

Frank Hobbs 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.

Frank Hobbs Elementary School completed their School Travel Plan in 2019. The Frank Hobbs Elementary School Travel Plan can be found on our website at the following link:

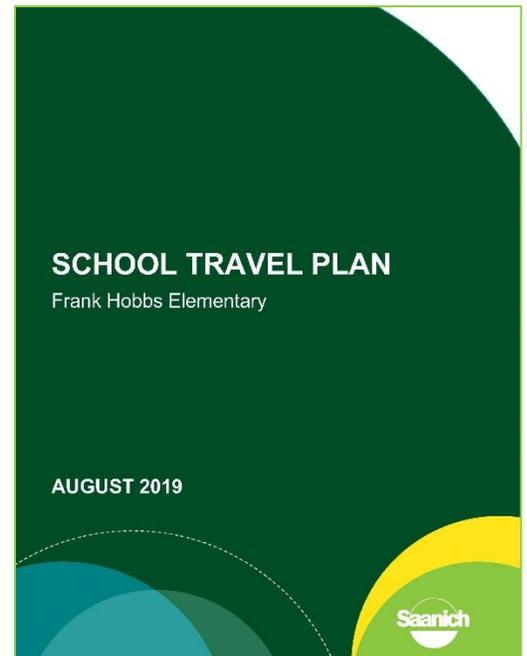
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Frank Hobbs Elementary 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 and one of our staff will be happy to help in any way they can.



Location	Description	Implementation	Status
Hobbs Road	High Vehicle Speeds through playground zone and illegal parking	Review park zone signs and placement, ensure parking enforcement	Playground Zone signs have been reviewed and are installed correctly. Ongoing enforcement requested from the Saanich Police
Hobbs Road	Inadequate sidewalk and no sidewalk on west side of street	Proper sidewalk on both sides of the street	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
Hobbs Road	Cars stopping and dropping off students on west side of road; lack of space and visibility	Review parking restrictions and expand based on impact on visibility	Completed
Maynard Park	Muddy Trail between crosswalk and sidewalk	Pave Park Pathway where travelled path is located	Completed
Haro Road	Lack of sidewalk along the extent of the east side	Change parking to parallel only and provide a pedestrian path to prioritize connection to child care center. Concrete curbs installed in 2020, concrete sidewalk and additional improvements in the long term.	Parking curbs installed to create space for pedestrians. Sidewalk is a medium-term priority in the Active Transportation Plan.
Haro Road	Issues with the number of long term parking spots, other users in the area are parking here all day and taking up space for drop off/ pick up	Review neighbourhood parking supply and implement time limited parking where appropriate	Parking Restrictions installed on Haro Rd in 2020
Haro Road	Lack of turnaround at end of road	Formalize turnaround area and review parking restrictions	This will be a long term improvement as budget and priorities permit.

Arbutus Road	Monitor (electronic speed readers) consider reduction in speed if provincial govt. legislation changes. Review for Playground Zone	Request the Saanich Police for a temporary speed display device, review the location for the installation of a Playground Zone	Reviewed. Location does not meet the requirements for the installation of a reduced speed limit, however a 30km/h School zone is already installed. Ongoing enforcement by the Saanich Police
Arbutus Road	Uncomfortable to walk and bike with vehicle speeds	Install sidewalk and bike lanes	Sidewalks on south side and bike lanes on both sides anticipated construction in 2022
Arbutus and Hobbs	Install flashing lights	Review for upgrades from marked crosswalk to flashing beacons	Review complete - Location does not meet the requirements for the installation of Flashing Beacons
Arbutus and Haro	Request for a Traffic Signal	Review intersection for the installation of a Traffic Signal	Review complete - Location does not meet the requirements for the installation of a Traffic Signal
Sinclair and Haro	Request for a crosswalk across Sinclair	Explore as part of Sinclair Road rebuild	Sinclair road is scheduled for construction in 2023. A crosswalk at Haro is included in the design.
Sinclair and Hobbs	Evaluate installation of crosswalk and tightening curb radius	Explore as part of Sinclair Road rebuild	Sinclair road is scheduled for construction in 2023. A crosswalk at Hobbs is included in the design.
Camelot	Currently no sidewalk or bike lane along major connection route	Encourage and create mixed use roadway	The volumes and speeds are suitable for a Shared Street. Minor improvements along Camelot anticipated along with the Sinclair project.