

SAFE ROUTES to School

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SUNDAY FUN-DAY

with Portland Sunday Parkways

If you are looking for fun, family friendly, and free adventures this summer, check out **Portland Sunday Parkways**—the free event that converts our largest public space (our streets) into a gigantic play area for a day. New this year, the outer Northeast route will connect car-free streets in the Parkrose Heights and Russell neighborhoods.

In addition to the usual fun in the streets, the outer Northeast event will include the Portland World Cup Soccer Tournament featuring born-abroad Portlanders representing their birth countries. You can also learn new moves with Circus Cascadia or a free Zumba class, sample local food vendors, or take home free community libraries and bee pollinator kiosks.

The route will be close to Rocky Butte Park and the new biking and hiking opportunities at outer Northeast has to offer!



Help celebrate the 10th season of Sunday Parkways and jump in at an event near you!

- North Portland June 25
- Northeast Portland July 23
- Outer Northeast August 20
- Sellwood-Milwaukie September 24

All events are hosted on Sundays from 11-4pm. For route maps and more information, visit portlandsundayparkways.org.

Have Fun. Be Safe.

Following up with Fixing Our Streets

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) has been busy talking to families about their walking and biking routes to school and any safety concerns along the way. Our team held nine open houses in Portland Public Schools and Parkrose School Districts. In David Douglas, Centennial and Reynolds School Districts we are working with individual schools to gather similar input from families. The input we have and will receive is informing how PBOT will spend \$8 million dollars to improve transportation safety around schools.

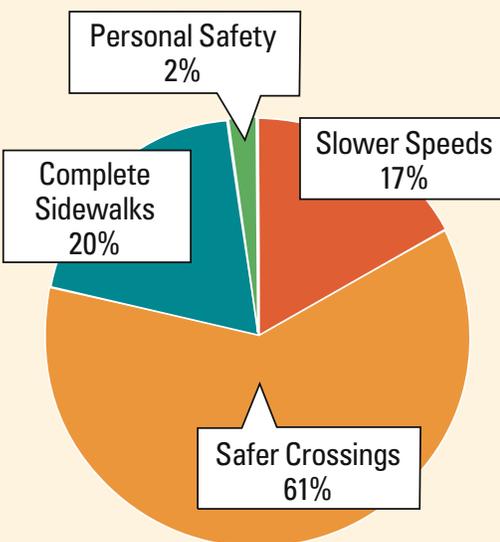
In the coming months, the Safe Routes team will be working with our Stakeholder Advisory Committee and consultants to use the public input collected this spring in developing a priority list of projects and a strategic plan for the overall SRTS program. We will be looking for feedback on priority routes in Fall 2017 and starting to put in safety projects in Spring 2018.



Check out saferoutesportland.org for more information. For questions, contact saferoutes@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5358.

What Is Your Number One Traffic Safety Concern?

Here's what Portland parents have to say:



- In areas with a more complete street grid, the most stressful part of getting to school was navigating narrow streets around schools and interacting with parent vehicles dropping off their kids
- In areas with less complete networks, the lack of sidewalks and safe walking paths was a prevailing concern
- In Portland neighborhoods that don't have a typical grid, many students and parents rely on trails, paths or informal easements to safely access schools
- In east Portland, parents see unimproved streets as an opportunity to create routes with infrastructure more geared to walking and bicycling

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Learning to Ride with Bike Safety Education

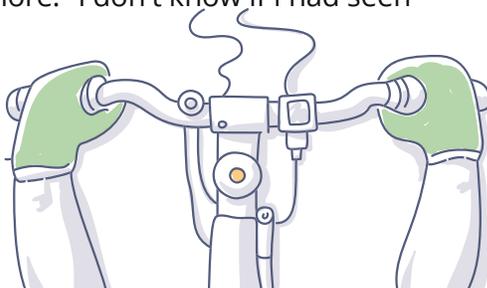
Luis, a fifth grader at Martin Luther King Jr. School, came to Bike Safety Education (BSE) not knowing how to ride a two-wheel bike. He had very limited exposure to bikes before the course, and had never considered himself a cyclist.

His parents had tried teaching him to ride, but he fell and got discouraged. They were nervous how he would do in BSE, but Luis came with a positive attitude, saying this was “a new chance” after trying biking in the past. As is typical with many BSE students, Luis learned to ride over a few days and went on a five-mile community ride with his class the last day of the program.

Luis’ parents are happy to see he is now getting out of the house and being more active. His new interest in bikes has become a way to explore and engage with his community. He even taught his younger sister, Ixtzali, how to ride her own bike. They now ride together in a church parking lot across from their home. Luis sees himself riding a bike to school in the future.

The process of learning and succeeding in BSE can also be an enormous boost to student self-esteem. Ms. Johnson, Luis’ teacher, says has a new sense of confidence, making eye contact and smiling more. “I don’t know if I had seen him smile before Bike Safety,” she said.

Thanks to William,
Bike Safety educator
at The Street Trust,
for the article!



Engineering: New Crosswalks

An improved crossing at SE Pine Street and 16th Avenue helps connect students and families to Buckman Elementary School.



before



after

See kids



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Spring was packed with lots of fun activities!

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West Powellhurst families had a great Walking School Bus turnout.



Timbers' Jake Gleason joined Scott School and Oregon Walks for a community walk.



Students got moving with their SmartTrips to School materials.

Summer SRTS Calendar

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Family Friendly Pedalpalooza Rides

Pedalpalooza is a month of bike-related fun in June. Most events are free, and a number of them are family friendly. Look for family events listed in green on the calendar at shift2bikes.org.

June
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Saturday, June 10
Pasta Costume Ride, 2 PM
Irving Park, NE 7th and Fremont

There will be necklace making materials at the start, and a party at the end with Pasta Alfredo Chicken for all. Bring a jar of sauce for the group to sample! Information: im.m.rome@gmail.com

June
11

Sunday, June 11
Splish, Splash Family Ride, 1 PM
Jamison Square, NW 10th and Johnson

Fourth annual ride! Ice cream and food pit stops along the bike route. All children must wear helmets and adults strongly encouraged to do the same. Information: scottbs@mac.com; 971-207-5523

June
17

Saturday, June 17
A Ride for New Riders!, 10 AM
2418 E Burnside St (in front of Made You Look)

A ride for anyone (kids or grown-ups) who recently learned how to ride a bike! Helmets required. Information: hi@madeyoulookpdx.com; 503-719-7906

June
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Wednesday, June 21
NW PDX Kid Ride, 4:30 PM
Couch Park, NW Glisan St (at the playground)

Start at Couch Park, head to Wallace Park and end up at the Fields. Bring a picnic dinner. Balance bikes, scooters, kids on bikes, kids in bike seats . . . All welcome! Information: skycolley@gmail.com

June
25

Saturday, June 24
¡Explorando el Columbia Slough!
1 PM - 5 PM
7313 NE Columbia Blvd

Celebrate and explore the Columbia Slough Watershed at the 15th annual Explorando event. Enjoy music, entertainment, guided canoe trips, live birds, and more Spanish and English activities. Information: columbiaslough.org



The Bike Fairy was here...



A special note from the SRTS Bike Fairy

I was very busy the first week of May visiting 107 Portland schools and dropping off 1,348 prize packs for students who rode bikes, scooters, or skateboards to school. Wow, I'm so impressed! Thank you to anyone who bikes throughout the school year. And special congratulations to the schools with the most rollers: Woodstock Elementary (111) and Llewellyn Elementary (109). Keep up the great work!

