



David Oppenheimer Elementary

SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

David Oppenheimer Elementary is one of five schools participating in the City of Vancouver 2014/2015 School Active Travel Planning (SATP) program. 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 (David Oppenheimer 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 provide 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 stakeholder actions until the follow-up report in Fall 2017.

School Travel Patterns

- The majority of families drive their children to or from school (approx. 75%), while approx. 20% walk to or from school.
- Of the families who drive to or from school, parents reported they would allow their child to walk or cycle more if the child was older, lived closer, safer routes were created or traffic was reduced.

Transportation Challenges

- Safety of nearby signalized intersections, related to the long crossing distance and need for additional crossing time for pedestrians
- The need for comfortable and safe crossing facilities around school intersections
- The lack of walking/cycling education and encouragement programs for students

Key Actions

- Increase pedestrian crossing times at the SE Marine Drive and Elliott Street signalized intersection.
- Improve the visibility of the marked crosswalk at Nanaimo Street and E 61st Avenue by adding zebra markings.
- Deliver bike education training for students through HUB cycling
- Develop a best routes walking and cycling map and distribute to Oppenheimer families

Figure ES1 – Proposed Infrastructure Improvements

