

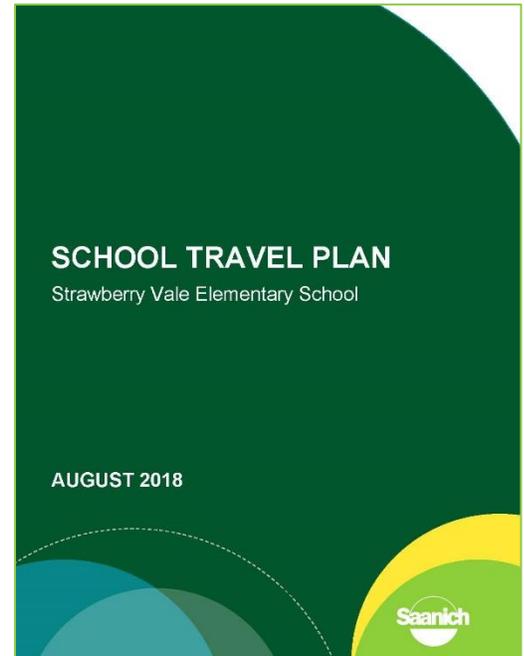
Strawberry Vale Elementary School Update

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.



Strawberry Vale Elementary School completed their School Travel Plan in 2018. The complete Strawberry Vale 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 page you will find a table summarizing the key actions and the status of each.

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

Location	Description	Implementation	Status
Santa Anita/ Mariposa	Parking issues/car stopping confusion around the crosswalks	Consider parking restrictions	Completed
Santa Anita/Santa Rosa	Request to review treatment options to 90 degree corner (blind corner) to improve safety of children walking and biking	Install 25m yellow centerline through 90 degree corner to establish laning	Completed
Hastings	No street lights	Review lighting along corridor and consider addition of new LED lights on power poles To be completed as part of the 2019 LED street light program, Hastings is a collector within the Urban Containment Boundary, it should have 3 or 4 more lights installed.	Completed
Hastings/ Interurban/ Wilkinson	Pedestrian push button locations are confusing and not intuitively placed. No formalized staging areas for pedestrians to wait around the area	Review push button placements and consider alternative location. Review of pedestrian staging areas; identify most used corners for enlargement. To be completed as part of future improvement to the Hastings/Interurban/Wilkinson Intersection date of project TBD.	An upgrade to the intersection is required. Preliminary data collection to begin 2022.
Wilkinson/Helmcken and Lidgate	Currently no crosswalk up toward Lidgate Court from Helen Rd for connector trail near school; lots of kids living in the subdivision there;	Suggestion to review pedestrian data, pedestrian staging area, advance flashers, overhead lights. Consider installation of crosswalk.	This location would be considered in the long term. The signal at Santa Rosa was upgraded to give pedestrian priority as an alternative.
Hastings/Santa Anita/North Rd	Poor lighting at existing crosswalk	To be completed as part of the 2019 LED street light program	Completed

Hastings and Holland	Request for crosswalk with warning/flashing lights; school route to the park	Consider installation of crosswalk with warning/flashing lights.	Reviewed and not recommended. Enhanced crossing located at Auldfarm Lane with path connection to park
Hastings	Request for bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides	Hastings to Holland is identified as a cycling route as part of the District Active Transportation Plan	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Medium-Term Priority
Trail connecting Wilkinson to Mariposa	Great connection but slippery during the wet season	Opportunity for wayfinding; review maintenance schedule.	This will be reviewed upon development of Wayfinding specifications (Saanich Active Transportation Plan Action 3C.2). Maintenance is ongoing.
Panama Flats trail	Improve path (loose gravel; fix path) to avoid Interurban (connection for Colquitz/Strawberry Vale)	Path is in a low flood plain that routinely floods and causes issues. Parks performs maintenance each time after a major flood event but cannot stop the flooding.	Ongoing