

# Crossing Basics

**STOP** Approach the street carefully. Wait a step back from the curb until traffic has stopped or passed. When possible, use crosswalks or traffic signals.

**LOOK** Left, right, left and shoulder check.

**LISTEN** Remove your headphones or put your phone or text conversation on hold so that your focus is on the road and you can hear oncoming traffic.

**LOOK AGAIN** Make eye contact with drivers and cyclists and wait until they have stopped or passed before crossing.

**WALK** When the intersection is clear, start crossing and keep looking for approaching vehicles and bicycles.

## did you know?

Among the top dangerous driving behaviours in B.C. school zones are:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Illegal parking/stopping
- Double parking
- Ignoring or rolling through stop signs
- Stopping in no stopping/no parking zones
- Making U-turns and/or 3-point turns
- Failing to obey crossing guards
- Children exiting vehicles on the traffic side by themselves



# Tips for Success

- ✓ Use crosswalks, sidewalks and crossing guards when possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk single file facing traffic so that you can see approaching vehicles and they can see you. Make eye contact.
- ✓ Practice your route together to build your confidence and independence. Identify any potential concerns and address them.
- ✓ Share your experiences, check in regularly and make adjustments to optimize safety and comfort.
- ✓ Encourage students to try different modes (walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, rollerblade, bus) to keep it fun!
- ✓ Remove your headphones or put your phone or text conversation on hold so that your focus is on the road and you can hear traffic.
- ✓ Invite neighbours and friends to join you along the way or establish meet up spots and go part-way to school together!



## Questions?

Contact your PAC, Principal or CRD Regional Planning  
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# Plan Your Route Victoria West Elementary School



Join in and help support more students and their families confidently use active and sustainable transportation for the commute to and from school!

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# PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY

Selecting your safest route can be simple or complex, depending on the location and distance between your home and school.

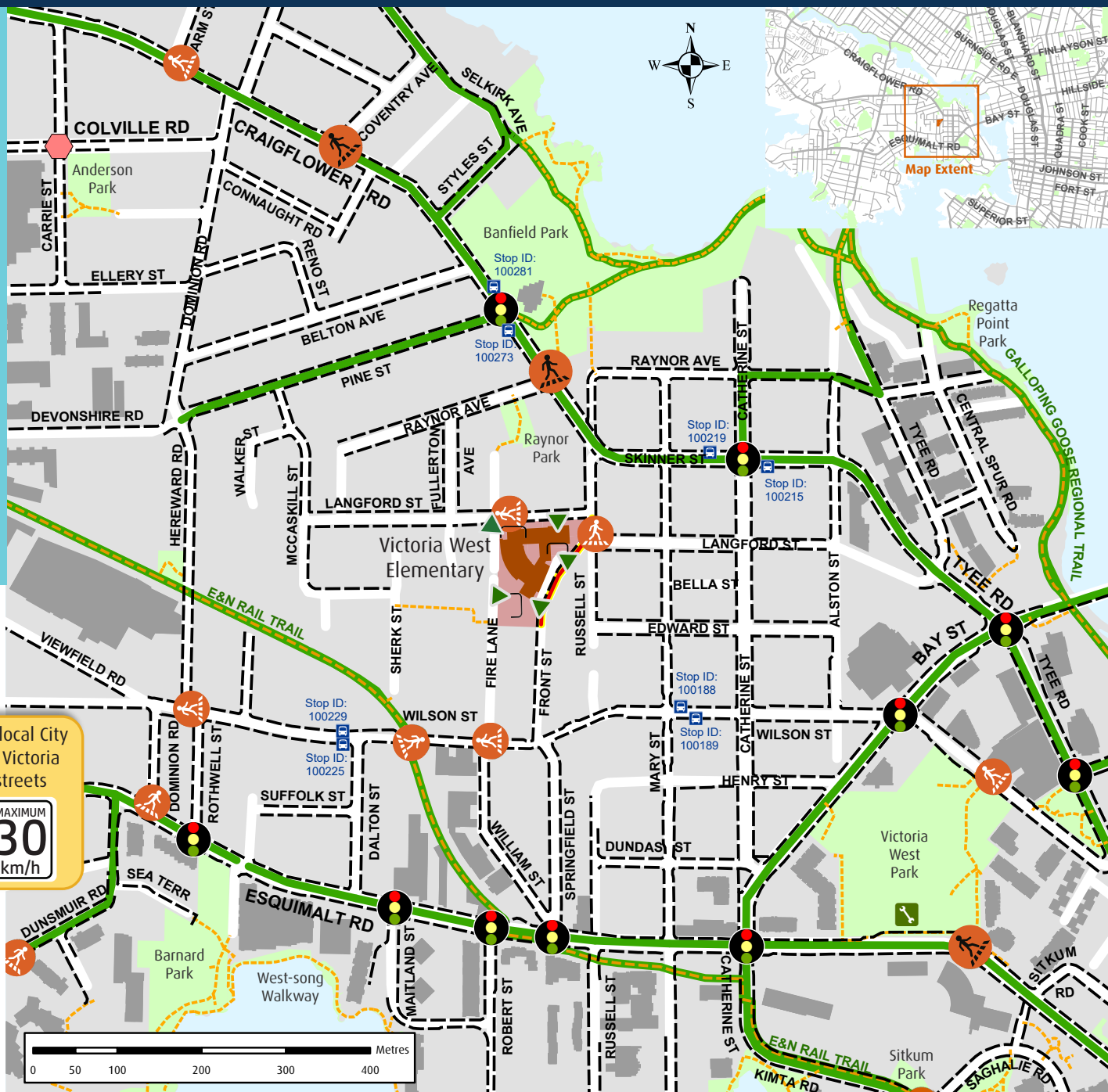
It is important to determine:

**1. Where you will walk, bike, roll or bus.**

When walking, choose sidewalks or paths where possible, even if that means the trip will take a bit longer. If you're bussing, wait at designated bus stops a safe distance away from the road.

**2. Where you will cross streets.**

Choose routes with the fewest and safest streets to cross. For example, cross where there is a crossing guard, crosswalk or traffic light and avoid busy, high-speed or multi-lane roads where possible.



**Legend**

- Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk
- Marked Crosswalk
- Major Intersection with Signalized Crosswalk
- All-way stop
- Public Bus Stop
- Bicycle and/or Scooter Rack
- Pedestrian School Access Point
- Sidewalk
- Bike Route
- Trail Connections
- School Zone 30 km/hr

**Did you know?**  
a child's walk pace is about  
8 mins per 500 metres



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