

Bike/Ped/Transit Work Group Recommendations Safe Routes to Schools and Paths

Safe Routes to School

Purpose: Address safety problems for children walking or biking to school by providing sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe crossings. Also fill gaps near transit stops.

Desired/Expected Outcomes: Complete a Safe Route to School network within a ¼ mile of Elementary and Middle Schools within 10 years

Funding: Current \$ 40,000,000 (Federal Highway Fund, State Highway Fund, Local)
New \$ 15,000,000 (State Highway Fund)
Total \$ 55,000,000

\$15,000,000 in new funding shall be taken off-the-top of the State Highway Fund and divided equally between the state and locals, with local match requirements.

Match Requirements: 40% local match

Accountability Requirements/Metrics:

- The OTC must adopt project selection guidelines on completing safe biking and walking connections to schools and transit, as well as other guidelines including but not limited to:
 - Consistency with existing plans
 - Lower match requirement for smaller jurisdictions, as appropriate
 - Consultation requirements
- Establish a Local Agency Project Selection Committee accountable for selecting projects according to OTC guidelines.

Application requirements/Priorities:

- Local project must be included in a locally adopted transportation plan
- State project identified through inventory analysis
- Address high crash-risk locations first

Off-Road Biking and Walking Paths

Purpose: Provide safe routes for bicycle and pedestrian commuters off the road network.

Desired/Expected Outcomes: Link local road networks and help eliminate fatalities and serious injuries by physically separating bicyclists and pedestrians from motor vehicles.

Funding: Current \$ 5,000,000 (Federal Highway Fund, *ConnectOregon*)
New \$ 4,000,000 (Bike Excise Tax and Parks Lottery Receipts)
Total \$ 9,000,000

Match Requirements: 50% local match

Accountability Requirements/Metrics:

- The OTC must adopt project selection guidelines including but not limited to: consistency with existing plans and priority to commuting paths.

Application requirements/Priorities:

- Local project must be included in a locally adopted transportation plan
- Qualifies as a Regional Path according to criteria in the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan