

Corporate Policy

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Policy

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations is authorized to direct the installation of traffic control measures for pedestrian crossings, school zones, and playground zones under the following conditions:

- where one location along a street is safer as a crossing than other locations due to visibility or geometric problems, a designated pedestrian crossing may be used to channel pedestrians to the safest crossing location;
- on streets near pedestrian generators, such as shopping centres, sports and recreational facilities, or schools, where pedestrians would normally cross the street at many different locations, the use of designated pedestrian crossings may be used to reduce the number of crossing locations; and
- at crossings with school patrols, a designated pedestrian crossing shall be installed.

Procedures

As outlined in the *Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia* by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

1. Pedestrian Crossings

The application and installation of pedestrian crossing control devices will be in accordance with the *Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia* by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, including the warrant model and the consideration of site conditions.

Designated pedestrian crossing may consist of:

- signed and marked pedestrian crosswalks;
- special crosswalks (overhead illuminated signs, downlighting of crosswalk, activated flashing beacons, etc.);
- pedestrian activated signals; and
- grade separation (A grade separation is the highest level of crossing protection, providing a physical separation between pedestrians and vehicles. A grade separation will be considered only under special conditions with the approval of Council).

2. School Zones

- a) The reflective pentagon school warning sign will be considered for placement in advance of elementary schools on roadways that abut the school properties; and
- b) A school zone speed limit of 30 km/h may be imposed on streets abutting elementary school grounds where the grounds are unfenced.

3. Playground Zones

- a) The reflective playground warning sign will be considered for placement in advance of playgrounds and youth facilities on roadways that abut the recreational facilities; and
- b) A speed limit of 30 km/h may be imposed on streets abutting playgrounds where the grounds are unfenced.

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4. No Passing Zones

No passing zones will be considered for:

- a) sections of arterial and collector roadways which are within a school zone; and
- b) the 60 metres in advance of pedestrian crossings on arterial and collector roadways.

Monitoring/Authority

Delegated to the General Manager of Engineering and Operations. Exceptions to this policy or significant areas of concern will be reported to Council for information or action.