

# Lansdowne 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.

Lansdowne Middle School completed their School Travel Plan in 2017. The complete Lansdowne 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>

## Update 2021

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

Lansdowne Middle School is currently scheduled to revisit this plan in 2026.

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.



Location	Description	Implementation	Status
School zone	Encourage alternate drop off and active travel	Add student created inspirational signage near bike racks encouraging cycling.  Install signage	Ongoing
Service road entrance off of Lansdowne Rd	Currently unused/rarely used service road provides direct access to school grounds/bike parking without any potential conflicts.	Re-purpose service road as bike entrance. Work with schools to submit "school funded requests"	As priorities and budget permits
Intersection of Taylor St., Myrtle Ave. and Townley St. south of school	Improve north-south pedestrian crossings	Recommendations: Calm traffic at the intersection and improve pedestrian crossings from Townley St. to north side of Taylor St. Review location for installation of traffic circle, improve intersection geometry, install curb extensions, and install traffic control.	Completed
West side of Richmond Rd. between Watson St. & Forrester St.	Improve sidewalk on the west side of Richmond St. south of the school and prevent parking on the curb/sidewalk	Review location and sidewalk priority ranking for sidewalk upgrades, review existing on street parking	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
Neil St. between Foul Bay Rd and Richmond Rd	Improve pedestrian infrastructure	Review location for putting in a sidewalk/improving existing sidewalks from Foul Bay Rd to Richmond Rd	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
Richmond Rd. between Lansdowne Rd. and Neil St.	Currently Richmond is a busy road with wide lanes and parking on both sides near the school, no bike lanes.	Consider installing bike lanes on Richmond Rd. between Lansdowne Rd. and Neil St. to facilitate access to the school by cycling students and families	Long-Term
Forrester Street between Dean Ave. and Richmond Rd.	Upgrade active transportation facilities on Forrester St.	Recommend: Install bike lane stencil, review location to revive designated pedestrian facilities to Dean Ave	Active Transportation Plan - Short-term pedestrian improvements, Long-term Cycling improvements