

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Adopt the Safe Routes to School Primary Investment Routes and project list, including Fixing Our Streets projects. (Resolution)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

Safe Routes to School envisions a future where all students and families can choose active transportation as a safe, convenient, accessible, and desirable option for getting to and from school and around their neighborhoods. The ability to walk and bike to school and throughout neighborhoods not only benefits students and families, but the entire community.

In May 2016, Portland voters passed Measure 26-173, Portland's first local funding source dedicated to fixing our streets for people of all ages and abilities. Projected to raise \$64 million for road maintenance and street safety projects across the city of Portland between 2017-2021, the Fixing Our Streets measure also dedicated \$8 million to make routes safer and more convenient for kids to walk, bike, and roll to school.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The project list helped to identify projects eligible for SRTS Fixing Our Funds. The list for does not obligate any specific funds. No fiscal impact.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The Fixing Our Streets \$8 million allocated for school improvements was not identified for specific projects. Fixing Our Streets tasked Safe Routes to learn what changes Portlanders would like to see around their schools, and how their routes to school could be improved.

Safe Routes staff heard directly from families in regards of their routes to school and the barriers they face through various forms of outreach in five school districts throughout the City. The team spoke with families in each high school cluster.

Staff completed 9 open houses, an online open house, parent group meetings, community walks, cultural-specific parent group meetings, evening school events, individual school and district administration meetings and reviewed over six years of parent travel survey data.

Translators and childcare were available at each open house. The online open house was available in English and Spanish.

A 17-member Stakeholder Advisory Committee comprised of organizations and agencies with expertise in transportation, enforcement, school district policy, pedestrian and bicycle safety education, public health, parent association helped shape the process for route selection and project prioritization.

The process for finalizing the Primary Investments Routes and project lists included school community engagement, guidance from a Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and data generated from a computer model algorithm. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee directed Safe Routes to elevate equity, safety and student density as criteria to guide investment decisions. Equity was weighted 60%, safety 30%, and student/route density 10%. Using this criterion, investments are directed to neighborhoods with greater need due to historic underinvestment.

Implementation of SRTS projects will continue to rely heavily on community involvement and dialogue. The SRTS program is committed to supporting schools that receive infrastructure investment.

**100% Renewable Goal:**  
No impact

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

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