

Traffic Observation findings

In October of 2012, a Traffic Observation was conducted by the STP committee and parent volunteers to observe the key areas of interest identified in the baseline family surveys. Below is a summary of the results.

Location	Highlights
Front of School	<p><u>Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 57 pedestrians, 7 bicyclists, 63 cars in/57 cars out, 4 buses • Vehicles wait a long time to turn left out of school, blocking the sidewalk while they wait • Narrow entrance way for two vehicles when cars trying to enter and exit at the same time • 3 honks • Cars using the right side of driveway as a parking lot and drop-off location (permitted?) <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 55 pedestrians, 1 bicycle, 30 cars in/31 cars out, 1 bus • Backlog of cars on Alta Vista trying to turn left into the parking lot, drivers getting impatient and trying to go around them • Similar backlog of cars in driveway who are trying to turn left out of school • Good that Adult Crossing Guard is present as traffic is hard to navigate for pedestrians of all ages
Parking Lot (rear)	<p><u>Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clutter with cars parked in inconvenient areas (3) and behind other cars, one stopped in middle of the road to get directions • School buses can't get through because of clutter • Confusion amongst cars when they are all trying to get in and out • Pedestrians crossing parking lot come close to moving cars (5) and walking in front of school buses when they are ready to move • People leaving cars running/doors open while they drop off children in middle of parking lot (not in parking space) <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pylons used to close off first two rows of parking at south end • 8 cars stopped in no stopping zone along the fence • 3 Three-point turns in the laneway • 6 cars illegally double parked • Cars jostling for available space in first parking lot while plenty of spaces available at the rear • 1 failure to yield to pedestrians crossing (Ridgemont) • 58+ pedestrians seen accessing rear walking "path"
Parking lot (front)	<p><u>Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7+ cars entering quickly and trying to avoid speed bump • Children running down middle lane without looking

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5+ cars parked/stopped beside “no stopping” sign to unload children • U-turns in the laneway (5+) • 8+ cars parked by fence (in front of driveway parking) to drop off children, which blocked the lane for other 2 cars trying to get in, a few actually got out of their cars • Cars stopping on grass near “fire route” to get around parked cars (3+), once while mother & stroller walking along the grass <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars stopped in lane on grass by “fire route” waiting for the bell • 2 adults walking down the centre of the driveway • 9+ cars stopped in lane by no parking signs • Car reversed in the laneway away from no parking sign to get to driveway parking • Car stopped in centre of lane to wait for children which meant no other cars could get by them, 2nd car did the same behind them then did a U-turn • Car pulled up beside “fire route” and blocked bus from entering • Bus and 2 cars entering lot blocked another car from exiting (narrow) • 11+ cars driving too quickly • Cars stopping where laneway splits and parking in the middle
<p>Ridgemont parking lot entrance (near Hulse driveway)</p>	<p><u>Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 22+ pedestrians, 2 bicycles, 45 cars in/31 cars out, 3 buses • 1 car blocking driveway so another car drives around them • Car on Alta Vista honking at cars turning right into school (slow down) • 2 cars turned into the driveway at the same time from Alta Vista, one turned right the other turned left • Pedestrians wait for cars to turn into driveway <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 67+ pedestrians, 1 bicycle, 27 cars in/38 cars out, 3 buses • Parked car blocking car from passing in the throughway to lot • Car turned in front of pedestrian walking on sidewalk; many pedestrians forced to stop and wait for cars • Car driving on sidewalk in order to back into parking space • Many cars trying to enter/exit at the same time causing a block
<p>Ridgemont Driveway</p>	<p><u>Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 51 pedestrians, 2 bicycles, 35 cars in/33 cars out • Outgoing & incoming cars not slowing down for pedestrians • 3+ cars block the driveway by stopping <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count: 8 pedestrians, 1 bicycle, 10 cars • Skateboarder going through pedestrians on sidewalk • Cars going around other turning cars • 2+ cars blocking sidewalk at entrance, 2nd car rear end still on road • Many students crossing entrance/exit
<p>St Patrick’s Driveway</p>	<p><u>Morning</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count: 60 pedestrians, 2 bicycles, 35 cars in/20 cars out 2 cars on street lined up to get into school Fast driving Pedestrians walking in front of parked cars and J-walking 3 cars entering through the exit lane <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count: 35 cars in/75 cars out
Walkley & Banff	<p><u>Morning (only)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10+ pedestrians crossing Walkley Pedestrian signal response time is fairly quick (only one pedestrian didn't wait for the signal) Cyclist on sidewalk, south side of Walkley
Baycrest & Cedarwood	<p><u>Morning (only)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41+ pedestrians (mostly adults) 4+ adults j-walking to access the OC Transpo stop 15+ severe rolling stops (mostly those turning right onto Cedarwood) Large intersection, fairly consistent traffic, 3 way stop with painted crosswalks



Traffic on Alta Vista



Students walking home



Cars & pedestrians in driveway



Existing bike rack



Crossing guard at school entrance



Informal pathway behind school