

*The City of Penticton is partnering with Carmi Elementary and Uplands Elementary on a pilot project to help identify safe routes to school using active transportation. Through public engagement and based on best practices, the plan will establish a map that supports safe and comfortable environments for students to walk, wheel and roll to school wherever possible. The plan will be a living document that will be reviewed annually by the City with the schools and will be used to develop an action and management plan for infrastructure upgrades identified through this process. Learn more about Safe Routes to School [here!](#)*

## **Why do we need a Safe Routes to School Plan?**

The purpose of this planning process is to empower individuals and groups to work with their school community to plan initiatives that increase safety for students traveling to school, and to increase the number of students traveling to school in a physically active manner (walking, cycling, riding a scooter, etc.)



## **Who is responsible for implementing the plan?**

The Safe Routes to School Plan will be a joint effort to implement infrastructure, programs and educational materials. An action plan will be included in the Safe Routes to School Plan that identifies responsibilities for action by various stakeholders including the City of Penticton, the School District, school administration and the Parent Advisory Committee.

## **Why is a Safe Routes to School plan important to the City?**

In 2021, the City of Penticton adopted a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that seeks to create and manage a safe transportation system that supports all ages, abilities and modes of transportation. A key goal identified in the TMP is to ensure residents and workers throughout Penticton have the opportunity to walk to parks, schools, shopping, jobs and other destinations in safety and comfort.

## **When will the project be complete?**

The City will be engaging with the community again in the new school year to share emerging recommendations for the Safe Routes to School Plan. This project aims to be completed by the end of Fall 2023.

## **How will mine and my child's privacy be protected through the process?**

No personal information is being collected and no individual identifiers are possible through the data collection process. Only invited guests from the City will attend site visits and community events on school property.