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Tigard’s North Dakota Street Bridge to Close June 1

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently notified Tigard that the city’s North Dakota Street Bridge was in poor condition. Built in 1962, the wooden bridge spans Fanno Creek along North Dakota Street between 105th Place and Tiedeman Avenue. ODOT, the agency responsible for inspecting and determining the load capacity of bridges, reported the timbers supporting the bridge have deteriorated to a point where they need to be repaired or replaced. Based on ODOT’s assessment, the city will close the bridge to all vehicle traffic effective June 1. A detour map is available at: www.tigard-or.gov/BridgeClosure.

Tigard City Engineer Lori Faha regrets the closure, saying, “While we hate to inconvenience people by closing the bridge, our first priority is the safety of motorists who travel North Dakota Street. We are working as quickly as we can to find a solution to the problem.”

The city isn’t sure when the North Dakota Street Bridge might re-open. The ODOT notification has prompted the city to evaluate both the North Dakota Street Bridge and the nearby Tigard Street Bridge. Both bridges are similar in age and design, and the Tigard Street Bridge has an existing weight limitation. The city has hired a consulting firm with expertise in bridge assessment and design. The firm will evaluate the condition of both bridges and help identify temporary and permanent repair options, along with corresponding cost estimates and potential funding sources.

The bridge will remain open to cyclists and pedestrians.