

Uplands Park Active School Travel Plan

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Location	Recommendation
Uplands Park School Parking Lot	Repaint curb lines to improve parking compliance, including consideration to remove yellow curb paint within “short-term drop-off” area for clarity. Add raised crosswalk within pick- up aisle in front of the school entrance and narrow crossing distance with a temporary curb extensions (monitor effectiveness). Improve accessibility accommodations, including additional curb let-downs and increasing the number of accessible parking stalls.
Uplands Park School Grounds	As a minimum measure, consider relocating existing bicycle racks in a location closer to a school entrance. If possible, a covered area would be best. Consider replacing existing low- storage bike rack system with new racks to facilitate securing bicycle frames and wheels to increase security. Consider accommodating other devices securely such as skateboards, scooters, etc. (example shown).
Designate Drive to 5+ Locations: 1. Brookwood Drive 2. Littleford Road 3. Hillside at Caldwell 4. Maclsaac at Bournemouth	Install signage to indicate Drive to 5+ locations for student drop-off. Consider the installation of student artwork to “celebrate” the Drive to 5+ locations and increase awareness and visibility.
Uplands Drive	Evaluate priority for improved transit stops near Long Lake Terrace, including seating and shelter.
Uplands Corridor	Through the future Uplands Corridor Plan, evaluate the possibility of a new sidewalk on the south side of Uplands Drive from the Stronach Drive crosswalk to Long Lake Terrace, and an additional pedestrian crossing location between Emerald Dr and Long Lake Terrace. Evaluate the need for an eastbound left turn from Uplands Drive onto Stronach Drive and consider removing. If warranted, consider replacing the lane with a centre refuge median and curb extensions and improve the existing crosswalk.
Uplands Drive at Bournemouth Road	Consider upgrading the pedestrian crossing to match the standard of the crossing at Uplands and Stronach Drive (flashing beacons).
Brookwood Drive stairs (Proximity to 5735 Brookwood Drive)	Work with the Parks Department to explore the demand and feasibility of adding a ramp treatment along existing Brookwood Drive stairs connection to accommodate people with bikes and other active transportation devices.
Brookwood Drive	Assess the possibility of painting a crosswalk on Brookwood Drive (at park entrance) to connect people walking to the stair connection and support the Drive to Five location and a neighborhood connection to a playground space.
Fairview Drive	Explore the installation of pedestrian improvements along Fairview Drive to improve connection for people walking to trail connections and school access. Prioritize coverage from the crescent to school access on Stronach Drive.
Stronach Drive (at Caldwell Street and Cottleview Drive)	Consider temporary curb extensions, or other delineation, to more clearly demarcate student crossings, as well as “no stopping” signage before and after crosswalks.
Linley Valley Trails	Work with the Parks Department to add trail signage to indicate pedestrian connections to Brookwood Drive/Stronach Drive.
Apple Gate at Littleford Road	As a Drive to 5+ Location, add a stop bar and painted yellow centreline at Apple Gate. Consider curb extensions or delineation to provide space for pedestrians and increase visibility.
Woodwinds Crescent at Littleford Road	Look at feasibility of adding a stop bar, painted yellow centre line, and a marked crosswalk at Woodwinds Crescent.
Littleford Road at Uplands Drive	Realign the stop bar and consider a marked crossing to improve the connection to the sidewalks on Uplands Drive.
School Zone Boundary	Gather traffic data in the school zone, on Uplands Drive, and other locations of concern identified by the school community to consider the need for speed reductions through signage, enforcement and/or traffic calming.
Catchment area of Uplands Park	Assess conditions of all crosswalks, sidewalks, and cycling infrastructure along the Best Routes to School (Appendix 2) and explore opportunities to retrofit existing infrastructure to ensure they meet nationally accepted universal design standards.
Ross Road	Consider options for traffic calming and improved pedestrian facilities on Ross Road. Collaborate with ICBC to incorporate educational materials and programs related to active transportation into coursework and school events.
	Work with teachers to add active and sustainable transportation related content into regular coursework and lectures and utilize active and sustainable transportation whenever possible when travelling for school field trips.
	Provide instruction for the use and benefits of various active modes and road safety lessons as they relate to active transportation. Work with a third- party provider that specializes in skills training for youth.

	Add a 'getting to school' page on the school website featuring information and encouragement for using active transportation modes, including a digital version of the Best Routes to School Map.
	Incorporate active and sustainable travel messaging and encouragement into promotion and messaging for school- based events that encourage walking, cycling, and transit use. This may apply to events both on and off school campus.
	Incorporate BC Transit's Ready to Roll transit education program into lessons and special events (such as Earth Day or other environmental events).
	Explore partnerships with Vancouver Island University's Recreation Prescription Project to introduce Grade 5 students to more active and healthy lifestyles.
	Create an information handout or webpage to educate the school community on how they can support Active School Travel by following regulations and reporting contraventions (i.e. trimming hedges for visibility, slowing down in the School Zone, keeping sidewalks clear of snow, etc.).
	Make regular announcements and mount posters at school encouraging students to walk, bike, and take transit to school and related events to keep active and sustainable transportation top of mind and highlight its benefits.
	Post messages on school websites, newsletter, and social media pages to encourage active and sustainable transportation.
	Encourage the use of Drive to 5+ locations identified on the Best Routes to School Map.
	Support 'Drive to 5+' for younger students by establishing older students (walking buddies) that accompany younger students from the drop-off location to school.
	Explore interest in, and feasibility for, informal "walking school bus stops" to encourage groups of students gathering along their routes to school, or caregivers volunteering to walk on different days of the week. Encourage students to walk with friends and family to build confidence and independence..
	Participate in GoByBike Week, Winter Walk Day, the Commuter Challenge, and other external promotional events.
	Collaborate with the City to create a sign to display at the school property to notify the community that Uplands Park participates and supports Active School Travel.
	Identify locations with poor compliance and/or road safety challenges and identify measures to optimize available enforcement.
	Conduct safety blitzes to enforce speeds and other road safety concerns in the school area. A safety blitz should be programmed at least twice a year, including at the start of the school year.
	Focus on enforcing vehicles blocking crosswalks, parking in proximity to hydrants, and narrowing emergency routes and other compliance issues within the school zone.
	Monitor speeds and collect data related to motor vehicle volumes as part of study to evaluate potential for 24hr speed reduction within the school area.
	Continue to enforce speeds within school area and host road safety blitzes (Uplands Drive and 30km/h school zone).