



# Captain James Cook Elementary

YEAR 1 INITIAL REPORT  
SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Captain James Cook Elementary was one of four schools participating in the City of Vancouver 2015/2016 School Active Travel Program (SATP). This process seeks to improve the safety and comfort of walking and cycling to school, and to encourage more students and families to use active transportation modes to get to and from school. SATP directly supports the City of Vancouver Transportation 2040 policy and actions related to creating higher quality walking and cycling routes to schools.

The SATP process is community-based and involved members of the School Travel Planning Committee (Captain James Cook Principal and PAC) and the Municipal Steering Committee (including members from Vancouver School Board, City of Vancouver Engineering, City of Vancouver Parking Enforcement, Vancouver Police Department, and other advisory groups).

## SATP Process

The School Travel Planning Committee, parents and students provided input into the SATP process through a site walkabout, take-home travel survey and in-class travel survey. From this information, transportation challenges and opportunities were identified. This report represents the initial year of the SATP program, and the action plan (**Appendix A**) is intended to guide all stakeholder actions until the follow-up report in Fall 2017.

## School Travel Patterns

- The majority of families walk to or from school (approx. 63%). Families that drive to or from school represent approximately 29%
- Of the families who drive to or from school, parents reported they would allow their child to walk or cycle if they were not alone, older, lived closer, or safer routes were created

## Transportation Challenges

- Crossing concerns for students on E 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of school
- The need for comfortable and safe crossing facilities at Bidwell Street and Comox Street
- The lack of walking/cycling education and encouragement for students

## Key Actions

- Install “No Stopping Anytime” signs along E 54th Avenue between Doman Street and Tyne Street
- Install a “No Stopping area” sign in front of the school on E 54th Avenue
- Extension of the 3-minute parking zone into the old bus stop area to enlarge the pick-up/drop-off zone
- Install flashing beacons at the existing crosswalk at Kerr Street and E 55th Avenue to improve driver yielding compliance to pedestrians
- Install a zebra marked crosswalk and curb ramps at the existing mid-block crosswalk on E 58th Avenue between Rosemont Drive and Kerr Street
- Install curb bulges to the existing zebra marked crosswalk at E 54th Avenue and Butler Street
- Provide pedestrian safety presentations for students by the Vancouver Police Department
- Develop best walking and cycling routes of school map and distribute to Captain James Cook families

Figure ES.1 - Proposed infrastructure upgrades



## Parents Comments

- “We walk rain or shine. We have a car but she knows we never drive somewhere that is close enough to walk” - Parent of a 4 year-old girl
- “My children love to walk to school however both parents are working and can only pick up on the way from work. Usually, we walk to school and if there’s a chance we also walk from school to home” - Parent of 11 and 5 year-old
- “He feels a sense of responsibility and has shown great maturity with walking to school on his own” - Parent of a 10 year-old boy
- “One single trip to school is more than 2 kms and half on a big hill. It takes a kid 40 minutes to finish it. Still, we try to walk to school once or twice a week if the weather is nice” - Parent of a 5 and 8 year-old