



Construction of Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) on Valley Vista Drive

PLANNED PROJECT WORK

The City of Vaughan is committed to continuing to develop cycling and pedestrian options to ensure residents can safely travel around the city.

As part of the City's 2020 Council approved capital improvement project, a pedestrian crossover is planned at the intersection of Valley Vista Drive and Southdown Avenue. This upgrade will facilitate a safe pedestrian crossing to both Pioneer Park and Anne Frank Public School.

Pedestrian crossovers (PXOs) are designated crossing areas, identified by crossover lights, specific regulatory signs, and pavement markings, that allow for pedestrians to safely cross the road. All drivers and cyclists are legally required to stop when crossover lights are flashing and must remain stopped until pedestrians have completely crossed and cleared the road.

The City has completed the design and will be undertaking construction of the PXO this summer.

TRAFFIC IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

All roads will remain open to traffic during construction. Temporary lane restrictions will be required at times to allow construction to be undertaken in a safe and efficient manner.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The construction work is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2020. Newsletter No. 2 will be issued prior to construction to provide further details and approximate start and end dates.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to completing these important infrastructure upgrades in your area. For more information, please contact the Project Lead.

LOCATION:

Intersection of Valley Vista Drive and Southdown Avenue

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Know the signs of an Advanced Crossover

If you see any of these signs, you are approaching a pedestrian crossover. Watch for them.



Pedestrian Crossover Ahead signs are 20m to 100m from the crossing.



No Passing signs are located 30m from the crossover.



Stop for Pedestrians signs are located at all crossovers.

Crossovers make it easy, safe, and convenient for people to cross streets.

Are crossovers and crosswalks the same thing?

No.

A **crosswalk** is found at intersections that are often controlled by stop signs or light sets.

A **crossover** can be located at non-intersection locations. At a crossover motorists are legally required to stop to allow people to cross the road.

What is a pedestrian crossover?

It is a place where motorists are legally required to stop to allow people to cross a road. They are located between intersections.

Why Crossovers?



Cost: Crossovers are up to 80% cheaper than signalized intersections.



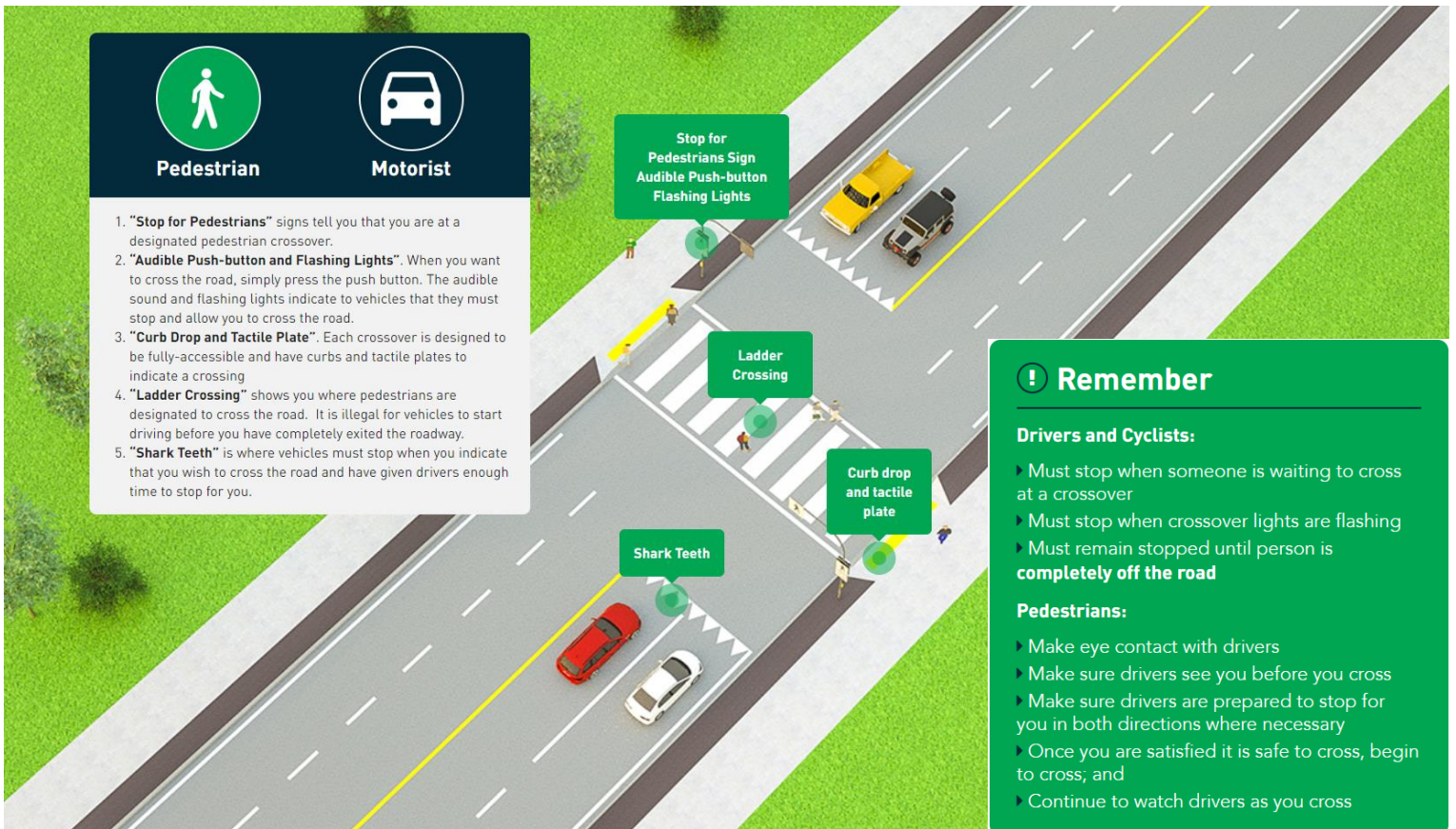
Efficiency: They are on-demand. They only activate when someone is ready to cross the road.



Flexibility: Municipalities have the flexibility to put crossovers anywhere there is a need to provide a safe crossing.

Why now?

On January 1, 2016 changes to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act came into effect that officially allows the municipality to install new types of pedestrian crossovers.



Pedestrian	Motorist
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Stop for Pedestrians" signs tell you that you are at a designated pedestrian crossover. 2. "Audible Push-button and Flashing Lights". When you want to cross the road, simply press the push button. The audible sound and flashing lights indicate to vehicles that they must stop and allow you to cross the road. 3. "Curb Drop and Tactile Plate". Each crossover is designed to be fully-accessible and have curbs and tactile plates to indicate a crossing 4. "Ladder Crossing" shows you where pedestrians are designated to cross the road. It is illegal for vehicles to start driving before you have completely exited the roadway. 5. "Shark Teeth" is where vehicles must stop when you indicate that you wish to cross the road and have given drivers enough time to stop for you. 	

Remember

Drivers and Cyclists:

- ▶ Must stop when someone is waiting to cross at a crossover
- ▶ Must stop when crossover lights are flashing
- ▶ Must remain stopped until person is **completely off the road**

Pedestrians:

- ▶ Make eye contact with drivers
- ▶ Make sure drivers see you before you cross
- ▶ Make sure drivers are prepared to stop for you in both directions where necessary
- ▶ Once you are satisfied it is safe to cross, begin to cross; and
- ▶ Continue to watch drivers as you cross