



TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

# An Overview of the City of Milwaukie's SAFE Program

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Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) is the City of Milwaukie's program to improve safety for people walking, biking, and more. The program outlines priority corridors that will receive improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Priority corridors for SAFE improvements were based on public engagement and community input.

Funding for the program is collected through the monthly SAFE fee, paid by residents and local businesses as a part of the city's utility bill, as well as grants such as the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) grants.



This presentation will provide information about the city's SAFE program as well as share a recent project example. The recently completed River Road & 22nd Avenue SAFE project is one example of how the SAFE program is successful. This project is located on two arterial streets that connect people in the Milwaukie city boundary and adjacent unincorporated Clackamas County to local & regional parks, the MAX Orange line and to downtown Milwaukie businesses. The project design reduced vehicular travel lane width while adding new sidewalk, bike lanes, and pedestrian refuge islands to create a safer environment for everyone.

## About the Presenters:

**Tessie Prentice** works in the City of Milwaukie Engineering Department as a landscape architect and civil engineer. She received a Graduate Cert. in Transportation in 2014 from Portland State University where her focus was multi-modal and active transportation. Her work at Milwaukie includes design and construction management of capital improvement projects including Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) projects.

**Jason Wuertz** is a project manager and transportation engineer for AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC (AKS). An Oregon State University graduate and Oregon-licensed Professional Engineer, Jason has over 17 years of municipal engineering experience including utility and infrastructure system improvement projects for several cities and agencies throughout the Portland metro area. He was recently the engineer on transportation improvements for the City of Milwaukie's 22nd Avenue and River Road SAFE project and will have the same role on the City's upcoming Washington Street Area Improvements SAFE project.

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