.	Review road side barrier and pedestrian overpass	Review Complete - Barrier needs to stay to prevent cyclists from riding into McKenzie Ave.