

McKenzie 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.

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

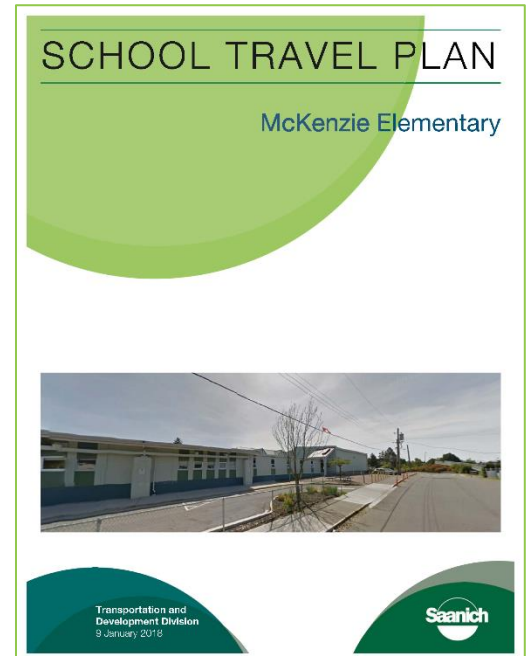
<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking/safe-routes-to-school.html>

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

McKenzie 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
Raymond St corridor	Encourage uptake of active travel to and from school	Involve students in wayfinding and place making initiatives when enhancing Raymond St Corridor.	As priorities and budget of Raymond St North AAA bike project permits.
Margaret St	No sidewalks and limited visibility due to incline on this very popular pedestrian route directly bordering school.	Explore pedestrian safety infrastructure changes.	Estimated completed 2022
Kenneth St between Carey Rd & Glanford Ave	Pedestrian safety concerns along this very popular walking route: no sidewalks, lack of stop signs or traffic calming measures.	Review options for improving pedestrian safety along Kenneth St. between Carey Rd & Glanford Ave., include stop signs or traffic calming measures.	Active Transportation Plan - Medium-Term Priority
Intersection of Raymond St & Kenneth St	Facilitate safe pedestrian/bike crossing on Raymond and also allow for traffic calming & control.	Review options for appropriate intersection treatment to facilitate safe pedestrian/bike crossing on Raymond and also allow for traffic calming & control. Possible options identified by school community include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4 way stop, installing stop signs on Kenneth. o Installing traffic circle. o Installing crosswalk across Kenneth. 	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network

Riel Pl & Baker St	Improve walking, cycling and traffic	Explore intersection treatment options to facilitate safe crossing by all road users, with attention to pedestrian & cycling safety concerns when crossing Baker St while travelling along Raymond St pedestrian & cycling corridor.	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network
Raymond St & Agnes St	Improve walking, cycling and traffic	Explore intersection treatment options to facilitate safe crossing by all road users, with attention to pedestrian & cycling safety concerns when crossing Agnes St while travelling along Raymond St pedestrian & cycling corridor.	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network
Raymond St & Broadway St	Improve walking, cycling and traffic	Explore intersection treatment options to facilitate safe crossing by all road users, with attention to pedestrian & cycling safety concerns when crossing Broadway St while travelling along Raymond St pedestrian & cycling corridor.	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network
Raymond St & Tait St	Improve walking, cycling and traffic	Explore intersection treatment options to facilitate safe crossing by all road users, with attention to pedestrian & cycling safety concerns when crossing Tait St while travelling along Raymond St pedestrian & cycling corridor.	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network

Raymond St Corridor	Encourage uptake of active travel to and from school	Involve students in wayfinding and place making initiatives when enhancing Raymond St Corridor.	Will be reviewed as part of Raymond St North AAA Network
Carey Rd & Columbine Way	Improve walking routes	Investigate opportunities for pedestrian safety improvements, with attention to pedestrian safety concerns crossing both Carey Road and Columbine Way due to long crossing distances and busy traffic.	As priorities and budget permits
Columbine Way pathway & road	Lack/removal of crosswalk a pedestrian safety concern for school community.	Review warrant for pedestrian crossing where pathway meets Columbine Rd (just west of Carey Rd).	Completed
Columbine Way / Swan Creek pathway	Poor visibility	Trim and control vegetation to increase visibility.	Ongoing
Stairway from Raymond/ Fermoy PI	Poor visibility on stairway	Review lighting in this area. Concerns about limited visibility – dark due to vegetation	Completed
Carey & Tait St / Marigold Rd	Poor pedestrian walkway connectivity	Review pedestrian connectivity in Marigold (& flower streets) area.	Crosswalks not recommended at Carey & Marigold or Carey & Tait due to limited visibility. Upgrades will be completed to the Kenneth St Crosswalk.
Marigold Rd & Daffodil Ave	Poor pedestrian walkway connectivity	Review warrant for pedestrian crossing Marigold Rd at Daffodil Ave.	Crosswalk not Warranted