

East Multnomah County Safe Routes to School

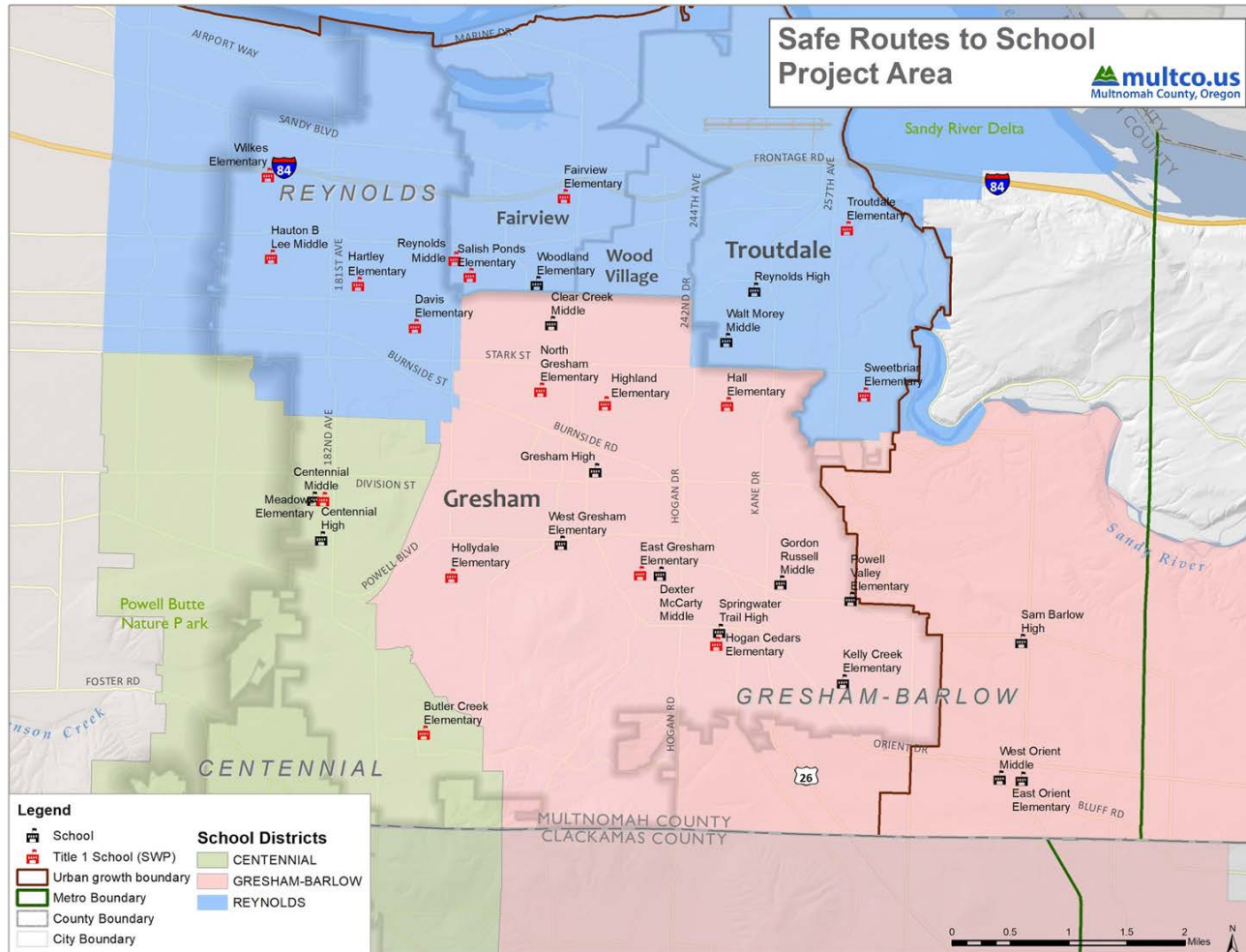
Where have we been?



History of East Multnomah Safe Routes to School

- Started in 2011 with ODOT grant
- ODOT funding for the 2012-2013 school year, focused at Troutdale Elementary
- ODOT funding in 2014, focused at Sweetbriar Elementary
- Americorps position in Sept 2015-July 2016
- City of Gresham has been working with the Gresham-Barlow School District, with ODOT Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grants to develop Action Plans, provide enforcement and support events.
- Multnomah County received a RTO grant for 2017-2019 to fund full-time position!

Safe Routes to School Project Area



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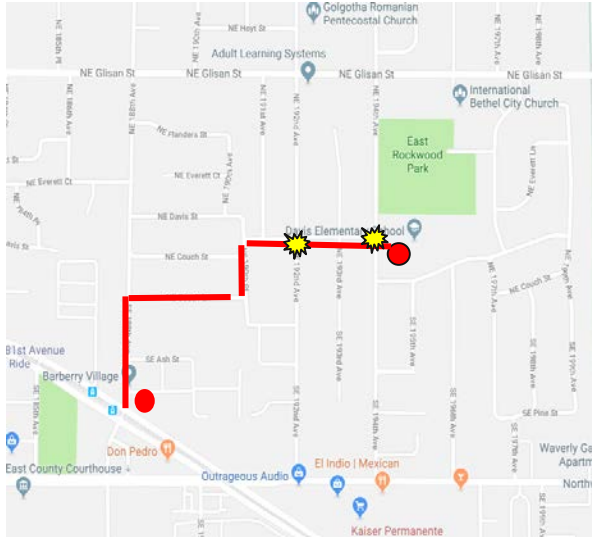
What have we done recently? 2017-2019 RTO

MaryJo started on Feb 1, 2018, under Metro's RTO grant. Grant expires July 2019

- Walk and Bike Events
- Action Team
- Outreach
- Pedestrian Education



Davis Elementary - Walk to School Day



Davis Elementary has 94% of students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch

- **Many students from the Barberry Village and The Pines apartments either walk or are driven to school.**
- **Their walk is along some streets without sidewalks**
- **Their apartments are not served by the Reynolds District buses**

They cross two streets with vehicles that often speed, 192nd and 194th. The crosswalk at 194th and NE Couch is especially difficult!

At 194th and NE Couch, school crossing guards manage the buses, parent vehicles, vehicles passing through the neighborhood, as well as students and their families - walking and on bikes!



Safe Routes to School made a plan to close NE Couch between 192nd and 194th to reduce traffic (parent drop off vehicles as the primary target), and increase safety for the walkers. We worked with the City of Gresham to get permits and borrow the street devices. We also wanted to do a temporary crosswalk “bump out” to demonstrate a method that could slow traffic and increase safety at this very tricky location!



A "Bump Out" can -

- **Increase the visibility of pedestrians to drivers**
- **Increase pedestrians' ability to see vehicles in roadway**
- **Decrease the crossing distance for pedestrians and crossing guards**
- **Move parked cars and buses away from the crosswalk**
- **Visually narrow the street, which can calm traffic**



The day of the event!

- Road devices were put in place by 7:00 am, per Traffic Plan submitted to City of Gresham
- Volunteers arrived to help with traffic



The day of the event!

- **Gresham Road engineering installed traffic counting “plates”**
- **We lucked out with PERFECT spring weather!(despite the forecast!)**



- The Blazer mascot dropped his bike off at the school and drove to Barberry
- The principal and teachers walked to Barberry Village Apts
- The families showed up in droves!



Blaze, Gresham Councilor, Eddy Morales, and Principal Ashley Furlong



The Bump Out moved everyone across the street safely



The School Buses navigated the Bump Out without any problems



Spring Encouragement Events!

Fairview Elementary -6 Mondays in April & May

Troutdale Elementary - Monday, May 13

Butler Creek Elementary - Friday, May 10th

East Gresham Elementary - Wed, May 15th

Meadows Elementary - Wed, May 22nd

Dexter McCarthy Middle School - Wed, May 29th

Additional Events

Reynolds Middle School - surveys and Campfire group walk audits

Safe Kids at the Zoo - Crosswalk Safety

Troutdale Elementary - Pastries with Parents

Fairview Elementary - SUN carnival

East County Rising Transportation Forum

Troutdale Elementary Fun Run

Next Steps

- **Multnomah County received an ODOT Infrastructure Grant for a crosswalk and pedestrian island on Halsey and 208th Place, near Reynolds Middle School.**
- **Multnomah County recently applied for a Metro Safe Routes to School Grant for continued Program Coordinator funding.**
- **Multnomah County is applying for an ODOT Non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School Grant**
- **The City of Gresham is also applying for an ODOT Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Grant**

ODOT Non-Infrastructure Grant requests, May 2019



Multnomah County is applying for a 3 year ODOT Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure grant. This grant is a maximum of \$100,000 per year for 3 years. The County is asking for the full amount, \$300,000, to continue funding a full-time Program Coordinator for East Multnomah County Safe Routes to School.

The City of Gresham is applying for a 3 year ODOT Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure grant of \$35,000 total. These funds will be used to pay for Enforcement Missions conducted by the Gresham Police Department. Officers will have repeating missions at five schools in the City of Gresham, in coordination with SRTS encouragement and education. These missions address crosswalk enforcement, speeding and unsafe passing of school buses to improve traffic safety near schools. Officers evaluate whether education and a warning or a citation is needed. In addition, the City will collect and evaluate traffic data to assess student safety on streets near schools.



Thank you!



Your support is appreciated!
MaryJo