



Safe Routes PARTNERSHIP



Want help improving park access in your community?

Are you interested in learning more about how to increase and improve access to parks in your community? Could you use an extra set of hands to make parks and green spaces safer, more equitable, and more accessible? With generous support from the Oregon Health Authority, Safe Routes Partnership is providing one-on-one coaching and support to improve park access to communities in Oregon - at no cost! Get individualized guidance and help to implement our new toolkit, "Connecting People to Parks: A Toolkit to Increase Safe and Equitable Access to Local Parks and Green Spaces."

If you are looking to increase organizational capacity to improve access to parks and improve opportunities for walking, biking, and transit access to parks for everyone, please take advantage of this opportunity! Over the past four years, we've worked with a variety of Oregon communities to make an impact with Safe Routes to Parks. Here are some ways we can help in your community:

- Integrating Safe Routes to Parks with existing plans and policies
- Exploring creative partnerships to advance Safe Routes to Parks and achieve shared goals
- Identifying funding opportunities to advance Safe Routes to Parks in your community
- Collecting and sharing data to make changes for safer, more equitable park access



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Why Safe Routes to Parks?

Parks provide a place for people to be active, spend time in nature, and connect with neighbors and friends. However, not everyone in our community has safe, easy access to parks and green or open spaces. Safe Routes to Parks aims to fix that by making it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and roll to local parks. Our goal is that everyone in our community has safe and easy access to parks and green space and we are starting that work in the neighborhoods that need it most. Over the long term, with increased safety and accessibility, Safe Routes to Parks seeks to increase park usage and improve health for people of all ages, races, abilities, and income levels.

New Oregon-Specific Toolkit!

Connecting People to Parks: A Toolkit to Increase Safe and Equitable Access to Local Parks and Green Spaces



This toolkit, developed specifically for Oregon communities, includes step-by-step guidance through the Safe Routes to Parks framework to increase safe and equitable access to parks and green spaces. It focuses on access to parks via active transportation as well as ensuring a high-quality, safe experience within the park itself. As you work through this toolkit, you can expect to learn how to thoughtfully engage your community, assess barriers to safe and equitable park access, identify goals and take meaningful action steps, and consider how to sustain your ongoing Safe Routes to Parks efforts.

To explore the toolkit, visit:

<https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/toolkit/connecting-people-parks>

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