

# WALK N ROLL Youth Education

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## 2021 Report

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, Walk N Roll found new and creative ways to provide education and encouragement on active transportation and public transit to youth and families in our community.



Students riding in Traffic Garden



Mt. View's balance bikes



Yard Signs



Mt. View's Traffic Garden



Youth Bike Challenge



Winter Bicycle Scavenger Hunt



Olympia School Board with yard sings

### 2021 Highlights

- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County and North Thurston Public Schools, we installed the first permanent traffic garden in Thurston County. The traffic garden, located at Mountain View Elementary School, is used to teach students bicycle and pedestrian safety skills during physical education classes and is open to the public when school is not in session.
- ◆ With our support, Mountain View Elementary School received a grant for a fleet of balance bikes. The bikes will be used to teach kindergarten and first grade students bicycle handling and safety skills.
- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County, Target Zero and the Olympia Police Department we distributed over 500 traffic safety yard signs. Signs are displayed throughout our community, encouraging drivers to slow down and make our roads safer for people walking and rolling.
- ◆ We designed Walk N Roll's first educational activity book. Activities teach and encourage youth to practice safe pedestrian and bicycling skills. The book will be distributed at school and community events.
- ◆ The first AmeriCorps Volunteer through Washington Service Corps joined our team in November. They will support all of Walk N Roll's educational activities.

### Transit Education and Encouragement

- ◆ Partnered with North Thurston Public Schools and other youth organizations to encourage youth to ride transit to summer programs and activities. Created a webpage with transit information and resources specific to youth.
- ◆ Gave a virtual presentation to students at Thurgood Marshall Middle School on public transit.

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Tumwater bike rodeo



Traffic garden at Garfield



Earn-A-Bike student



Youth Bike Challenge



Green Transportation Challenge

## Bicycle Education

- ◆ We held a bike rodeo at the City of Tumwater's Spring break camp where 10 students learned and practiced bicycle safety skills.
- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County and the City of Olympia, we installed temporary traffic gardens at Garfield and Roosevelt Elementary schools. The traffic gardens were open to the community and provided a safe place for youth to practice bicycle safety skills.
- ◆ We moved our Earn-A-Bike classes online and provided 18 youth ages 11-17 with bicycle safety and maintenance education. All students received a refurbished bicycle.

## Walking and Bicycling Encouragement

- ◆ In partnership with the Bicycle Commuter Challenge, we organized a Youth Bike Challenge that encouraged 38 youth to bike ten days during the month of May.
- ◆ To encourage more youth participation in the Winter Bicycle Challenge, we organized a bicycle scavenger hunt and 113 youth participated.
- ◆ For Earth Day, we organized a Green Transportation Challenge that encouraged 27 youth and families to use active and public transportation during the month of April.
- ◆ We helped four schools resume their Walk N Roll to School events after taking a break because of COVID-19. Staff at Garfield Elementary School walk to school with students every day!

## Safety Education and Outreach

- ◆ We provided a walk and roll safety BINGO activity and sponsorship for the Safe Kids Calendar. The calendar is distributed to 750 families in Thurston County.
- ◆ We partnered with Safe Kids Thurston County and other community partners to distribute 237 free bike helmets to youth in need.



Walk N Roll to School



Green Transportation Challenge



Youth Bike Challenge