

Northridge 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.

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

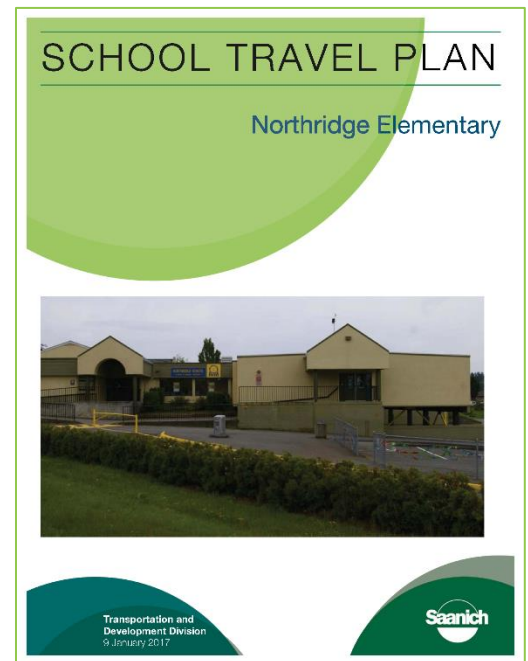
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Northridge Elementary 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
Wilkinson Rd	Pedestrian and cycling safety concerns due to inconsistent/ nonexistent sidewalks and cycling lanes.	Consider Wilkinson Rd for Complete Streets upgrades.	Long-Term
Wilkinson Rd & Loenholm Rd	Pedestrian safety concerns due to long crossing distance across Wilkinson, and lack of clearly demarcated pedestrian and vehicle space, particularly on NE corner.	Evaluate intention to update curb returns at Wilkinson Rd and Loenholm Rd pedestrian crossing.	Completed
Carey Rd & Wilkinson Rd	wide, acute intersection	Explore opportunities for safer pedestrian crossing across Carey and improved lighting	Overlay to be completed in 2023 - short-term improvements will be completed at the same time.
Carey Rd at Wilkinson Rd	Sidewalk at SE corner enters into vegetation area with limited visibility.	Review vegetation issues.	Ongoing
Carey Rd at Grange Rd & Gerda Rd	Increase accessibility, remove inaccessible curb drops	Review curb drops along Carey Rd, at Grange & Gerda. Update curbs to increase accessibility where there are currently inaccessible curb drops	Sidewalk construction from Judah to Gerda currently in design. Construction 2023
Crosswalk outside of school on Carey Rd.	Pedestrian safety concerns	Review pedestrian safety at crosswalk. Consider updating curbs, as there is currently no obvious demarcation between pedestrian area and street. Considering moving button pole to location that protects, but does not obscure, pedestrians.	Completed
Ridgebank Cres, near Oakridge Cres	Faded curb markings currently causing confusion.	Review existing parking restrictions. Improve signage and markings to clarify parking rules	Completed

Ridgebank & Oakridge Cres	Wide intersection, pedestrian safety concerns	Explore options to improve pedestrian safety crossing this wide intersection. Consider installing curb extensions or planter to tighten up intersection & decrease crossing distance for pedestrians.	Crosswalks not warranted. Other improvements completed 2019.
Ridgebank Cres & Vanalman Ave	Improve pedestrian safety	Review sidewalk on Vanalman on SE corner of intersection. Consider rerouting sidewalk on south east side of intersection that currently leads pedestrians out onto the road (Vanalman) with no crosswalk.	Completed
Judah St & Bremerton St	Currently, no crosswalks on Judah between Carey Rd and Glanford Ave. Sidewalk only on south side of Judah St.	Review warrant for crosswalk across Judah at Bremerton. Currently, pedestrian and cycling safety concerns crossing Judah St, on this popular walking and cycling route	Completed
Judah St	Improve walking route	Review sidewalks on Judah. Consider installing sidewalk on north side of Judah (between Roy & Bremerton) that could connect to a possible crosswalk at Bremerton St on this popular walking route.	Completed