

Pop Up Playgrounds in Portland

Creating spaces to learn and play

What are Traffic Playgrounds?

Places that provide children and families a safe, fun space to learn rules of the road and practice traveling on streets.

During the COVID-19 pandemic they also provide a no-touch play destination for families.



What is needed to create a Traffic Playground?

Space in a flat, paved area

- Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) will paint a rectangular street area that is approximately 50' x 100' (about the size of a basketball court). This can easily fit in most parking lots or school playground blacktops.
 - If a smaller size is better, we can modify the design to as small as 30' x 80'.
- The pavement should be fairly flat and smooth; areas with large potholes or cracks will make it more challenging for the paint to stick.

Materials & creativity

- PBOT will pay for and draw the Traffic Playground's streets, crosswalks, and other details on the pavement with striping paint.
 - **The paint won't wash away easily, even with rain. Pick a spot where it will be okay to have a Traffic Playground for months.**
- Our staff will also paint colorful businesses, homes, and other neighborhood features by the Playground. We will leave space for families to draw in their own places to "visit." Chalk would be great for these additions. Community creativity is welcome and encouraged!

People

- Our Safe Routes to School program will be sharing the news about your Traffic Playground with community schools and neighbors. Your Traffic Playground location will also show up on our website in an online map.
- If you would like to share about it on your own social media, our communications staff can help create or share information.

Questions

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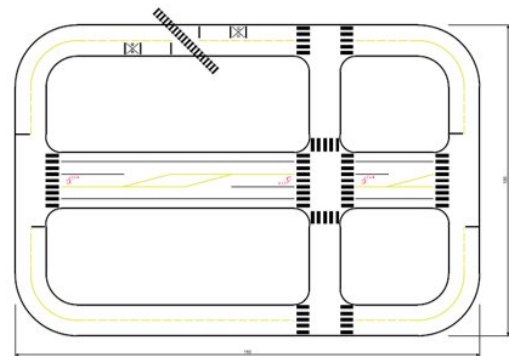
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“Before” photo of Sacramento Elementary School’s parking lot in the Parkrose School District.



“After” photo shows stop signs, crosswalks, and businesses like a bike shop, ice cream shop, and grocery store.

A PBOT traffic engineer will create a basic layout that works for the size of your parking lot or blacktop.



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