



Construction of Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) on Valley Vista Drive

PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Vaughan is committed to continuing to deliver cycling and pedestrian options to support safe and convenient travel around the city.

In May 2020, Newsletter 1 was distributed advising of the planned pedestrian crossover (PXO) at the intersection of Valley Vista Drive and Southdown Avenue. The design work for this PXO is complete and the contract to undertake the construction work has now been awarded.

PLANNED CONSTRUCTION WORK

The construction activities to implement the pedestrian crossover are scheduled to commence in late July/early August with anticipated completion by the end of August 2020.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

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.

Property owners are reminded that underground systems such as lawn sprinklers, heated driveways, electrical conduits or landscaping, etc. within City-owned boulevards or property limits may be impacted by the proposed construction work. The City is not responsible for any damages that may occur during construction to privately-owned items within City property limits (Encroachment By-law No. 034-2017).

If you are planning to repave your driveway, please contact us in advance for coordination.

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.



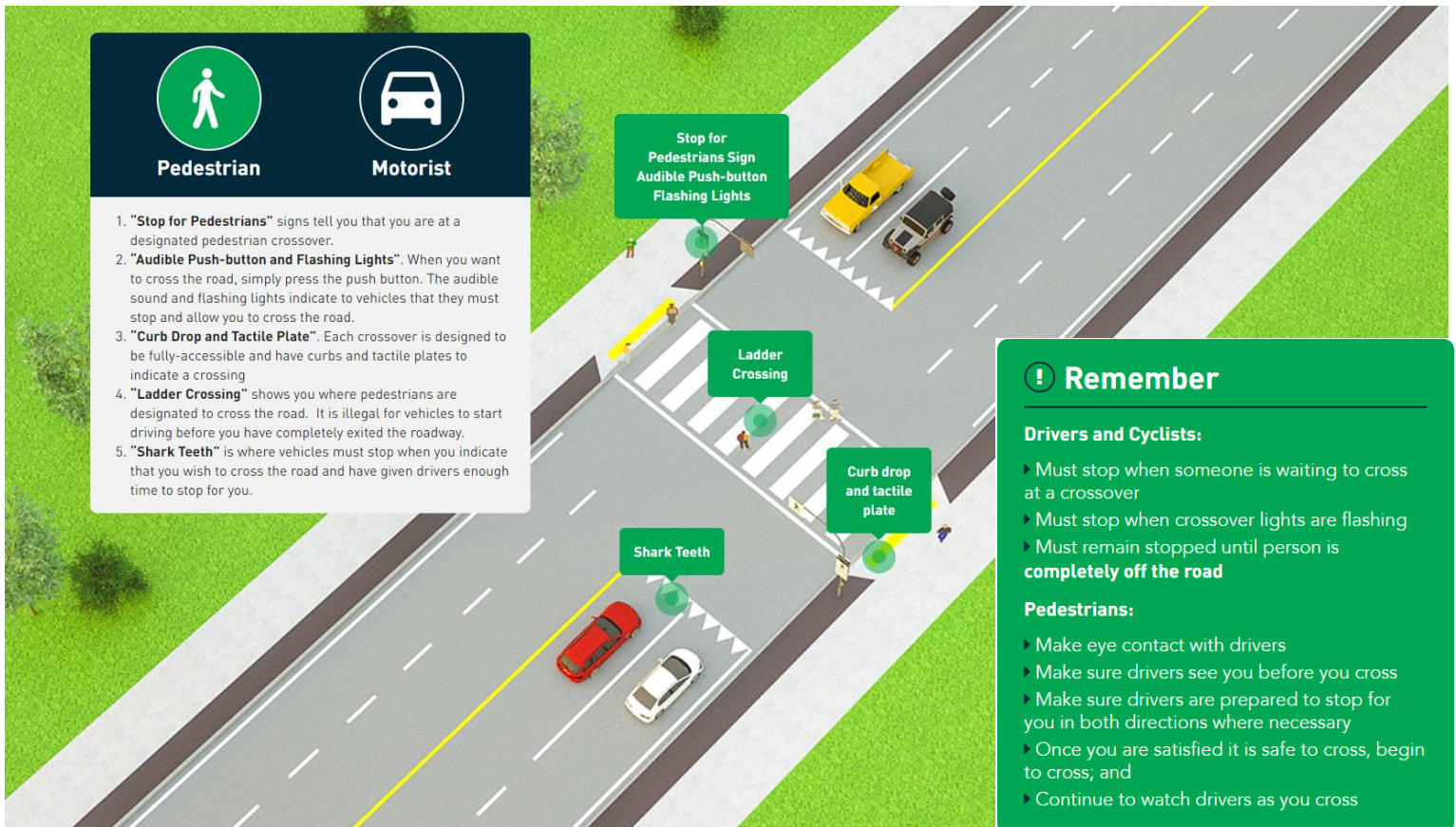
Efficiency: They are on-demand. They only activate when someone is ready to cross the road.



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