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## **Tigard Receives Federal Funding for North Dakota Bridge Replacement**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced last week that Tigard will receive \$3,064,676 in Local Bridge Program (LBP) funding for replacement of the North Dakota Street Bridge. Construction would be anticipated in 2020.

Built in 1962 (with a 50-year design life), the existing wooden bridge spans Fanno Creek along North Dakota Street between 105th Place and Tiedeman Avenue. The city needed to close the bridge on June 1, 2015, following notification from ODOT of significant deterioration of the timbers supporting the bridge. Through an emergency contract, the city expedited temporary repairs that allowed the bridge to reopen while the city worked on a long-term solution.

Funding for the full bridge replacement comes as a relief to city engineers. “We are very glad to receive this bridge funding to replace this key link in our transportation system,” said Mike McCarthy, Senior Project Engineer for the city. “Last year’s repairs were only a short-term fix, and the closure demonstrated the importance of this bridge to our community.”

The new bridge will include sidewalks and bike lanes. Since the city adopted its strategic plan in November 2014, it has been using opportunities such as the bridge project and new developments to build more sidewalks and walkways that promote connections and active transportation.

For more information, contact Mike McCarthy at the City of Tigard at [mikem@tigard-or.gov](mailto:mikem@tigard-or.gov) or 503-718-2462. Details on the bridge replacement can be found on the city’s website at [www.tigard-or.gov/bridgeclosure](http://www.tigard-or.gov/bridgeclosure).