



Hastings Elementary Community School

YEAR 2 FOLLOW-UP REPORT
SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2012-2013, Hastings Elementary Community School (Hastings) participated in the City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Planning (SATP) program. This program is a partnership between the City and the Vancouver School Board and involves other local stakeholders including the Vancouver Police Department, Parking Enforcement, HUB, and HASTe. The SATP program directly supports the goals of the City of Vancouver's long-term transportation plan, Transportation 2040. The plan seeks a city-wide shift towards sustainable travel modes, with an overarching target of 2/3rd of all trips by 2040 to be made on foot, bike or transit. To support this, Transportation 2040 sets out a series of actions to achieve this target, including school-related actions to:

1. Provide high quality walking and cycling routes to and from school; and
2. Educate and encourage active and safe travel to school.

This report is the second document produced as part of the Hastings Elementary Community School Active Travel Planning (SATP) program. During Year 1 (the 2012-2013 school year), an initial report and an Action Plan (**Appendix A**) were developed to gather information and guide Hastings Elementary School's SATP process. During Year 2 (the 2015-2016 school year), the documents were updated to incorporate new information and to create this supplementary follow-up report.

School Travel Patterns

- Approximately 42% of students walk to school and 45% are driven to school.
- Between 2012 and 2015, there was a 7% increase in driving and 1% decrease in walking. The results may reflect an increase in families living further from the school as part of the French immersion program who responded to the survey.

Transportation Challenges

The Year 1 travel plan identified the following transportation challenges in this area:

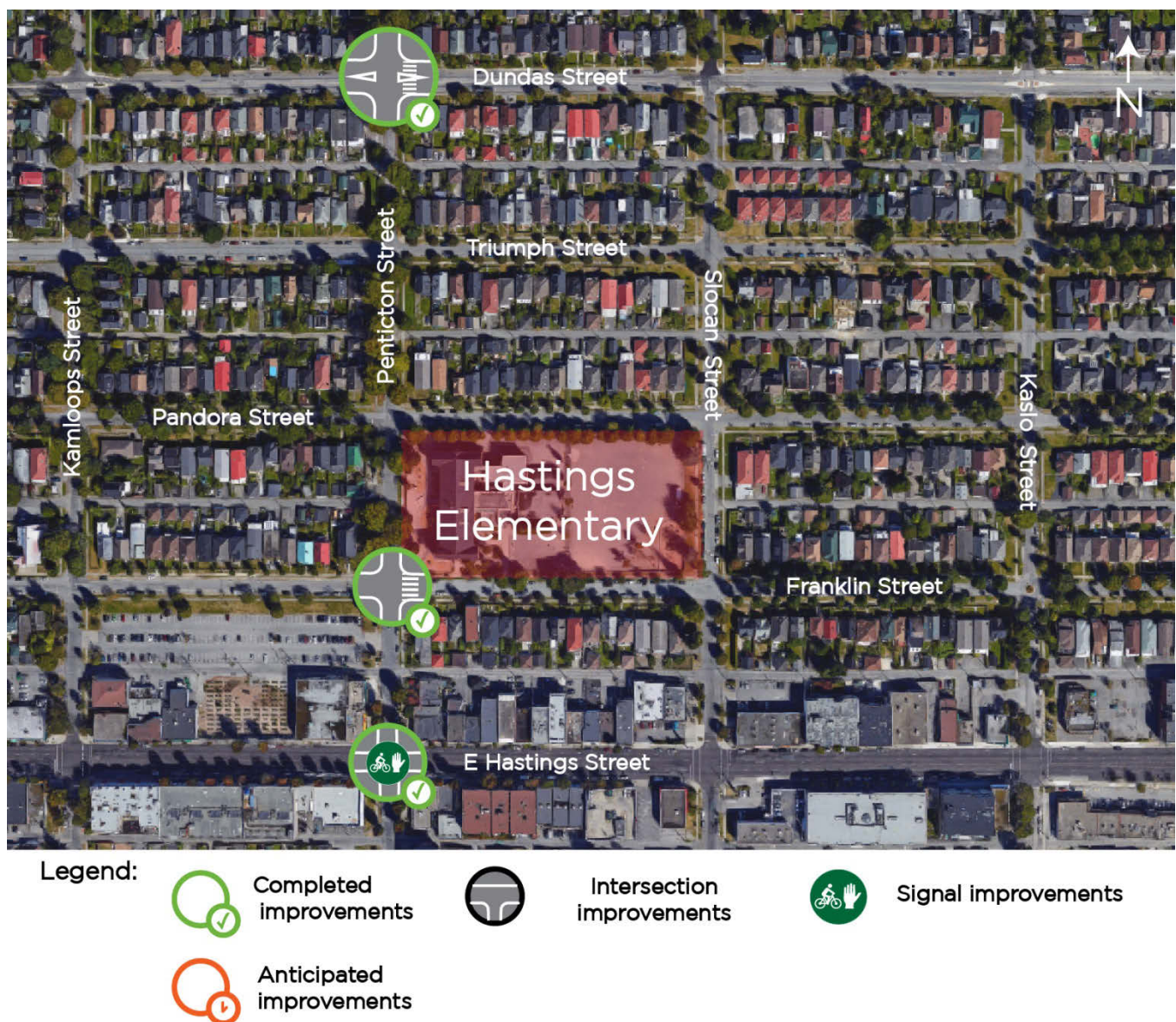
- Pedestrians safety concerns at the intersection of Penticton Street & Franklin Street
- Pedestrian crossing concerns along Dundas Street
- Lack of enough bike racks at secured locations at Hastings school

Key Action Items

To address the identified challenges and achieve the SATP goals, the City of Vancouver has completed or is planning the following infrastructure improvements around the school (see Figure ES1):

- (Completed) Install a centre median, chicane and 40kph advisory speed signs at Dundas Street and Pentiction Street as a part of Dundas Collector Traffic Calming measures.
- (Completed) Install North-South marked crosswalk and curb bulges at Pentiction Street at Franklin Street.
- (Completed) Install cyclist-activated control to the traffic signal at E Hastings Street and Pentiction Street.

Figure ES1 - Map of Infrastructure Improvements



Parents Comments

- “We feel safe sending our child to school by foot as long as he walks with a friend” - Parent of a 9 year-old
- “I like the new crosswalk and bulges covered bike racks would be awesome!” - Parent of a 7 year-old
- “Our preference would be to walk or cycle but don’t manage that all the time, distance is a big factor. Not so much concerned about safety.” - Parent of a 6 year-old
- “Most often when her grandparents pick her up from school, they will walk or help her cycle. When she can cycle and is little older we would try to walk or cycle more often” - Parent of a 5 year-old
- “My children like to walk to and from school. They feel free and independent.” - Parent of a 8 and 11 year-old