

## **ODOT's Safe Routes to School Competitive Construction Grant Program 2025**

### ***Frequently Asked Questions... and Answers***

#### **Q: What was the competitive program's selection process and participation by the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee?**

**A:** Committee members approved the application [analysis procedure](#) in November 2023 based on their previously agreed safety, equity and readiness criteria and scoring weights. ODOT staff reviewed applications according to the analysis procedure and identified an initial list of projects as follows: 1) those with the highest safety risk; 2) those that addressed barriers for students at low-income schools; and 3) those that had a high probability of project completion within five years.

ODOT staff next completed a ground condition review for the top projects. The SRAC reviewed all applications recommended the top scoring applications.

#### **Q: What happens next?**

- **January 16:** Oregon Transportation Commission reviews SRAC recommendations for discussion and decision-making. [OTC meeting](#) materials will be available before the meeting.
- **April 2025:** Staff will hold meeting time with applicants to review the project selection process (register in advance by emailing [Xao Posadas](#)).

#### **Q: Is there an appeal process for applicants?**

**A:** Yes. Because ODOT's Safe Routes to School Construction Program is located in ODOT's Public Transportation Division (PTD), an applicant may email a letter before January 31, 2025, describing the appeal to Suzanne Carlson, PTD Administrator: [suzanne.carlson@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:suzanne.carlson@odot.oregon.gov) .

#### **Q: How can the public engage in the process?**

**A:** All SRAC meetings are open to the public with time allotted at the beginning for public comment. These meetings will be virtual, using the Zoom platform, until further notice. SRAC meetings dates are posted [online](#).