

Cedar Hill 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.

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

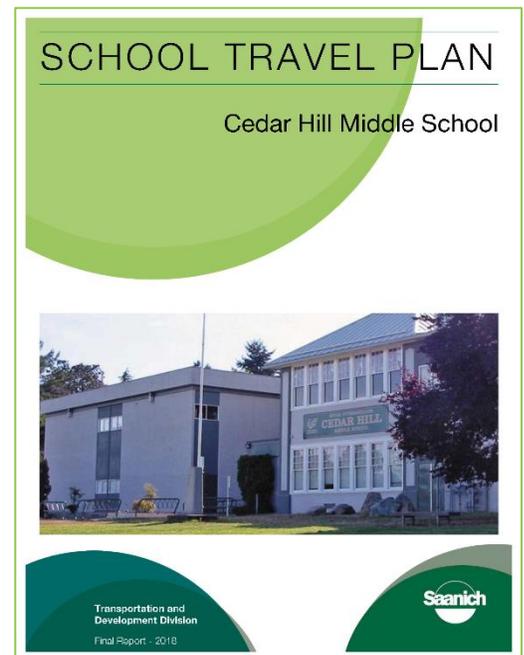
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Cedar Hill Middle 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
Gregory Place	Encourage alternate drop off and active travel	Host block party launching active travel initiatives and preventing 'at the door' drop offs.	Completed
Pathway connecting Shorncliffe Rd to Gregory Pl southwest of school	Improve accessibility and visibility of pathway.	Recommend: Possible infrastructure upgrade: create plaza area on Shorncliffe Road, or install way finding to make the path more visible from the road, improve pathway grade.	Pathway entrance improvement anticipated 2022. Wayfinding will be reviewed upon development of Wayfinding specifications (Saanich Active Transportation Plan Action 3C.2).
Cedar Hill Road	There are no bike lanes on Cedar Hill between Cedar Hill Cross and McKenzie Ave	Connect missing cycling infrastructure gaps on Cedar Hill Road between Cedar Hill Cross and McKenzie Ave	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
Cedar Hill X Road & Cedar Hill Road	There is currently no formalized curb return on the NE quadrant of the intersection and concerns with the pedestrian phase not being long enough. The existing curb returns are long, promoting quicker speeds through the corner.	Consider improving pedestrian facilities as priorities and budget permits. Review signal phasing for pedestrian crossing times. Recommend: Tighten curb return radii, improving sightlines by relocating utility poles. Adjust signal phasing for pedestrian crossing times.	These will be built by a nearby development.
Cedar Hill Road between Cedar Hill X Road and Earlston Rd.	Currently no pedestrian facilities on the east side of the road from Cedar Hill X road to Earlston.	Consider installing new pedestrian and cycling facilities. This work coincides with the development 3801 Cedar Hill. Recommend: Connect sidewalk gaps. Install sidewalk on the east side of the road	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Short-Term Priority
Cedar Hill X Road between Shelbourne Rd and Blenkinsop Rd.	Bike Lane ends at Synod. Road narrows from Synod to Jennifer place through the curve. Sidewalks substandard West of Synod.	Consider Improving sidewalks and bike lanes along this section of Cedar Hill X Road	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority

