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Tigard Awarded \$2 Million from U.S. Department of Commerce

The City of Tigard won \$2 million in federal funding for public infrastructure to support economic development and employment growth in Tigard's industrial/commercial area known as the Hunziker Industrial Core

"I'm happy to see that the partnerships we have worked so diligently to forge are paying off with a matching investment from our federal partners," said Tigard Mayor John Cook. "The City of Tigard is extremely grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden and Representative Bonamici for supporting our EDA grant request and helping us navigate the federal process."

Since January 2016, the City of Tigard has been working with the U.S. Department of Commerce, through its Economic Development Agency's Public Works and Economic Development Assistance program, to fund part of a \$5.7 million infrastructure project. Federal funding is intended to cover a portion of the cost of new public access, transportation, sewer and water service that will spur private investment, development and increased employment in the 138-acre commercial/industrial area called the Hunziker Industrial Core.

"There's no better way to create jobs for the short- and long-term than by investing today in the infrastructure that local economies need to grow," said U.S. Senator Merkley. "This project will leverage millions of dollars in additional investment and growth for the region, and help make Tigard an even better place to live and work in the decades to come."

"I am proud to have worked with the City of Tigard to secure this critical funding that will help transform Hunziker Industrial Core with the development of new public infrastructure to create good, new jobs in the region," said Congresswoman Bonamici. "Northwest Oregon is the economic engine of the state and this investment will allow Tigard to continue to be an important part of Oregon's growing economy."

The federal grant will be matched against already committed state and local funding, as well as contributions from a developer, to support a range of infrastructure improvements totaling more than \$8 million. Public infrastructure upgrades will spur private investment unlocking more than 40 acres of property for industrial and commercial uses.

"Tigard is making investments that connect this city with the regional economy and build a healthy local economy," said Kenny Asher, City of Tigard Community Development Director. "This investment in infrastructure continues our work connecting residents and a regional workforce with employment in Tigard."

Federal funding will be part of a \$5.7 million public infrastructure investment connecting Hunziker Road to Tech Center Drive which supports new infill development. This reduces development pressure on the regional urban growth boundary. In the industrial/commercial corridor defined by Tigard’s Hunziker Road, 96 acres are developed but underutilized. Another 40 acres are undeveloped and limited in development capacity due to lack of public access and insufficient utilities.

“New public infrastructure helps transform this area into a mixed-use employment center with a wider range of businesses and higher levels of employment,” said Lloyd Purdy, City of Tigard Economic Development Manager.

The Hunziker Infrastructure Project initially includes \$5.7 million of roadway, water, sewer and storm water improvements that will support more than \$32 million in private investment. Development of commercial/industrial sites with adequate infrastructure and proximity to transportation and regional markets typically supports 150 to 300 jobs depending on the size of private investment and tenant mix.



Photo caption: 2012 aerial view of the 138 acre Hunziker Industrial Core. The City of Tigard is proposing new public infrastructure investments for the undeveloped industrial zoned property located in the lower left hand corner of photo. This investment in public infrastructure will unlock more than 40 acres of undeveloped property off of Hunziker Road.

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