



Making the Most of the Student Transportation Requirement

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Overview



About Me

- “So you want us to take the wheels off that bus?”

Understanding Unique Challenges/Opportunities

- “It takes 8 no’s to get a yes”

Discussion

- Your favorite success and your favorite fail.

Tips and Resources

- Project Identification Program

Q and A



About me

ODOT Safe Routes to School Vision: You can Help!

ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program creates a future where Oregon students and families can choose and have access to safe, active and shared transportation options to and from school. To accomplish this, the program leverages and evaluates investments in safe infrastructure, education, and encouragement programs. The program prioritizes underserved communities and facilitates high quality and effective programs implemented with transparency through partnerships and evaluation.



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs work



AFTER IMPLEMENTING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS:



Learn more about why Safe Routes to School programs work at activelivingresearch.org/SRTSreview.

Engagement is the key to understanding barriers.





Understanding Unique Opportunities/ Challenges

Challenges/Opportunities

Challenges are not problems with schools but problems with how our engagement is set up.

- Staff and champion turn over
- Capacity
- Jargon
- Youth engagement
- Tracking demographics





Discussion

Think about a favorite failure and/or a favorite success working with schools in your community.

We will ask a couple people to share!

Tips and Resources





Getting School Community Input

- Tips for the ask
 - Who to ask
 - How to ask
 - Where to show up
- Can't get someone on your committee?
Find a way to include voices anyway
 - surveys, interviews, focus groups, committee field trips.
- It takes 8 “no’s” to get to a “yes.”

Planning Assistance (Project Identification Program):

You will get...

A **Safe Routes to School Plan** to address barriers and get ready to apply for funding

ODOT's consultant to do the work on behalf of the jurisdiction.

Your responsibility...

School community and road authority work together.

Identify a Project Management Team



Planning Assistance Details

Eligible Entities

- School Districts
- Publically-funded agencies
- Cities and Counties
- Transit districts
- Tribes
- Any other road authority

Prioritized Communities

- Safety- high crash risk factors
- Equity- low income population

Ability- No capacity to plan locally

Other Details

15 communities, 30 schools

Confirmation of Commitment

30 week process ends in SRTS Plan completed



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Figure 20. Sherwood Heights Elementary SRTS Improvements Map



Sherwood Heights Elementary Improvement Recommendations

- SW Nye Avenue**
 - Trim vegetation along west side of SW Nye Ave from the school grounds to SW Perkins Ave.
 - Install midblock crosswalk with school crossing assembly (S1-1 and W16-7P) across SW Nye Ave. The crosswalk should align with the path located between the bus and family vehicle pick-up/drop-off areas.
 - Install sidewalks along the south side of SW Nye Ave.
- SW Perkins Avenue and SW Nye Avenue Intersection**
 - Install all-way stop, marked crosswalks, and install ADA compliant curb ramps across all three legs.
- SW 33rd St and SW Kirk Avenue Intersection**
 - Based on a review of available sight distance, if suitable, install a

McKay Creek Elementary Walk Audit and Bike and Pedestrian Inventory Photos



McKay Creek Elementary bike parking near capacity on a sunny day.



Families waiting in the pick-up line through McKay Park.



Looking west, SW Quinney Ave and SW 44th St. Crossing guards help students cross during arrival and dismissal.



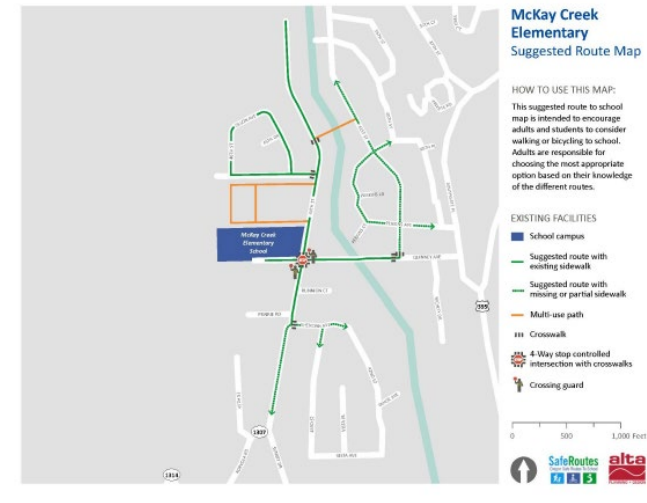
Looking south, SW Perkins Ave and SW 44th St intersection. Many students cross here and vehicles back up around the corner from the student pick-up line.



Students walking and biking are organized by the direction they leave campus to cross the road.



Looking north, a group of students heads down SW 44th St.



McKay Creek Elementary Suggested Route Map

HOW TO USE THIS MAP:
This suggested route to school map is intended to encourage adults and students to consider walking or bicycling to school. Adults are responsible for choosing the most appropriate option based on their knowledge of the different routes.

- EXISTING FACILITIES
- School campus
 - Suggested route with existing sidewalk
 - Suggested route with missing or partial sidewalk
 - Multi-use path
 - Crosswalk
 - 4-Way stop controlled intersection with crosswalks
 - Crossing guard



Additional
human
resources:

Oregon's Safe Routes to School site:
<https://www.oregonsaferoutes.org/contact/>
to connect with your local SRTS hub.

Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator

Regional Active Transportation Liaisons

STOP

Stay engaged!

[Sign up for email updates](#) to stay informed on the latest Safe Routes to School Program activities.



Q and A





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