

# Doncaster 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.

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

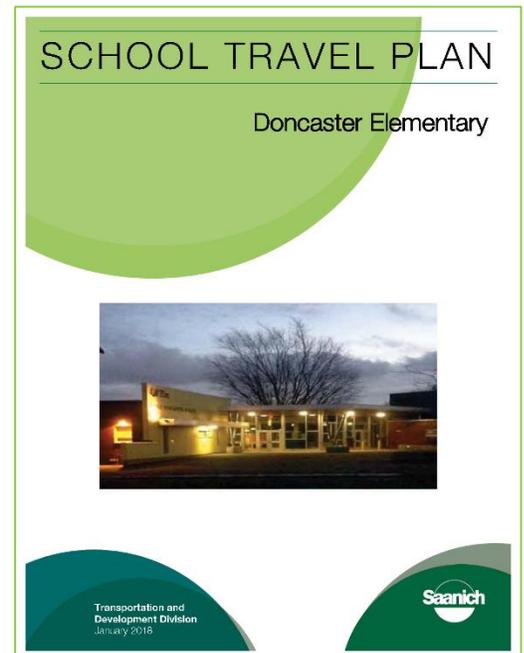
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

## Update 2021

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

Doncaster 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](mailto:engineering@saanich.ca) and one of our staff will be happy to help in any way they can.



<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Path from Doncaster to Cedar Hill	Improve path accessibility and visibility	Widen path to accommodate multiple users, install signage to mark path, remove sharp turn and straighten path and paint curb to not allow parking in front of path.	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Medium-Term Priority
Cedar Hill Golf Course Path	Improve path accessibility and visibility	Upgrade the main east to west trail across the golf course.	Ongoing
Derby & Cedar Hill Intersection	Upgrade intersection with pedestrian facility improvements	Improvements could include: extending sidewalk with proper curbs in waiting area section, consider installing a multi-use path from Derby to Rowan, install accessible audible signals at intersection, repaint bike trigger on Derby and adjust signal timing).	Signal phasing updated to provide pedestrian priority. Sidewalk and curbs will be a medium term improvement and are identified in the Active Transportation Plan.
Shelbourne & Cedar Ave. Intersection	Improve pedestrian safety	Re-paint crosswalk lines at intersection. Include school travel considerations in future design in the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan. Review signs along Shelbourne to indicate that the area is a school zone.	Improvements will be included as part of Shelbourne Street Improvements Project Phase Two
Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure on Pear Street	Cycling traffic cut through	Install pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on Pear Street or install infrastructure designed to discourage traffic cut through.	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Medium-Term Priority
Pedestrian and/or Cycling Infrastructure on Thistle Street	Improve accessibility of pedestrian and cycling pathways.	Install pedestrian and/or cycling infrastructure on Thistle from Rowan to Pear.	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Medium-Term Priority

McRae & Shelbourne Intersection	Crosswalk	Install crosswalks on all legs of intersection as part of the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan.	Improvements will be included as part of Shelbourne Street Improvements Project Phase Two
School zone	Encourage alternate drop off and active travel	Increase enforcement efforts and educate parents re: legality of parking in the bike lane. Implement soft enforcement campaign providing information on alternative drop-off locations.	Ongoing