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City Wins \$700,000 Grant to Improve Tigard Street Heritage Trail

Tigard's newest trail, the Tigard Street Heritage Trail, will receive a major boost to support biking, walking and downtown revitalization. Oregon's ConnectOregon VI program is awarding the city \$700,000 in funding through a program that supports multimodal transportation statewide with state lottery dollars.

The ConnectOregon VI transportation program ranked the Tigard Street Heritage Trail in its top three of 75 projects from around the state. The city will match the state's award with \$600,000 in local funding for a project that will improve a key bike, pedestrian and transit connector between downtown Tigard and the neighborhoods along North Dakota and Greenburg, as well as the Tiedeman Avenue/Tigard Street industrial area on the west and the Hunziker Industrial Core to the east.

"Any city striving to be more walkable, healthy and interconnected is going to rely on projects like this and therefore programs like ConnectOregon," said Kenny Asher, Community Development director for the City of Tigard. "The Heritage Trail is going to tell the story of Tigard's history while demonstrating the city's candid commitment to a more active, healthy and sustainable future."

The project uses an inactive rail corridor parallel to Tigard Street, acquired by the city in December 2013. In August 2015, the city laid down a temporary porous asphalt surface from Tiedeman Avenue to Tigard's downtown commercial core and the Tigard Transit Center.

The temporary trail along Tigard Street met some active transportation demands, but did not provide the long sought-after "gateway trail" to complement the rapidly revitalizing downtown Tigard district. The grant award will allow the city to complete a multi-use trail that will include a final finished surface treatment, lighting, landscaping, ornamental fencing and cultural and community amenities.

Tigard has 17.5 miles of existing trails and another 15 miles planned. The Tigard Street Heritage Trail is unique because it will connect residents and employees to transit and amenities in downtown Tigard, and will enable residents discover how the city's history and heritage can be a cultural resource.

For more details go to: www.tigard-or.gov/business/tigard_street_trail.php.

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