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Five Tigard Schools Participated in 2018 Walk + Roll Challenge

Tigard's Safe Routes to School program challenged all elementary and middle schools to go beyond one-day national bike to school day events and promote active travel to and from schools. Five schools rose to the challenge and selected a four-week period from April 30 through June 14 to encourage active transportation.

Together the initiative reached 2,827 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Charles F. Tigard, Durham, Mary Woodward, Templeton and Metzger elementary schools all promoted and participated in the May 9 National Bike and School Day and Tigard Bike Rodeo on May 12. They also left gifts from the "Bike Fairy" on bikes on May 22. The initiative promoted activities like walking school buses, helmet fittings, punch cards for frequent walk and rollers, bike and helmet awards, and walking and biking safety programs.

With funding from Metro's Regional Travel Options grant, Tigard's Safe Routes to School Coordinator worked with each school to fund an \$1,000 incentive package that matches the unique needs of the school and their community.

Charles F. Tigard, James Templeton and Metzger elementary schools used their portion of the Metro Regional Travel Option grant to supplement the cost of helmets for students, selling them for \$1 to students and \$6 for parents at school sponsored events. Metzger Elementary School also reserved a portion to support bike parking, safety equipment and/or traffic calming measures. Durham Elementary School will use its incentive to relocate bike parking that construction at the adjacent Durham Education Center will remove this summer. Mary Woodward Elementary will use its incentive to add a bike fix-it station and Safe Routes to School wayfinding signage to their new bike shelter.

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.

To learn more about the city's Safe Routes to School program and activities to promote walking and biking activities, visit the city's website at: www.tigard-or.gov/srts. Tigard's Safe Routes to School program is grant funded through a partnership with Metro and the Federal Transit Administration.

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