



# City of Tigard Press Release

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## **Hundreds of Tigard Students and Parents Take to the Streets on May 9**

Tigard's Safe Routes to School program, the Tigard-Tualatin School District and hundreds of Tigard school children and parents will celebrate National Bike to School Day on May 9. Young people and their families will be biking, rolling and strolling to all eight Tigard-area elementary and middle schools.

Members of the media are invited to join us for two walking buses that will converge on Durham Elementary School in Tigard. Principal Rhett Boudreau and physical education instructor Bettina Megowan will be leading Durham Elementary students by foot to school. See the attached map for both locations.

**Where: Start: SW Leiser Lane and SW 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**Start: SW Durham Road and SW 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue (south side of SW Durham Road)**  
**End: Durham Elementary School: 7980 SW Durham Road, Tigard**

**When: Both walks will begin promptly at 7:20 a.m. on May 9**

Tigard Police Chief Kathy McAlpine will also attend the Durham Elementary School activities, walking with a group starting on SW Durham Road. The Tigard Police Department will support most of the biking and walking events with officers at the schools. The department is an active participant in all Safe Routes to Schools activities.

National Bike to School Day is one of two biannual events that raises awareness nationally of the need to create safer routes for walking and biking and the benefits of increased physical activity among children.

Elementary and middle school walkers, cyclists and rollers hit local streets between 7:30 and 10 a.m. and 2:30 and 4 p.m. on May 9. Parents are encouraged to contact their schools for more information.

Walk-and-bike-to-school activities encourage families to participate in healthy and active transportation. The Safe Routes to School program improves safety for all pedestrians and bicyclists in the community by reducing traffic congestion and motor vehicle emissions while increasing opportunities to be more physically active and connect with neighbors.

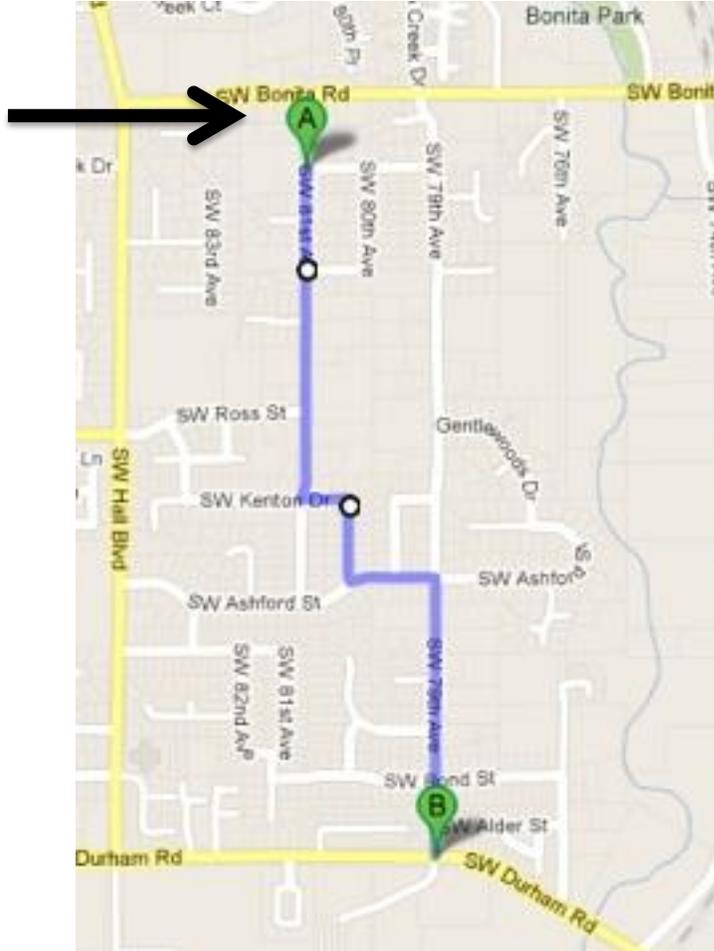
Learn more about the city's Safe Routes to School program: [www.tigard-or.gov/srts](http://www.tigard-or.gov/srts). The program is grant funded through a partnership with Metro and the Federal Transit Administration.

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# May 9, 2018 Bike to School Day

The walk will begin promptly at 7:20 AM. Please join us at any part of the route.

Walking  
School Bus  
#1  
(Megowan)



Walking  
School Bus  
#2  
(Boudreau)

