

WALK N ROLL Youth Education

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2022 Report

Walk N Roll events and activities encourage and educate youth to walk, bike, roll and ride transit for transportation.



McKenny's Traffic Garden



Learn-To-Ride Class



Great Olympia Bike Rodeo



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Youth Bike Challenge



Winter Bicycle Scavenger Hunt



Tumwater summer camp bike rodeo

- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County and the Olympia School District, we installed a permanent traffic garden at McKenny Elementary School. The garden 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.
- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County we installed five temporary traffic gardens for school and community events. At the Lacey Spring Fun Fair we provided balance bikes and scooters, along with bicycle safety instruction to over 100 youth participants.
- ◆ We held our first Learn-To-Ride class at McKenny Elementary School and taught five students how to ride a bicycle. This class gives students the skills they need to participate in their school's physical education bicycle safety program.
- ◆ In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County, Target Zero, the Olympia Police Department, and the City of Olympia, we held the first Great Olympia Bike Rodeo. Participants visited seven stations where they learned and practiced bicycle safety skills, were fitted with a free helmet and received a bicycle safety check.
- ◆ We partnered with schools and youth organizations to hold six mini bike rodeo events.
- ◆ To encourage more youth participation in the Bicycle Community Challenge, we organized a bicycle scavenger hunt in February with 36 participants. For May we organized a Youth Bike Challenge that encouraged 60 youth to bike 10 days during the month.
- ◆ The Youth Walk Challenge encouraged 37 youth to get outside and walk at least 10 days in October.
- ◆ We partners with Safe Kids Thurston County to install a Sense of Place Walk around Garfield Elementary. Fourteen stations inspire youth to move their bodies while learning about their local environment, community and history.

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Avanti Bicycle Education

◆ We established a new partnership with Avanti High School to teach students bicycle safety and maintenance skills as part of their physical education curriculum. During the Spring and Fall quarters 34 students participated in the class co-taught by Avanti's Physical Education teacher and Walk N Roll staff. All students received a refurbish bicycle.

◆ Summer Earn-A-Bike classes offered through Olympia Parks and Recreation taught 58 youth essential bicycle safety and maintenance skills through a series of hands-on activities and group bicycle rides on city streets. All participants received a refurbished bicycle, new helmet and lock.



Earn-A-Bike

◆ Online Earn-A-Bike classes allowed us to reach an additional 41 Thurston County youth and provide them with bicycle safety and maintenance education through a series of videos and quizzes. All students received a refurbished bicycle.

◆ We provided physical education teachers in Olympia and North Thurston school districts with support for their bicycle safety education program. Our support included assisting with classes, bicycle fleet maintenance, transporting bikes and providing helmets and teaching materials.

◆ Walk N Roll volunteers learned and practiced bicycle mechanic skills while volunteering 297 hours rebuilding 52 donated bicycles and performing safety checks on 92 bicycles. These bikes are given to youth who participate in our bicycle education programs.



Earn-A-Bike

◆ We helped six schools in the Olympia and North Thurston school districts organize monthly Walk N Roll to School events including celebrations for national Walk and Bike to School Days. These events encourage students and their families to walk, bike and roll to school reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality around the school.

◆ We provided transit education to four schools and community groups. Youth met a bus operator, toured a bus and learned why transit is important to our community.



Rolling Classroom



Walk N Roll to School



Lacey Spring Fun Fair