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Subject: Upcoming NR: School Streets Pilot launch (April 12, 2021)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Further to Lon LaClaire's memo from March 18, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing a news release on April 12 announcing the launch of a School Streets Pilot, a **partnership between the City and the Vancouver School Board.**

A few key points include:

- The School Street Pilot will last for four weeks at three elementary schools (Lord Roberts, Hastings and Van Horne). A school street is a car-free block beside a school open to walking, biking, and rolling during drop-off and pick-up.

- The goals of the pilot are to help improve safety, encourage active travel and reduce carbon pollution, which is part of the **Climate Emergency Action Plan and Transportation 2040 Plan.**

- School Streets have been implemented in many jurisdictions and have been shown to successfully:
 - o Create a safer environment for children
 - o Improve air quality
 - o Encourage active travel to school
 - o Reduce congestion and vehicle volumes
 - o Support physical distancing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Residents in the neighbourhood received a notification letter last week about the pilot.

Best,
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