

Colquitz 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.

Colquitz Middle School completed their School Travel Plan in 2016. The complete Colquitz Middle School Travel Plan can be found on our website at the following link:

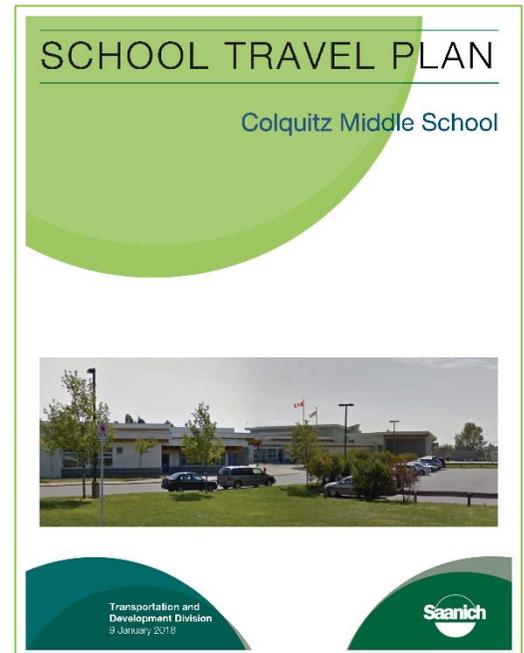
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Colquitz Middle School is currently scheduled to revisit this plan in 2024.

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 |
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| Interurban Rd at pull off loop | Review current usage of loop with Saanich Parks. Consider whether this could become alternative drop-off area for school. | Promote alternative student drop off location | Additional Locations around the school and community are available |
| Interurban Rd at pull off loop | Investigate warrant for crosswalk. Crosswalk would connect this drop off area with. | Install crosswalk | Review Completed and found that a crosswalk is not warranted due to proximity of other crossings |
| Colquitz River Trail between pull off loop & Dumeresq | Ensure stretch of Colquitz River Trail between pull off loop and Dumeresq is maintained at high frequency in order to increase comfort in students walking at least this small portion of trail. | Upkeep of Colquitz River Trail | Ongoing |
| Burnside Rd, East Side | Reduced visibility | Trim and maintain vegetation to ensure clear sidewalk and improve visibility. | Completed |
| Dumeresq St, east of school | Improve walking routes to school | Extend sidewalk on Dumeresq St on south side of street, east of school to Raymond St | Estimated completion 2022 |
| Dumeresq St | Parking issues, traffic safety in school zone | Consider installing curbs on street surrounding school to alleviate parking issues. | Estimated completion 2022 |
| Dumeresq St | Traffic safety in school zone | Review on-street parking bylaws. | Completed |
| Dumeresq St & Raymond St | Pedestrian and cyclist traffic safety concerns due to wide intersection, long crossing distance, with traffic no traffic control | Review potential pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures along Raymond St. | Estimated completion 2022 |

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| Raymond St south of Columbine Way | Improve pedestrian and cycling safety along Raymond St | Extend Raymond St pedestrian/cycling corridor south of Columbine Way. | Additional Signage for bike route to be reviewed. |
| Interurban Rd at Dumeresq St | Improve traffic safety in school zone | Replace crosswalk sign with school crossing sign and fluorescent advance signs indicating "crosswalk ahead" | Review Completed - School crossing signs are only used when crossing guard present at a crosswalk. |
| Interurban Rd & Dumeresq St | Left-turning traffic on both Interurban Rd and Dumeresq St backs up into pedestrian crossings. | Investigate possibility of left-turn restrictions at this intersection. | Review completed - Left-turn restrictions not recommended. Ongoing enforcement and education of alternative locations are encouraged. |
| Dumeresq St | Reduce pedestrian crossing Dumeresq St at Interurban Rd. | Install sidewalk on north side of Dumeresq St | Active Transportation Plan - Long Term Priority |
| Colquitz River Trail | Poor visibility | Trim and control vegetation in trail system to improve sightlines & visibility. Trim overhead branches to maintain a 3.0m clearance, clear any vegetation 1.0m from the trail edge or keep vegetation trimmed to 0.5m height within 1.0-1.5m from the trail edge. | Ongoing |
| Intersection of Interurban Rd, Burnside Rd, & Galloping Goose | Control the crossing of multiple modes of transportation from different directions | Review intersection of Interurban Rd and Burnside Rd. & Galloping Goose for a full traffic signal | Review Completed - Traffic signal is not warranted |
| Burnside Rd, south of school | Improve traffic safety in the school zone | Relocate school area signage on Burnside Rd. to be centered around Dumeresq. | Signs are installed according to National Standards, relocation not recommended. |

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| Southbound Interurban / Burnside cycling lane | Improve cycling routes to school | improving cyclists' ability to access crosswalk flashing beacons at (a) Interurban & Galloping Goose; (b) Burnside & Trans Canada Hwy off ramp (install button to active crosswalk signal on other side of post) | Existing buttons at Location A are adequate. Additional button has been installed at Location B. |
| Burnside Plaza & Tillicum Mall | Improve intersections | Improve intersections and traffic light phasing and auditory signal | Complete - Audible signals installed. Additional improvements to come through redevelopment. |