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Tigard's North Dakota Street Bridge Reopens

Tigard's North Dakota Street Bridge reopened to all vehicle traffic on Friday, July 17. The city closed the bridge on June 1, following notification from the Oregon Department of Transportation that said the timbers supporting the bridge had deteriorated to a point where they need to be repaired or replaced.

Built in 1962, the wooden bridge spans Fanno Creek along North Dakota Street between 105th Place and Tiedeman Avenue. The closure resulted in traffic back-ups throughout the area, especially during the evening rush hour.

Through an emergency contract, the city expedited temporary repairs to the bridge. The repairs were completed in less than two months. According to City Engineer Lori Faha, "Long-term, the bridge will still need to be replaced. The city is in the process of identifying and pursuing options to fund that replacement."

In conjunction with the city's vision to connect people and places, the bridge work became a catalyst for pedestrian improvements. A walkway is under construction along the south side of the bridge. The city's contractor installed steel beams that extend beyond the existing guard rail and bridge structure. A 4-foot-wide walkway will be constructed on the extended beams. In addition, city crews are constructing a path along the shoulder of North Dakota Street from the Fanno Creek Trail to the new bridge walkway. The pedestrian improvements will be completed in August.