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Council adopts vision for Tigard to become walkable and interconnected

The Tigard City Council by a unanimous 4-0 vote Tuesday night has approved a 20-year strategic plan, with a vision to become the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives.

“This is a roadmap for our city and the way we can develop our identity to become a community where our residents can remain healthy and connected to the city and each other,” said Tigard Councilor Marc Woodard. “Starting now, we can now begin to plan for our future decisions and make long-term investments. All of these will ensure we achieve this vision.”

The plan sets four clear goals that will chart how the city plans for and delivers core services over the next two decades:

- Facilitate walking connections to develop an identity
- Ensure development that advances the vision
- Engage the community through dynamic communication
- Fund the vision while maintaining core services.

The Council’s vote follows months of outreach by city staff to more than 1,200 residents in their neighborhoods, at the farmer’s market and events. The city shared the vision on its web site, with Tigard boards, committees, school meetings, service clubs and many other gatherings.

Activities and contests were held to engage residents in a two-way conversation.

“Residents have been very positive,” said Tigard Mayor John Cook “We heard that people love to walk and recognized that it provides health benefits and allows them to connect with neighbors and businesses. In fact, the top request citizens voiced was for more sidewalks.”

The conversation how to achieve the vision is ongoing. Residents can provide comments to the city on its plan at the city’s web site: http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/strategic_plan.asp. For more information about the plan, go to: http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/docs/strategic_plan.pdf.

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