

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Expenses \$ 307,735 Revenue \$ 285,716



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Net Income -\$22,019

OREGON WALKS

Climate change, vehicular deaths and injury, traffic congestion, and the benefits of active transportation make our work critical in promoting sustainable and healthy communities. With 40% of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector, reducing car dependence and promoting active transportation and transit use can help address climate change. Additionally, in 2022, deaths and injuries on our streets were at all time highs. We believe in, and advocate for, investments that prioritize people moving around their communities outside of vehicles. And, walking is good for us! Walking promotes physical activity, social connection, and improves public health.

One example of our work in promoting active transportation and safety is the 82nd Avenue Coalition. 2022 saw the formation of the 82nd Avenue Coalition. Among its many goals, the Coalition aims to improve pedestrian safety and mobility along 82nd Avenue, develop robust tree canopy and greater access to nature space, and bring further resources to the corridor in order to create a healthier community where children can safely get to school, elders can age in place, and local businesses can thrive.

Another example of our work in 2022 is the Black to Nature series. In partnership with numerous leaders in the black community, this walking series aimed to increase access to nature and outdoor spaces for Black Portlanders. This project also promoted physical activity and community building and provided an opportunity to discuss climate justice.

Additionally, our staff and volunteers participated in numerous committees and hearings throughout Portland, the Metro area, and the state. Among other strategies, it is through this constant presence–repeatedly bringing the needs of the pedestrian to the forefront–that Oregon Walks advocates for the ability of people to safely move around their community outside of a vehicle.

Also in 2022, our Walking Programs Manager, Danielle, began to meet with Parkrose residents and school district staff about a warehouse that is on a route to school for many Parkrose students. We continue to advocate for the community this year and see how we can make students and all pedestrians as safe as possible on 112th Avenue.

As we transition back to normal after the COVID-19 pandemic, we also underwent a transition in leadership. We want to thank Ashton Simpson, our former director, for his service. Heading into 2023, Zachary Lauritzen takes over as Interim Executive Director of Oregon Walks. We are excited about the future and look forward to continuing our work in promoting and advocating for safe and healthy streets for all community members.



