

Torquay 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.

Torquay Elementary School completed their School Travel Plan in 2018. The complete Torquay Elementary School Travel Plan can be found on our website at the following link:

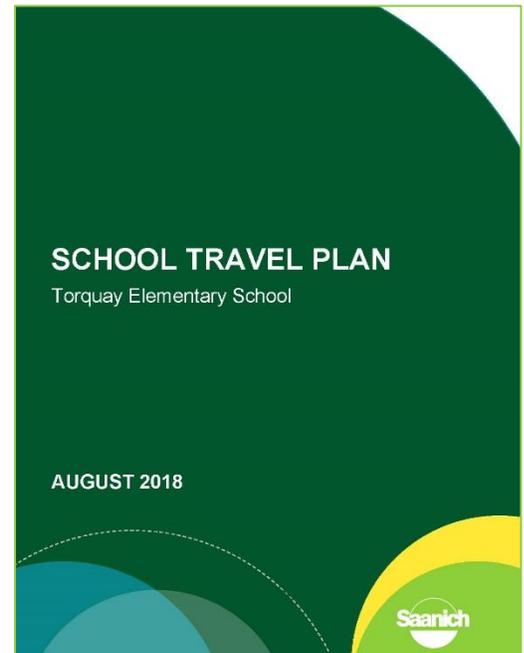
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

Torquay 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
Torquay Dr	Westside sidewalk – people drive on the sidewalk; sidewalk between Tremblay Dr and Ash Rd is very minimal; request to improve the visibility and structure of the sidewalk between Tremblay Dr and Hillview (or Ash) by raising the curb/building traditional sidewalk	Upgrades to the existing sidewalk with installation of concrete sidewalk	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Medium-Term Priority
Torquay Dr	Visibility concerns- remove parking between Longacre crosswalk to the entrance of the school.	Review parking restrictions on Torquay.	Completed
Longacre	Concern about “drifting” at the sweeping curve. Suggestion to paint a section of centre line to provide a visual cue to drivers	Consider painting 25m of yellow center line	2021
Torquay/Longacre	No curb drop on east side of crosswalk; request for flashing beacons and bump out/landing pad; visibility of crosswalk with street parking	Consider relocating crosswalk to the south side, install crosswalk drop and formal pedestrian staging area.	Completed
Torquay/Hillview	Request for north/south crosswalk with bump outs	Installation of a painted crosswalk across Hillview	Improvements will be considered as part of the Torquay Sidewalk project
San Juan and San Cristo Pl	Request for crosswalk	Consider installation of crosswalk	Completed - Reviewed and does not meet the requirements for a painted crosswalk
Majestic Dr and San Juan	Request for crosswalk	Consider installation of crosswalk	Completed - Existing marked crosswalk. Does not meet the requirements for flashing beacons.
Majestic and Hawthorne, Longacre, and Prairie	Request for crosswalk	Consider installation of crosswalk	Reviewed - Longacre and Prairie do not meet the requirements for painted crosswalks, Hawthorne warrants a marked crosswalk and

			will be completed in the short-term.
Longacre	Request for sidewalk	Short section of Longacre near the intersection with Torquay will be considered for installation of a sidewalk.	Completed
Torquay Dr	Request for bike lanes	Identified in the Active Transportation Plan to receive bicycle facilities that cater to All Ages and Abilities.	Review will be completed for type of cycling facilities on Torquay as part of the Torquay Sidewalk project
Ash Rd	Request for bike lanes, wider sidewalk	Identified in the Active Transportation Plan.	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
San Juan	Request for bike lanes/ upgrades to cycling facilities	San Juan is listed as a AAA facility in the Active Transportation Plan	This is identified in the Active Transportation Plan as a Long-Term Priority
Tyndall Park	Pathway accessibility	Improve year-round access through park to the school with a paved pathway. Subject to budget request. Require school district partnership for connecting trail on school property.	Ongoing
Tiffin Pl access	Remove staggered bike barrier (Saanich); Request for pathway from access path to school; install paved or gravel path on school property (School District)	Remove staggered bike barrier (Saanich); Consider installation of pathway	Barrier reconfigured. Pathway on school property has been completed.