



SCY Active and Sustainable Transportation Planning Services

Since 1974, the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) has focused on providing a strong voice representing children and youth. We work on building child and youth capacity through direct engagement with young people and by providing consultation services for local governments or community organizations.

SCY's Child and Youth Friendly Communities (CYFC) staff are a multi-disciplinary team with local and international experience in child and youth planning and community development work, project management, community engagement, communications, research, and evaluation. We believe our CYFC team is uniquely situated to offer child and youth Active Transportation and Safe Active School Travel related research, program delivery, strategic and policy guidance, stakeholder engagement, and other related consulting services.

Our singular expertise and experience in child and youth friendly sustainable mobility initiatives is informed by a child rights lens and utilizes participatory planning approaches. Examples of this work include in-school civics and sustainability education for planning engagement (Urban Explorers), walk-bike-roll and transit use related programming (e.g. Walking School Bus) and safe active school travel initiatives (e.g. School Street – Play Streets). We have worked with various municipalities across Metro Vancouver and beyond,

- Developing, reviewing and implementing city-wide plans.
- Enabling and/or directly delivering and evaluating child and youth Active Travel educational initiatives/campaigns, programming or pilot programming and promotional events.

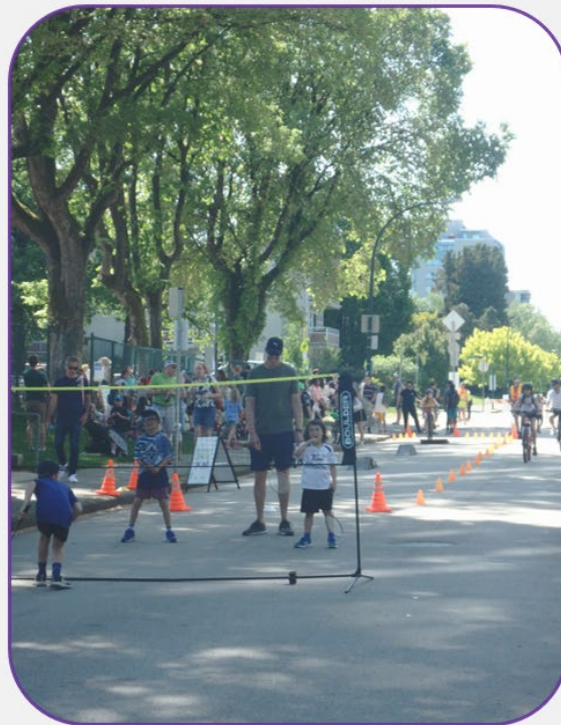
School Streets

School Streets are street closures adjacent to an elementary or high school aimed to:

- Address vehicle congestion and provide safe space for various forms of active mobility (students arriving by foot, bike, scooter etc.).
- Encourage active modes of travel to and from school.

Closures usually take place during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times (e.g. 8:30-9:15 AM and 2:45 – 3:45 PM) or may be permanently installed on one (of 3-4) streets at a school. School Streets can include play activations (or Play Streets) – and these have been shown to improve overall effectiveness of this population health intervention.

SCY offers full School Street implementation with Play Street activations. An example of School Streets at the City of Vancouver can be found here: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/school-streets.aspx>



Play Streets

Play Streets are similar to School Streets in that they are also street closures aimed at creating a safe environment and encouragement for children's active travel modes (walk-bike-roll) as well as outdoor active and free play.

Play Streets are a tested population health intervention that has been shown to:

- Increase physical activity,
- Promote sustainable and active modes of transportation,
- Support sense of connectedness to community for both children and families,
- Reduce carbon emissions/air pollution,
- Ensure children's rights to community participation, play and a safe outdoor environment.

