

Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian Bicycle Program Grant Opportunities

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Available Grants

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

- The purpose is to increase the number of children walking and biking to school safely. All projects must be within two-miles of primary, middle or high schools (K-12).
- Eligible projects include improvements that reduce potential pedestrian and bicycle conflicts with motor vehicle traffic; reduce traffic volumes around schools; and/or establish safer and fully accessible crossings, walkways, trails or bikeways.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Program

- Purpose is to improve conditions for biking and walking and encourage “complete street” type projects that safely meet the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation users and motorists, and also protect and preserve community environment and character.
- Eligible projects include design/scoping projects or engineering projects that help reduce the nearly 400 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists that occur each year in Washington and/or projects that significantly increase mobility to encourage more people to bicycle and walk.

Both grants are administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). There is a total of \$8M statewide for both programs.

Safe Routes to School Program

Quince Street Sidewalk, from Miller Avenue to Reeves Middle School.

- Scope: Installs curb and sidewalk on the east of side of the street, replaces asphalt sidewalk with rolled asphalt curb adjacent to vehicle parking lane. Installs school zone flashing beacons.
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$254,000

Rationale:

- Quince Street is one of two access points to Reeves Middle School
- Identified school walking route
- School District and City have received multiple concerns about this section of street
- Prior Council support
- Local Access street, not in any construction program

Other projects considered:

Eastside Street /22nd Avenue Sidewalk, from Boundary Street to Fir Street.

- Extends current sidewalk project to Boundary Street
- Simpler segment of remaining need
- Ranks #8 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

Other projects considered (continued):

Boulevard Road Sidewalk, from 18th Avenue to Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA)/15th Avenue.

- ORLA construction creates new destination
- Links to improvements on 18th Avenue, east of Boulevard Road
- Ranks #22 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

Pedestrian and Bicycle Program

Fern Street Sidewalk, from 9th Avenue to 1105 Fern Street.

- Scope: Installs sidewalk on the west side of Fern Street
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$514,000

Rationale:

- Missing link to transit route from apartments and day care center
- Long standing request from area residents
- Council support to apply for a grant for this project in the past
- Remaining small gap of sidewalk in this recently developed dense residential area
- Identified need on Parks and Pathways sidewalk project list
- Ranks #19 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

Eastside Street/22nd Avenue Sidewalk, from Fir Street to Wheeler Avenue.

- Scope: Design only
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$650,000

Rationale:

- Design funds advance complex project to construction
- Continuation of current construction project
- Design helps understand costs and funding needs
- Connects to trail, parks and downtown
- Ranks #8 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

Other Project Considered:

State Avenue Sidewalk, from Wilson Street to Phoenix Street, and Phoenix Street Sidewalk, from Martin Way to State Avenue.

- Next priority in sidewalk program
- Design complete
- No funding to finish project (not Parks and Pathways funded)
- Urban Corridor area - target for redevelopment
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$370,000