Raised Crosswalks

Raised crosswalks are marked pedestrian crossings that are raised above the roadway. Raised crosswalks encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. Raised crosswalks are like speed tables, with a flat-topped elongated section that can be installed on Transit routes and is easier for emergency vehicles to traverse. There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds.

Raised crosswalks promote pedestrian safety by increasing mutual visibility between pedestrians and motorists. The roadway is raised to half the height of the gutter, allowing for a small pedestrian ramp to remain in place and tactile indicators will be installed to support pedestrians with visual impairments.

When designing raised crosswalks, site drainage is reviewed and catch basins are installed or relocated if necessary.

The first raised crosswalks in HRM are planned for construction in 2022.



Source: Abbotsford, BC