

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Accept a grant for \$135,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation to fund a Safe Routes to School program and a dedicated Safe Routes to School Coordinator in the David Douglas School District for a three-year term. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) serves over 100 schools in 5 school districts. With this grant, Safe Routes staff will be able to focus on the most diverse school district in the city by having a dedicated Safe Routes to School Coordinator in the David Douglas School District for three-years. David Douglas is located in East Portland, east of I-205 near NE Halsey and NE Division, two roads on the city's High Injury Network.

Overall, this position will strengthen our SRTS program specifically in this school district which in turn will have a positive impact on these families with increased health benefits, safety improvements and civic engagement. David Douglas School District (DDSD) is one of the most diverse districts in our city. In 2015, the district's racial/ethnic make-up was:

Hispanic 25%,
Native American 0.8%,
Asian 15%,
Black 10.5%,
Pacific Islander 1.4%,
White 40.6%, and
Multi 6.8%.

A large percentage of children in the David Douglas are considered low-income. DDSD has an 82.1% Free/Reduced Lunch Count.

With this in mind, the David Douglas SRTS Coordinator will engage with families in a culturally appropriate way and will translate materials where needed. The Coordinator will do intentional outreach to and engagement with all families regarding safety travelling to school. The coordinator will also gather community input on new infrastructure needed (planned, proposed and funded projects in the David Douglas School area. This position will build upon our established relationships with community organizations around the city who work with Immigrant and Refugees, and communities of color.

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Financial and budgetary impacts:

This ordinance will have a positive impact on PBOT's Safe Routes to School operations budget by increasing staff-time to do culturally-specific outreach and education in the David Douglas School District. Currently, PBOT has an operations budget to support two full-time dedicated staff people for 5 school districts. This grant would allow us to add a third full-time outreach

The Safe Routes to School Operations budget is amended as follows:

- FY 16/17 budget- additional \$50,000
- Future years' budgets – additional \$85,000

The Active Transportation Division has a Limited Term TDM Coordinator 1 position that was already approved as part of the FY 16/17 Budget. This ordinance will allow PBOT to fill that limited term position.

This ordinance will not impact PBOT's capital improvement budget. This would have no negative impacts on PBOT's budget if not approved.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This ordinance will have a positive community impact and further PBOT's overall community involvement efforts in East Portland. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is committed to prioritizing schools with high numbers of students of color and low-income. SRTS routinely provides materials in Spanish, Chinese, Somali, Russian, and Vietnamese which deepens our conversations with students and families around SRTS.

This grant will allow PBOT to hire a David Douglas SRTS Coordinator will engage with families in a culturally appropriate way and will translate materials where needed. The Coordinator will do intentional outreach to and engagement with all families around how to safely travel to school and about the infrastructure improvements needed to make the streets near David Douglas safer.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**X ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☐ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
217	TRTS000006	511300	TPOPATOP000000GT	Non-Program			35,000
217	TRTS000006	514100	TPOPATOP000000GT	Non-Program			15,000
217	TRTS000006	441100	TPOPATOP000000GT	Non-Program			50,000

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