

2017-2019 Council Goal Update

September 1, 2017

1. Advance a Local Option Levy and Facilities Bond to Voters to Increase Resources and Space for Day-to-Day City Services.

- *Develop key messages to inform/ educate the public about city services and funding challenges for outreach effort*
- *Develop and administer a second community survey or focus groups to test key messages for levy support*
- *Launch a comprehensive outreach campaign to inform and educate the community about specific funding challenges*
- *Develop and administer a third community survey or focus groups that tests support for a local option levy*
- *Quarterly briefings with City Council to plan for local option levy*
- *Using findings from completed outreach and research, draft local option levy alternatives for council consideration*
- *Present local option levy possibilities for council review; decision about whether to pursue a local option levy on the May 2018 ballot*
- *Launch education and information on levy proposal*
- *File ballot measure with Washington County for May election*

Progress/Activity:

On May 18, 2017 the city's general obligation bond rating from Moody's was increased from Aa2 to Aa1, the second highest rating a city can receive from Moody's. This rating increase will result in lower interest rates if we need to issue bonds for campus improvements. Lower interest rates means lower tax rates for the community to support the bonds.

2. Expand Recreation Opportunities for the People of Tigard.

- *Continue to implement city recreation program in 2017-18 and 2018-19 adopted budget*
 - *Continue to implement recommendations of the Recreation Program Study from 2013*
 - *Pilot for after school programming at Metzger*
 - *Add additional afterschool programs at other schools*
 - *Expand programs and classes with outside providers*
 - *Expand outdoor events (movies, concerts, pop-ups in the park)*
 - *Offer indoor events and programming using Fanno Creek House, Dirksen modular facility and school facilities*

Progress/Activity:

Pursuing CDBG grant for facility improvements to Metzger School Park.

Resolution to approve CDBG grant application on September 25, 2017 Council agenda.

- *Continue to pursue feasibility of partnership opportunities with other cities and organizations.*
 - *Discuss partnerships with the Tigard-Tualatin School District including programming and facilities at Templeton, Metzger, Alberta Rider, Tigard High School, and Art Rutkin sites*
 - *Form a Recreation Task Force made up of PRAB members to evaluate recreation partnerships and make recommendations to Council, including:*
 - *Explore partnership opportunities with the cities of Sherwood, Tualatin and Wilsonville*
 - *Prepare a white paper about recreation opportunities*
 - *Suggest recreation-related questions for the 2017 Community Attitudes Survey*

Progress/Activity:

The city won't conduct its biennial 2017 Attitudes Survey in favor of continuing survey work underway regarding potential for a bond/levy.

3. Make Downtown Tigard a Place Where People Want to Be

➤ *Focus on identifying and acquiring property and developing the Downtown Plaza.*

- *Design and develop Tigard Street Heritage Trailhead plaza as a gathering place and event space*
- *Complete design and engineering for Main Street at Fanno Creek public space*
- *Evaluate locations for other plaza/public space, including as part of Civic Center visioning*

Progress/Activity:

Tigard Street Heritage Trailhead plaza concept is being developed with community input. Regulatory agency permits obtained that allow development of Main Street at Fanno Creek public space. Locations for additional downtown public space are being evaluated after Council direction.

➤ *Make Downtown Tigard a livable community with something to offer residents 18 hours a day, 7 days a week; develop housing units within Downtown.*

- *Complete cleanup and redevelopment of the Main Street at Fanno Creek property into a mixed use building and public space*
- *Complete Metro grant funded pre-development projects to attract new housing/mixed use development, including affordable housing, and engage with developers*
- *Build the capacity of the Tigard Downtown Alliance to produce programs and projects that meet the Council goal*
- *Work with a range of community groups to design and program the Tigard Street Heritage Trail*
- *Enable existing businesses to improve their properties and attract new businesses to vacant buildings through the Urban Renewal Improvement Matching Grant Program*
- *Partner with the TDA to pursue Oregon Main Street grant funding for property improvements.*

Progress/Activity:

Main Street at Fanno Creek property demolition and cleanup has begun. Will go through October.

Urban Renewal Agency negotiating with potential developer of the site.

Metro grant-funded Tigard Urban Lofts project wrapped up. New Metro Equitable Housing grant project will focus on pre-development work for transit accessible affordable housing.

TDA completed a project to install an overhead banner system to publicize downtown and city events.

Quarterly meetings of TDA continues and member attendance has steadily increased over the past year.

Businesses new to downtown have been encourage to join and build capacity to add future programs and projects.

Tigard Street Heritage Trail external stakeholders including Tigard Rotary, Tigard Downtown Alliance, Chamber of Commerce, CCAC, and the CCDA have contributed valuable input into the design. Work will continue with these stakeholder groups to add future design and cultural elements through collaboration and fundraising efforts.

Three Walk and Talks were held and an online survey is scheduled for continued feedback during the next design phases.

Urban Renewal Improvement Matching Grants were awarded to four downtown businesses. Call for matching grant applications initiated in August 2017 to select a new round of businesses for funding. Grant-supported Tigard Taphouse improvements were completed.

TDA partnered with city and downtown property owners on an Oregon Main Street grant application and sponsored three other properties who received design assistance.

➤ **Implement Downtown Projects**

- *Main Street Green Street Phase II | Tigard Street Trail | Fanno and Main*

Progress/Activity:

Tigard Street Heritage Trail is at 30% design development. Public engagement continues through site furnishing design and selection. Staff is looking at potential for an Our Town grant to fund artwork and furnishings.

Main Street at Fanno Creek demolition and cleanup is underway. City is working towards a development agreement to redevelop the site.

4. Pursue Development of Light Rail Along the Southwest Corridor.

➤ **Advocate for Light Rail to come to Downtown Tigard**

- *Support request to the State Legislature for \$150M in state lottery funding for the Southwest Corridor Project.*
- *Support legislation to grant the Metro Council authority to consolidate multijurisdictional land use actions involving the SW Corridor into a single decision and expedited land use appeal process.*

Progress/Activity:

In August, Governor Brown signed a transportation bill that will help with funding SWC.

➤ **Adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in 2018 that advances Tigard's land use and transportation priorities:**

- *Direct service to downtown Tigard*
- *Vehicle and pedestrian crossing at Ash Avenue*

Progress/Activity:

Tigard staff from Community Development and Public Works have participated in the planning meetings for the Southwest Corridor light rail project along with Mayor Cook as a member of the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee. Staff's weekly coordination meetings assure this goal and its sub-goals are met.

The Locally Preferred Alternative is expected to be announced in early 2018 after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is completed. City staff are fully engaged in these discussions. The Ash extension -- connecting Burnham to Commercial in downtown -- may require Tigard to close an at-grade railroad crossing in order to open this Ash extension across the railroad tracks. Options are being studied by Public Works at this time.

➤ **Development of three light rail stations including 1 downtown and 2 in the Tigard Triangle**

- *Structured parking facilities in downtown, the Triangle, or both districts, to be made available for short-term public parking (non-commuters)*
- *Implementation of Shared Investment Strategy projects that enhance the walkability and connectivity of the community near transit stations*
- *Construction of affordable housing in the Triangle and downtown near transit stations, including replacement housing for "at risk" units due to SWC light rail construction concurrent with, or prior to, light rail construction*
- *Mitigation and enhancement of sensitive lands, congested intersections, and other community assets due to light rail construction and operation.*
- *Adoption of design standards and guidelines in TMC Title 18 to ensure that the quality of light rail components meet a high standard of urban design.*
- *Effective outreach and communication with impacted neighborhoods. Environmental justice for low-income or non-English speaking residents for whom impacts are most disruptive.*
- *Effective outreach and communication with impacted businesses. Economic development support for displaced or impacted Tigard businesses.*

- *Execution of an intergovernmental agreement with TriMet for Services Related to Design Review, Permitting, Shared Parking and Facilitation of Affordable Housing*
- *Participation on a Sustainable City Year Program multi-jurisdictional team to support City of Tigard goals in the SWC.*

Progress/Activity:

Metro Equitable Housing grant will fund pre-development work for affordable housing near new light rail station. Tigard is participating with the City of Portland on a corridor-wide affordable housing study and with Metro on the Southwest Equitable Development Strategy.

The Metro Equitable Housing grant is also funding a dedicated outreach effort coordinated through the city and performed by the non-profit Unite Oregon. This effort is targeted outreach to impacted neighborhoods on the Ash Avenue alignment, with particular emphasis on those in low-income housing and non-English speaking residents. This door-to-door outreach will explain the project, potential impacts and gather information about the needs of these communities to help inform future construction of affordable housing. This effort is being coordinated with Metro and TriMet.

The city, Metro and TriMet have jointly reached out to potentially impacted businesses on each alignment alternative. These outreach efforts have included group meetings (Tigard business owners breakfast, neighborhood meetings, etc.), but mostly involve one-on-one meetings with business owners. Special emphasis is placed on explaining the process and when there are opportunities for public input. This is an ongoing outreach effort with constant contact.

5. Implement Tigard Triangle Strategic Plan.

➤ ***Consider Lean Code and Plan Amendments***

- *Lean Code (Describes development)*
- *Zoning Map (Designates zoning on specific property)*
- *Transportation System Plan/TPR Analysis (street network map, streets with bike facilities, alley map)*
- *TTSP (Describes the vision for the Triangle)*

Progress/Activity:

Lean Code reviewed by Planning Commission and adopted by Council in August 2017

TPR analysis underway. Completion of TPR analysis will support zone change and TSP amendments. Both are scheduled for public review and hearings in October – December 2017.

➤ ***Infrastructure Planning***

- *Triangle Stormwater Implementation Plan (Area-wide stormwater management)*
- *72nd Avenue Study (capacity and ultimate street section design)*

Progress/Activity:

Both projects delayed due to staffing and funding issues. Both currently budgeted to start in FY 2019.

72nd Ave Study consultant selected and waiting for notice to proceed. A public draft of the citywide Stormwater Master Plan is under review and includes recommendations for the Triangle Stormwater Implementation Plan and high-priority capital improvements along Red Rock Creek.

➤ ***Development of Funding Tools***

- *Establish Urban Renewal Agency – public vote on UR plan*

Progress/Activity:

Urban Renewal Plan approved by the public in May 2017.

Metro Grant application prepared for urban renewal plan implementation. Award announcement expected in Fall 2017.

Names and functions of CCDA and CCAC being revised to include Tigard Triangle urban renewal area. Council being presented with revisions in September 2017.

6. Annex Territory into the City.

➤ *Prioritize annexation of islands including a strategy and incentives.*

- *Review overall project approach, draft letter to island residents, outreach plan, potential incentives and legal process with council – 1st week in March, 2017*
- *Schedule and conduct small group meetings/conversations, identify incentives – March – April, 2017.*
- *Follow-up on incentives, develop schedule for hearings and final action – May – July 2017.*
- *Develop a strategy for communication and outreach to residents, with the Council in the lead for outreach.*
- *Develop a strategy for future annexations of the remaining Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).*
- *Beginning July, 2018 develop a work plan for future annexations of the UGB. Include dates and deadlines for needed studies and outreach. Identify logical phasing options. Present work plan to council by the end of 2018.*

Progress/Activity:

On March 17, City Management mailed an invitation to all property owners in unincorporated islands announcing an open house with City Council.

Council hosted an open house on April 5, 2017 to meet with affected property owners.

City management began submitting annexation applications to Current Planning on May 1 and met with or talked to multiple homeowners with questions or requests. City Management staff followed up with a postcard mailing to property owners that had not contacted us and then delivered door hangers to properties asking them to contact the city with questions and advising them of Council action date.

On June 27, Council approved nine island annexation applications that will become effective on June 27, 2020. Property owners in the affected islands will begin paying city property taxes in November 2021.

Two adjacent parcels off Fern Street make up the last remaining unincorporated islands within city limits. Property owners are working on getting sewer connections to their site and then they will voluntarily annex.

On August 8, 2017 Council repealed annexation incentives for voluntary annexations, which did not prove effective encouraging property owners outside of the city limits to annex.