



Merrill SRTS Plan Outreach Materials

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City Website Announcement

Merrill Elementary was recently awarded Safe Routes to School Planning assistance from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Through this program, Klamath County School District and ODOT are working together to create a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan that identifies street improvements near Merrill Elementary to support students and families in walking and rolling to school safely. The SRTS Plan will also recommend opportunities for education and engagement to promote walking and rolling to school. Planners from Alta Planning + Design, an active transportation consulting firm, is guiding the planning process.

This spring, the project team has been collaborating remotely to identify and prioritize safety needs within a mile of the school. The team will host a socially-distant walk audit to observe student arrival and dismissal. The team and community members will also document the walking and biking conditions around the school area.

This summer, the team will identify SRTS construction, education, and engagement recommendations and complete the SRTS Plan.

We need your help to make the Merrill SRTS Plan a success. Please share your experiences traveling to school and your ideas for reducing barriers for students walking and biking. You can participate in several ways:

1. **Share feedback using our interactive online map.**

Tell us about your experiences getting to and from school using our interactive online map. Your feedback will inform where we should prioritize safety improvements. By sharing your feedback, you'll be entered to win a walking or rolling safety pack (\$50 value).

Link to the online map: <https://odotsrts.altaplanning.cloud/>

2. **Join us for a school walk audit on Thursday, November 18th.**

On **Thursday November 18**, the project team will host two walk audits at the school to document the walking and biking conditions around the school area. There will be a morning session at 7:15am to observe student arrival and an afternoon session at 2:30pm to observe dismissal. These walk audits will be physically-distant, group sizes will be limited, and masks will be required for all participants according to state guidelines.

Please contact Margaret McCadden if you have any questions.

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School Newsletter

How does your student typically get to school or travel in their neighborhood? Across Oregon, Safe Routes to School Programs are working to make it safer, easier, and more fun for families to be active on the way to school. During the COVID-19 pandemic, active transportation has become even more important as a healthy, affordable method of getting around, highlighting the need for Safe Routes to School in all communities.

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We need your help to make the Merrill SRTS Plan a success. Please share your experiences traveling to school and in your neighborhood, as well as your ideas for reducing barriers for students walking and rolling. You can participate in several ways:

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Social Media

How does your student typically get to school? What barriers do families face when walking or rolling to school? Take a few minutes to fill out our interactive online map and contribute towards the Safe Routes to School Plan for Merrill by November 30th. By sharing your feedback, you'll be entered to win a walking or rolling safety pack (\$50 value).

Merrill Elementary is working to make safe and convenient active transportation to school a reality for more families, but we need your help. Share your ideas and experiences through our interactive online map by November 30th. By sharing your feedback, you'll be entered to win a walking or rolling safety pack (\$50 value).

Merrill Elementary needs your help identifying challenges, barriers, and opportunities when it comes to walking and rolling to school! Please share your experience through our interactive

online map by November 30th. By sharing your feedback, you'll be entered to win a walking or rolling safety pack (\$50 value).

Parents and Caregivers: Join Merrill Elementary for a community walk audit on **Thursday November 18th!** We will be evaluating the conditions around the school area during student arrival at 7:15am and dismissal at 2:30pm to develop recommendations for safer and more convenient walking and biking.

Reader Board

Share your feedback about walking and rolling to school: <https://odotsrts.altaplanning.cloud/>

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