

1. What is the Safe Schools Route?

The Safe Schools Route is a protected bicycle lane that will connect all the schools in our community.

2. Why is the City installing protected bicycle lanes?

The purpose of a protected bicycle lane is to increase the safety of cyclists on the road. Specifically, the Safe Schools Route will increase the safety of children traveling to and from school on high traffic volume routes.

3. On what streets will the protected bicycle lane be installed?

Phase 1 of the protected bicycle lane will be installed on Mountain Road in 2019. Additional routes will be installed on 1st Avenue South and 2nd Street SW in the following years. These main routes will connect all City of Dauphin schools within a few blocks of the protected bicycle lane. Plans for additional routes are also being considered and installation of these will be dependent on community needs.

4. What can I drive in the protected bicycle lane?

The protected bicycle lanes are primarily intended for bicycles but can also accommodate mobility scooters, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards and rollerblades.

5. Will the protected bicycle lane reduce the space for vehicles on the road?

The Safe Schools Route is being installed on streets that are wider and can still accommodate motorized vehicle traffic within the reduced width. The protected bicycle lane will be approximately five feet wide.

6. Is the protected bicycle lane on both sides of the street?

No, the protected bicycle lane is on one side of the street and will be designed for bicycle traffic to travel in both directions. If you meet another cyclist on the route, move to the right and allow enough space to pass safely.

7. What do I do when I enter an intersection on my bicycle?

At the Mountain/River intersection and the Mountain/1st Avenue NE intersection, cyclists will need to get off their bike and use the crosswalk. Use caution at all other intersections and proceed when safe to do so.

8. What about parking a vehicle on the Safe Schools Route?

Parking will no longer be permitted in most locations along the Safe Schools Route and our traffic bylaw is currently being amended to reflect these changes.

9. Is the protected bicycle lane permanent?

The first phase of the protected bicycle lanes will not use permanent infrastructure, but it is our intention to have them remain in place permanently. It is possible slight modifications will be made over time.

10. When will the first phase of the Safe Schools Route be complete?

The first phase of the Safe Schools Route will begin mid- April and will be completed in early May 2019.

11. Will there be any impact to residents along the Safe Schools Route?

There will be a small impact to citizens residing on the same side of the street as the dedicated bicycle lane. These residents will now place their curbside garbage, recycling and yard waste bins on the street side of the protected bicycle lane. Also, special care will need to be taken when leaving your driveway as your vehicle will be crossing the protected bicycle lane. Although very few places along the route currently have parking, for those that do, parking will no longer be permitted on the same side of the Route.