

# East Multnomah County Safe Routes to School Program

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bike works by p:ear

# What is SRTS?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs aim to create **healthy**, **convenient**, and **fun** opportunities for students to **walk** and **roll to** and from school.



HEALTHY LIVING



BETTER EDUCATIONAL  
ACHIEVEMENT



CLEANER AIR  
AND WATER



LESS TRAFFIC



INCREASED SOCIAL  
INTERACTIONS



COST-EFFECTIVE

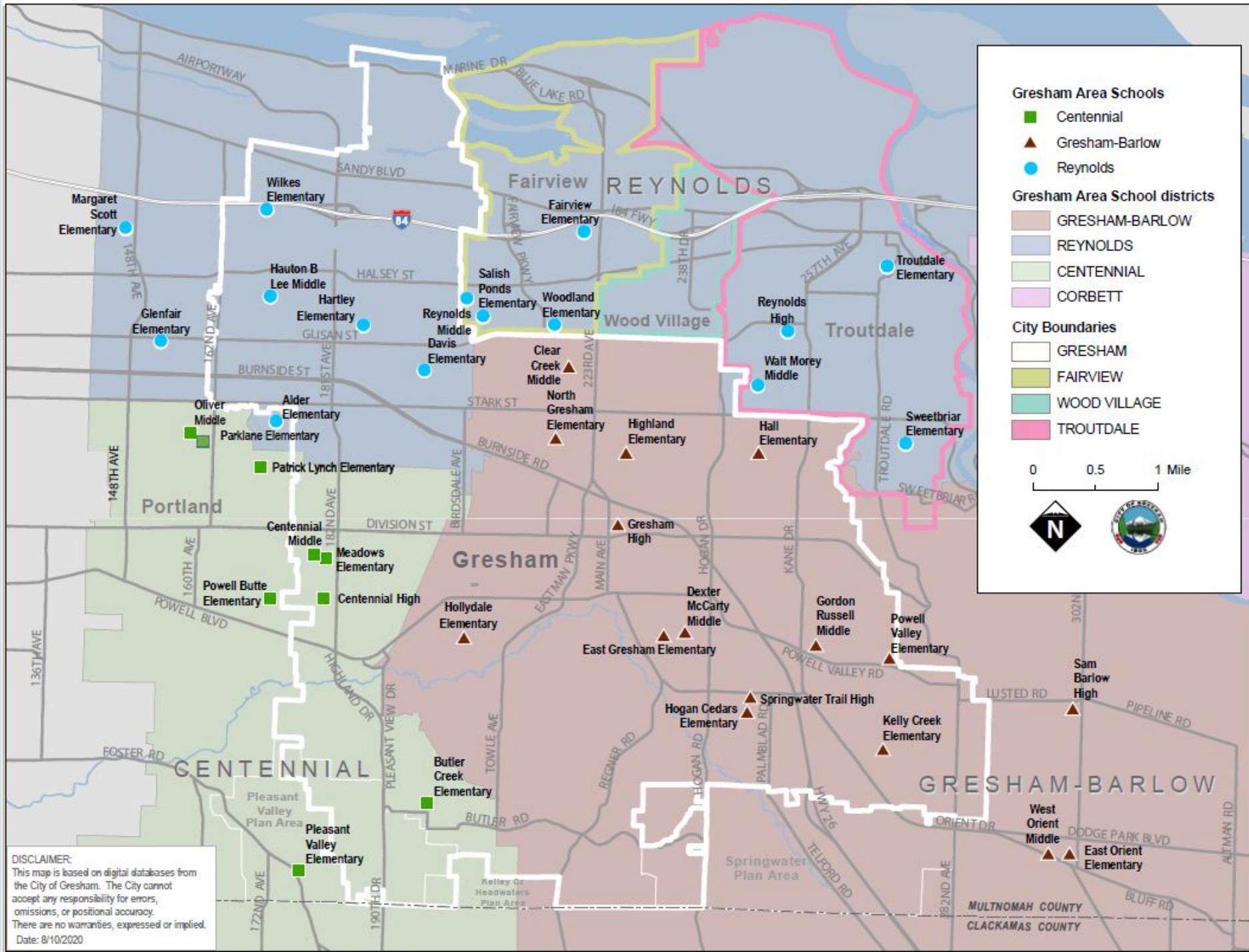


# Overview

- East Multnomah County Districts and Cities
- SRTS Team Roles
- Grants timeline
- Pedestrian and Bike Education
- Encouragement Events
- Additional Support
- Bike fleet and lessons!



FEATURING: ODOT SRTS STRIDER & VIV!



**Gresham Area Schools**

- Centennial
- ▲ Gresham-Barlow
- Reynolds

**Gresham Area School districts**

- GRESHAM-BARLOW
- REYNOLDS
- CENTENNIAL
- CORBETT

**City Boundaries**

- GRESHAM
- FAIRVIEW
- WOOD VILLAGE
- TROUTDALE

0 0.5 1 Mile

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# Safe Routes to School Team in East County

- Multnomah County Transportation
- bike works by p:ear
- City of Gresham
- City of Portland
- Support from Alta Design and Planning



**Multnomah County  
Safe Routes to School Program  
Menu of Activities**

*Serving Gresham-Barlow, Reynolds, and Centennial School Districts*

**We would love to bring Pedestrian Safety to your students!**

Multnomah County Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program staff and P:ear Bikeworks provide schools and school districts with FREE resources to encourage students and families to walk and roll to school safely and more often, and help solve other transportation challenges.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Pedestrian Safety Lessons (K-5th grade)**

Our staff are available to teach a one time or short series of lessons (in-person or virtual), or train your staff to teach the short curriculum.

- ▶ Crossing the street safely
- ▶ Rules of the Road
- ▶ Being Aware/Personal Safety

**Walk + Roll Event Support**

Host events before, after, or during the school day to celebrate and encourage walking and rolling to school.

- Family Nights
- Bookfairs
- Walk+Roll to School Day

**Contact Maryjo Andersen to learn more or sign-up!**

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503-890-5462

Illustrations of a person in a wheelchair, a person on a bicycle, and two people walking.

Multnomah County bike works by p:ear CITY OF GRESHAM OREGON Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Metro

# East Multnomah County Safe Routes to School Grants - 2017-2026

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Mult Co Metro RTO: 2017-2019 <b>100% FTE</b>	Award start date: July 1, 2017	Staff Start: February 2018	Ended: June 30, 2019							
Mult Co Metro RTO: 2019-2022 <b>20% FTE</b>			Start date: 7/1/2019			original end: June 30, 2022	extended: June 30, 2023			
ODOT Grant 2019-2022 <b>55% FTE</b>			Start date: Oct 1, 2019			original end: Sept 30, 2022	extended: Sept 30, 2023			
Mult Co Metro RTO 2023-2026 <b>20% FTE</b>							start: July 1, 2023			End: June 2026
bike works First ODOT Region 1 Safety grant <b>1.0 FTE</b>				Award start date: Oct, 2020	Staff Start: March 2021 End: Sept 30, 2021					
bike works Second ODOT Region 1 Safety grant <b>1.0 FTE</b>					Start: Oct 1, 2021	End: Sept 30, 2022				
bike works Metro RTO/SRTS bike fleet work <b>1.0 FTE</b>						Award Start: July 1 2023 Staff Start: Sept 1,2023	End: June 2023			
bike works ODOT SRTS grant <b>1.0 FTE</b>						Start: Oct 1,2023		End: Sept 2024		
bike works Metro SRTS grant bike fleet <b>1.0 FTE</b>							Start: July 1, 2023			End: June 2026

# Education

## Pedestrian Safety Lessons

Starting in 2018, few schools were interested in SRTS SUN afterschool programs agreed to have me teach 30 minute Pedestrian Safety Lessons, based on Neighborhood Navigators

- Developed anchor charts with strong visuals
- Portable carpet roadway for interactive lessons
- Light up back-up car



# bike works by p:ear

What is bike works

Why is bike works part of SRTS  
Started in March 2021

Collaboration with Rosewood Initiative

Everybody Bikes!



# Education

## Pedestrian Safety Lessons

Since March 2021:

- 10,000+ students taught in 476 lessons
- PE lessons: A,B,C schedule = 3 days to teach all students
- Summer schools - all Districts

Ongoing work with Districts to teach the curriculum, known as “Train the Trainer.”



# Encouragement Events

## Walk +Roll to School Events

We create maps, flyers, lead the walks, and provide safety vests and small prizes.

## Outreach in East County

Tabling at many east county events

- City events, school events
- Helmet give-aways
- Bike rodeos



# Encouragement Events

## Walk + Roll to School Events

Since March 2021, we've had 28 events, including a Hispanic Heritage Parade at Wilkes Elementary

Very dependent on the school staff, especially the principal. Most of the East County schools do not have PTOs, or time for additional work.



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## Outreach in East County

### Tabling

- City and community events
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- Helmet give-aways

### Traffic Playgrounds

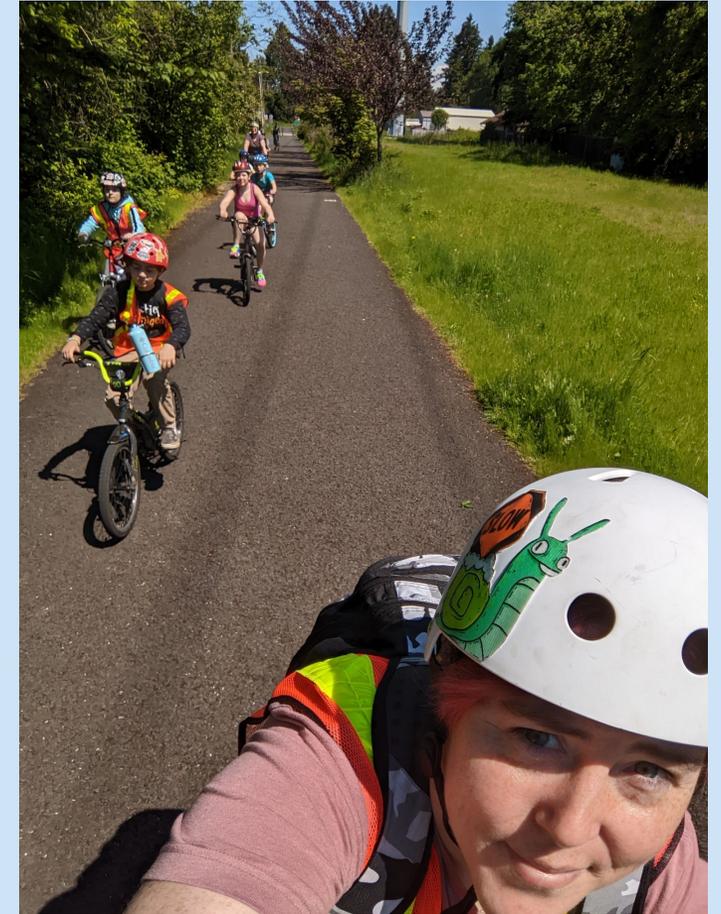


# Encouragement

## Bike Rodeos and Bike Rides

Partnered with City of Gresham and Multnomah County Office of Sustainability to provide Traffic Playgrounds, Bike Rodeos, and Bike Rides

- Davis Park Learn to Ride – March 30  
\*We need volunteers!



# Looking Ahead

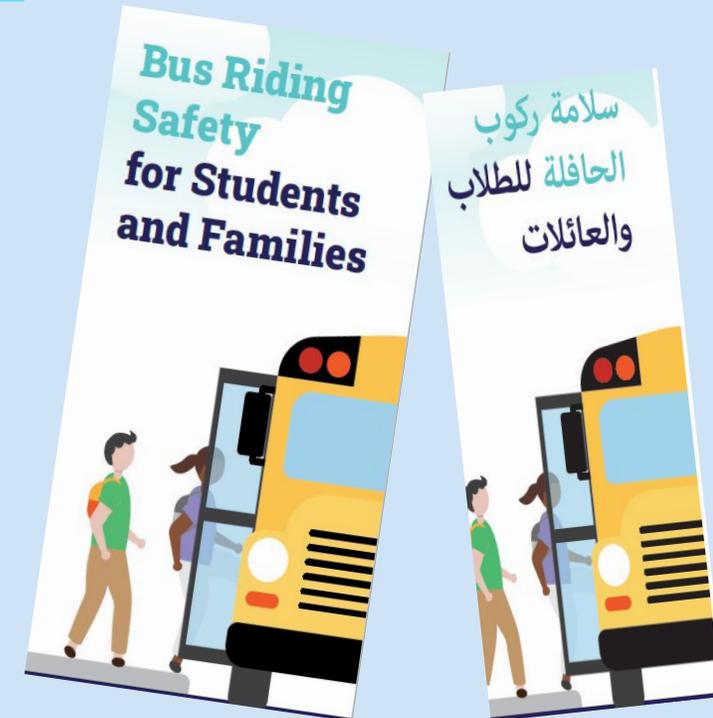
## Bicycle Safety Lessons

- The new bike works Metro RTO grant is providing funding for an educator.
- bike works by p:ear has a bike fleet and trailer.
- Introducing Peyton!
- We are piloting bike safety in the SUN school programs this Spring
- Planning to offer bike safety in PE class the Fall



# Additional SRTS Support

- Site Circulation Support
- Walking Route Maps
- School Bus Safety and Promotion
- Safe Driving Materials for parents
- Crossing Guard Tips



# Questions?

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- Megan Moser, bike works
- Peyton Blackwell, bike works
- Visit:
  - [Oregon SRTS Website](#)
  - [East Multnomah County SRTS Website](#)



