

WELLS ACRES Safe Route to School Project Description

BACKGROUND

The City of Bend is improving safety and enhancing livability by building small safety projects as part of the Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP). One of the 2019-2021 projects is building a Safe Route to School for Mountain View High School and adding a marked crosswalk to Wells Acres Road.

WELLS ACRES ROAD

Wells Acres near Mountain View High School was prioritized by the community to provide traffic calming, improve street crossing comfort and safety, and increase bicycling and walking. The city transit system has bus stops on Wells Acres located near the high school driveway that require street crossings. Wells Acres Road is a collector roadway; collectors include bike facilities.

The proposal aims to increase safety for everyone and prevent crashes by reducing speeds and making it easier and safer to cross the street or bike along the street. The project will do this by adding:

- School speed zone of 20 mph,
- Buffered bike lanes abutting the school property,
- Marked crosswalks with safety islands at the transit stop/school entrance.

The bike lanes will extend on Wells Acres between Baroness Place and 27th Street eastbound and between 27th Street and Saber Drive westbound. This allows students to use quieter neighborhood streets to reach Wells Acres Road and a buffered bike lane on Wells Acres Road to get to and from school.

The school district is also working on additional marked crosswalks on 27th Street for St. Francis and Mountain View High School.

CONSTRUCTION – SUMMER/FALL 2020

The work is anticipated to be completed this summer, in time for school.

