

Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith Elementary

YEAR 2 FOLLOW-UP REPORT SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANNING



1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2013, Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith Elementary School (Kingsford-Smith) 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 Kingsford-Smith Elementary School Active Travel Planning (SATP) program. During Year 1 (the 2013-2014 school year), an initial report and an Action Plan (Appendix A) were developed to gather information and guide Kingsford-Smith's SATP process. During Year 2, the documents were updated to incorporate new information and to create this supplementary follow-up report. In Year 2, the school was in the process of getting seismically upgraded and students were temporarily relocated to nearby schools, which prevented conducting a follow-up survey. Follow-up surveys are anticipated once the seismic upgrade is completed and students are back to the original school site.

Transportation Challenges

The Year 1 travel plan identified the following transportation challenges around the school:

- Traffic speeds on Nanaimo Street and E 54th Avenue,
- Pedestrian visibility concerns on E 53rd Avenue at the west entrance to the school,
 and
- Lack of curb on the west side of Elliott Street, in front of 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 (to be complemented by ongoing education and monitoring programs) (see **Figure ES1**):

• Install "school zone" sign on E 54th Avenue westbound direction (Completed)

- Install parking clearance signs at E 53rd Avenue and the lane, on the west side of the school (Completed)
- Install curb and gutter on Elliott Street between E 51st Avenue and E 54th Avenue (Anticipated)
- Conduct speed check on Nanaimo Street block 6800-6900 between E 51st Avenue and E 54th Avenue (Anticipated)
- Conduct follow-up surveys once the school's seismic upgrade is done, to inform the program impact by comparing baseline and follow-up travel surveys (Anticipated)

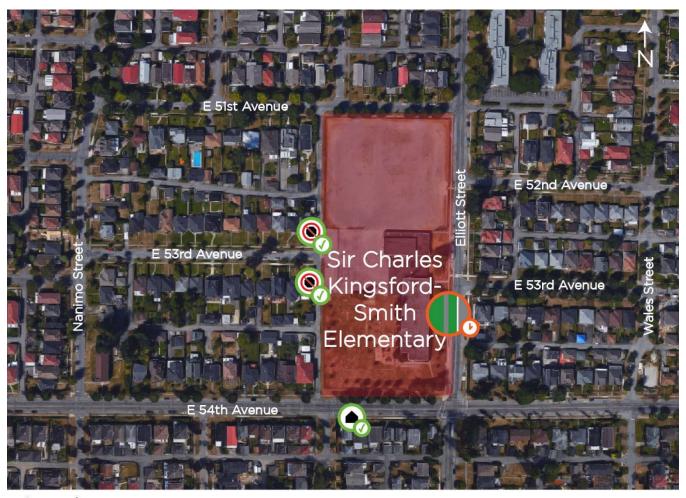
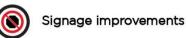
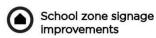


Figure ES1 - Map of Infrastructure Improvements

Legend:











Curb improvements