



WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS

\$40 million for building out the regional trails network, oregonmetro.gov/regional-trails-and-greenways-system

Walking and biking trails program description: This program provides \$40 million to plan and build out trails that close gaps in the regional trails system via \$10 million for acquisition of trail gaps where park providers will one day build regional trails from willing sellers and roughly \$20 million for competitive grants to local governments to plan, design and build regional trails.

Walking and biking trails program milestones completed as of 2022

- Developed solicitation process for the competitive trail grants in 2021, which involved collaboration with the region’s park providers and transportation agencies
- Convened a working group of park provider representatives and community members to help design the solicitation and evaluation process for trail grants,
- In spring 2022, conducted online survey on potential trail projects translated into five languages and elicited 1500 unique responses.
- In September 2022, Council approved 12 trail grant awards for \$19.5 million across the region from the Clackamas River trail to the Gresham Fairview trail to the Westside trail to Marine Drive trail, taking a huge step forward in advancing the region’s goals for a more equitable and resilient transportation system.
- In fall 2022, Parks and Nature staff hosted a training for grant recipients on conducting cultural resource assessments for inadvertent discoveries during ground disturbing activities.

Walking and biking trails program milestones completed in 2022 (by the numbers)

Category	During calendar year 2022
Number of projects that applied for trail grant funds	15
Number of projects awarded trail grants	12
Dollars awarded	\$19.5 million
Number of onboarding/trainings with grant recipients	3 (2 onboarding and one training on cultural resources)
Number of unique respondents to online survey on trail grant projects in summer 2022	1500

Looking ahead

The team anticipates that many, if not all of the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with the grant recipients for the 12 projects will be executed by March 2023. Doing so, will allow the grant recipients to continue advancing their trail planning and construction projects, begin requesting reimbursements from Metro and reporting on progress to Metro. It is important to note that the timing of the projects will be driven primarily by the grant recipients themselves.

Markers to determine progress for walking and biking trails in 2023 and beyond

- Number of executed intergovernmental agreements with park providers for trail projects out of 12 grant awards
- Number of trail projects at any given time progressing from one stage of project readiness to another
- Reporting from park providers on how they're advancing bond criteria through their trail projects (community engagement activities, COBID participation and other)

Figure 1, map of walking and biking trail investments and awards as of December 2022

