

School Selection Criteria

Approved by CRD Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

CRITERIA	RATIONAL
Eligible schools: All public and private K-8 schools within the CRD that have 100 or more students	Public and private schools both produce congestion and additional car trips.
	Safety of all children is important regardless if they go to public or private school.
	The pilot program proved most successful with elementary and middle schools.
	High schools require a different approach including school district engagement (parking), student engagement, BC Transit, etc.
	Minimum enrollment allows us to reach more students for greater impact and program delivery efficiency.
Required support:	
 Municipal/local government staff support Written confirmation of commitment to participate Schools with catchments in more than one municipality require support for each applicable municipality School support Written confirmation of principal support, as a representative of the school district Written confirmation of PAC support 	Municipal support - The pilot project showed that municipal involvement is key to the successful delivery and implementation of the program. School support - The pilot project showed that the schools with the most engaged principals and PACs experienced the greatest increases in walking and cycling.



CRITERIA	RATIONAL
Prioritization criteria: Eligible schools with the required support will then be ranked based on the following criteria: • School has previously completed school travel planning through a CRD program ○ No − 10 points	Intent of this criteria is to first prioritize schools that have not yet had travel plans prepared.
 Yes, but not in the past 5 years 5 points Yes, in past 5 years – 0 points School demonstrates commitment to healthy school (comprehensive school health) or environmental programming, and/or school/school district commitment to infrastructure improvements. Yes, both programming and funding – 10 points Yes, either – 5 points No – 0 points 	Schools that have established complementary healthy school or environmental programs have volunteer and/or staff capacity that can boost the effectiveness of the Active and Safe Routes to School initiative. Program will be most successful at shifting travel modes if necessary supporting infrastructure improvements, including those on school grounds, are planned and implemented.
 Commitment from municipality to provide funding/priority planning for infrastructure improvements in school catchment. Yes, 2 or more municipalities (for school with multi-municipal catchments) – 10 points Yes, 1 municipality – 5 points No – 0 points 	Program will be most successful at shifting travel modes if necessary supporting infrastructure improvements are planned and implemented. For schools with catchments that cover more than one municipality, the program can be particularly helpful in bringing partners together to provide a coordinated approach to infrastructure improvements. Credibility of the program and of the municipality depends on reasonable walking/biking infrastructure improvements being completed in a timely manner.



CRITERIA	RATIONAL
 Serious safety concerns/past incident identified by school or municipality Major concerns/incidents (hospitalization) – 10 points Minor concerns/incidents (school report) – 5 points No concerns/incident – 0 points 	Traffic safety was identified as a key deterrent for parents allowing their children to walk or bike to school.
 Students living within proximity of the school More than 50% of students live within 3km – 10 points 30 – 50% of students live within 3km – 5 points Less than 30% of students live within 3km – 0 points 	Distance between home and school affects the likelihood that a child will be able to walk or bike to school.