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LONG AWAITED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AWARDED TO THE CITY OF TIGARD FOR KIDS WHO WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL

GRANT AWARD [Tigard, Oregon] – The City of Tigard was awarded \$2 million to make critical safety improvements at Templeton Elementary and Twality Middle schools for students walking and biking to school. The funds were awarded through the Oregon Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) Safe Routes to School Competitive Construction Grant Program.

For the past six years, the City of Tigard has led a district-wide Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) for the Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD). With the support of TTSD, the city recently proposed to construct pedestrian crossing safety enhancements on SW McDonald St. and SW Sattler St., along with a paved pathway through East Butte Heritage Park, street lighting, sidewalk infill, curb ramps, school flashers, and school zone signage.

ODOT’s SRTS Competitive Construction Grant Program received 83 statewide submissions and Tigard’s project was one of 26 approved. The grant program addresses barriers to students walking and biking to school by funding needed safety improvements. The program focuses on under-resourced neighborhoods: all awardees are Title 1 schools (schools where 40% or more of the student population is low-income).

Tigard’s SRTS Program strives to increase the number of students safely walking, biking, rolling, riding the bus, and carpooling to school. Fewer car trips to and from school make neighborhoods safer for children and reduce carbon emissions. Walking and biking to school also improves health and fitness, increases academic achievement, and improves air quality. “Our Safe Routes to School Program is a vital part of the city’s Strategic Vision: An equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone,” said Hendrik



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Broekelschen, the City of Tigard's SRTS Coordinator. "We are very appreciative of ODOT and look forward to families in Tigard having safer access to schools."

Construction will begin in 2025.

Follow the story and learn more at [Tigard's Safe Routes to School](#). More information about the grant program and the committee selection process is available on [ODOT's SRTS website](#).

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