

PAC school wide survey results: Sir James Douglas Traffic Concerns (drop off/pick up)

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Survey description:

The SJD PAC plans to meet with the City of Victoria in January to identify areas of traffic safety concerns for families during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Please let us know if your family has any areas of concern that you'd like us to flag in advance. Multiple responses are welcome if you have more than one area of concern. Please respond by January 19th. Thank you!

Overall Results Summary (37 responses total)

1. How do you travel to school (e.g. walk, cycle, scooter, drive, transit, taxi, other)

- 95% walk (35)
- 41% cycle (15)
- 19% scooter (7)
- 32% drive (12)
- 3% transit (1)

2. Location of concern(s) (e.g. Fairfield and Moss, Thurlow drop loop)

- 38% Fairfield at Moss (14)
- 19% Moss Street* (7)
- 19% Thurlow Road* (7)
- 16% Fairfield Road* (6)
- 16% Linden Avenue* (6)

*see "results by location" for specific areas of concern along these corridors

3. Type of concern (e.g. speeding, traffic volume, visibility, access to safe crossing, access to safe unloading, other)

- 81% speeding (30)
- 46% visibility (17)
- 51% traffic volume (19)
- 51% safe crossing (19)
- 14% safe unloading (5)
- 5% ignoring no-left-turn (2)
- 5% no concerns (2)

Survey Results by Location

Fairfield at Moss (14 mentions)

- 38% of total respondents are concerned this intersection (14/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 100% walk (14/14)
 - 21% cycle (3/14)
 - 21% scooter (3/14)
 - 29% drive (4/14)
- These families concerns are:
 - 86% speeding (12/14)
 - 43% visibility (6/14)
 - 64% traffic volume (9/14)
 - 86% safe crossing (12/14)
 - 14% safe unloading (2/14)
- Comments:

Fairfield and Moss

The bike lane on Richardson has pushed traffic to Fairfield and now there are even more drivers running yellow and red lights. I can't remember seeing a police presence here in at least 3 years. Also, left turns should not be allowed during peak hours as it stops all traffic due to many pedestrians in the crosswalk and the driver is left to run the yellow light once they clear.

Fairfield and Moss

Cars often make a turn at the light without checking to see if kids are crossing - I've seen this happen many times, and several times children have almost been hit.

Fairfield and Moss

Increases and more visible signage during school hours to highlight 30km/hr. Traffic volume has increased since Richardson closure to vehicle traffic making it a very busy road. Road lines and crosswalks need repainting following Moss St construction.

Fairfield and Moss

The timing of the crosswalk signals has recently been changed so that the walk signal illuminated before the associated traffic light turns green. This exposes pedestrians to additional risk due to the commonality of traffic running yellow/red lights as people often walk immediately upon the signal changing. Having the pedestrian signals delayed slightly after the associated traffic light, or at the very least matched to it, gives intersecting drivers more time and larger

visual cues (ie. crossing vehicular traffic) to indicate the light has changed to red, and reduces the chance that a crossing vehicle running a red will result in a pedestrian being hit since the pedestrian signal would be delayed slightly. Running of red lights has become (anecdotally observed to be, by me anyhow) much more commonplace in the last 5 years and the associated risk to pedestrians created by the new timing of the walk signals at Moss and Fairfield (and any other intersection with similar timing) has been noticeably increased as a result.

Fairfield and Moss

Traffic is exponentially worse on Fairfield now that Richardson is closed. Excessive speed and vehicular traffic.

Fairfield and Moss

Since the city decided to block off Richardson, the traffic on Fairfield is noticeably heavier. There are no good parking options, blind spots, and necessary jay walking to the east.

Fairfield and Moss

There has been a noticeable increase in traffic, vehicle noise and exhaust along Fairfield Road as well as on Moss Street.

Fairfield and Moss

Cars turning and getting impatient so running yellow light or jumping light

Fairfield and Moss

There needs to be speed bumps and/or crosswalk between Richardson and Fairfield on Moss St. Daily there are people who run red lights on Moss St. during drop-off & pick-up; very grateful for the crossing guard.

Moss Street (7 mentions)

- 19% of total respondents are concerned about this street (7/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 100% walk (7/7)
 - 71% cycle (5/7)
 - 14% scooter (1/7)
 - 14% drive (7/7)
- These families concerns are:
 - 100% speeding (7/7)
 - 43% visibility (3/7)
 - 29% traffic volume (2/7)
 - 14% safe crossing (1/7)

- Comments:

Moss Street

Once drivers pass the school going north on Moss, or as they approach the school going south, the speeds are fast! Kids are cycling with their parents on the road often or on their own bicycles headed to Central school, and sidewalks are busy with pedestrians. Drivers need to slow down on Moss all the time and share the road, especially during when school is starting and ending!

Moss Street

Please enforce the school speed zone limit along Moss! Please. Perhaps a speed sign like that along Rockland approaching Moss would help drivers realize just how fast they are travelling, but police enforcement is even better!

Moss Street

It feels dangerous trying to cross Moss anywhere between Richardson and Fairfield because of speeding cars and low visibility due to parked cars. It would be nice to have an additional crosswalk, either near Thurlow or Carnsew st. intersect with Moss.

Moss Street

Moss St is not a safe road. Lots of commuters zipping down to Fairfield in a hurry, not enough signage on Moss St and Fairfield for school zones. People continually driving fast!

Moss at Carnsew

People in cars traveling southbound down Moss come at very high speeds after the Moss St. hill. More signage, especially on the actual road as Saanich does, would signal to drivers they are entering a school zone and to slow down.

Moss, south of Fairfield

I would like to see speed bumps on this long stretch of road before there is an accident. Proactive approach.

Moss, south of Fairfield

Cars are driving too fast on Moss st south of Fairfield all the way to Dallas road. A couple of speed bumps would be useful. There is only one crosswalk at May St. And it's not well marked on the street - painting more clear crosswalks at the moss/May intersection would increase safety and awareness of the amount of children who walk down moss st.

Thurlow Road general (7 mentions)

- 19% of total respondents are concerned about this street (7/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 71% walk (5/7)
 - 43% cycle (3/7)
 - 43% scooter (3/7)
 - 57% drive (4/7)
- These families concerns are:
 - 43% speeding (3/7)
 - 43% visibility (3/7)
 - 57% traffic volume (4/7)
 - 43% safe crossing (3/7)
 - 14% safe unloading (1/7)
 - 29% no-left-hand turn (2/7)
- Comments:

Thurlow at Moss

There needs to be speed bumps and/or crosswalk between Richardson and Fairfield on Moss St.

Thurlow at Moss

It would make a lot of sense for Thurlow to be one way (heading east away from Moss street) between Durban and Moss. When cars come down Thurlow toward Moss it really creates visibility problems.

Thurlow Drop Loop

Re the Thurlow Road drop zone: families are parking wherever they can creating bottlenecks with through/commuter traffic that has increased with changes on Richardson street. Cars continue to ignore the no-left-turn out of the drop of loop, making blind turns, all while kids are unloading from parked cars and trying to cross the road safely.

Thurlow Drop Loop

It is very difficult to drive along Thurlow when someone makes the left turn and chokes through-traffic. Moss and Fairfield seems to never have police presence, unlike on Cook St at George Jay school.

Thurlow Road

Drivers speeding on Thurlow despite the speed humps

Thurlow Road

*The traffic calming additions this year seem to have improved the speed around the school.
Thank you*

Fairfield Road general (6 mentions)

- 16% of total respondents are concerned about this street (6/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 83% walk (5/6)
 - 33% cycle (2/6)
 - 33% drive (2/6)
- These families concerns are:
 - 100% speeding (6/6)
 - 33% visibility (2/6)
 - 50% traffic volume (3/6)
 - 33% safe crossing (2/6)
 - 16% safe unloading (1/6)
- Comments:

Fairfield at St. Charles

No safe way to cross st Charles at Fairfield or anywhere nearby - a crosswalk would increase safety

Fairfield between Harbinger and Moss

Fairfield Road between Kipling and Moss

It seems there are a lot of speeding commercial vehicles that use this corridor.

Fairfield Road

*There is a huge increase of car traffic from Richardson that has spilled onto Fairfield, making it congested and unsafe for the two schools located on the street. Cars are driving faster and trying to make up missed time from being diverted off the main artery to/from Oak Bay. Additional traffic calming techniques should be added to ensure the safety for our children.
Thank you*

Fairfield Road

Speeding along Fairfield rd by the school needs to be addressed

Fairfield Road

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Linden Avenue general (6 mentions)

- 16% of total respondents are concerned about this street (6/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 100% walk (6/6)
 - 16% cycle (1/6)
 - 16% scooter (1/6)
 - 33% drive (2/6)
- These families concerns are:
 - 100% speeding (6/6)
 - 100% visibility (6/6)
 - 33% traffic volume (2/6)
 - 83% safe crossing (5/6)
- Comments:

Linden at Fort

Linden and fort needs a walk light. Not just a cross walk.

Linden at May

I've seen cars miss the stop sign

Linden at May

Up Linden Street and down Oscar Street was shown as a safe route to school for students to travel to and from school on their own last year. However, the corner of Linden and May is a blind corner without a stop sign or a crosswalk. To cross, one has to step out past the line of parked cars to gain a sightline down the street in both directions. Often cars speed down May and my daughters have had a few close calls trying to cross at that corner. I see that the curbs already slant down into the street on both sides - why can't crosswalk lines be drawn between them and a sign put up?

Linden at Oscar

Oscar at Linden could really use a crosswalk.

Linden at Rockland

Linden at Rockland needs a cross walk.

No concerns (2 mentions)

- 5% of total respondents said they had no concerns (2/37)
- These families use the following methods of commuting to school:
 - 100% walk (2/2)
 - 100% cycle (2/2)
- These families concerns are:
 - None
- Comments:

No concerns

I live between Fairfield and Richardson and bike or walk my child to school. Drivers on both Richardson and Fairfield drive reasonably (during school hours). Rarely, people going East on Fairfield, just at the top of the hill in front of the Community center will be going just slightly too fast IF i were forced to highlight a concern, however the speed sign there slows down anyone who would, and the others would unlikely be slowed by anything. Those crossing the North/South streets are also mindful of the increased food and bike traffic in the mornings. I have no concerns and have been pleased and pleasantly surprised by the traffic situation since my child began attending in September 2021. Thank you.

No concerns

Thurlow is a bit scary in a car or bike at pick up/drop off times because Of traffic but also parked cars on both sides of the street. Not sure how to work around that therefore more if an observation.