

Previous Successful Agenda Items

Tigard Outdoor Museum

Tigard secured \$75,000 in NEA Our Town grant funding to design and build Tigard's Outdoor Museum along the Tigard Street Heritage Trail, a creative placemaking effort. Working with Pacific Northwest artists, renowned architects, the Westside Cultural Alliance and the Washington County Museum, this project is an exciting opportunity to interpret Tigard's unique history through art. Incorporating the results of extensive community and stakeholder outreach, the museum will focus on exploring the history of the region's immigrants and minority communities through the lens of rail.

Hunziker Industrial Core

Tigard secured \$2.1 million in EDA grant funding to improve public infrastructure and increase development capacity in the Hunziker Industrial Park. 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 will support 150 to 300 jobs, depending on the size of private investment and tenant mix. Construction is set to be completed in 2018.

Downtown Tigard Brownfield Cleanup

Tigard secured \$400,000 in EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant funding to revitalize two downtown properties for productive reuse. For several years, the City of Tigard and community members have envisioned a more vibrant and prosperous downtown and have developed detailed improvement plans. Cleanup began in 2017, and is expected to be completed in December 2018.

Tigard, Oregon Bordering the city of Portland, Tigard is Oregon's 12th largest city with a population of 50,044. The city is largely residential and offers a mix of industrial, commercial and retail space which results in a daytime population around 100,000. Because of the demand placed on its transportation, water and public safety resources, Tigard faces big-city infrastructure issues.

Late in 2014, the City Council adopted a strategic plan to become *"the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives."* This 20-year strategic vision, along with four strategic goals, will provide guidance and direction for the city's priorities over the long term by leveraging and building on our strengths to grow Tigard as a thriving community.

For more information...

More information about these projects and Tigard's vision for the future can be found on our website at www.tigard-or.gov. Please don't hesitate to contact us for additional information.

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Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project

The City is supportive of the ongoing initiative to extend light rail service from Portland to Tigard. Portland's southwest metro area is rapidly expanding, and this project will help provide much-needed transportation alternatives for this growing and increasingly congested area. The City supports continued funding for New Starts and Small Starts programs which are critical for regional transportation projects.



Photo courtesy of TriMet

Investment Package – Infrastructure Spending

President Donald Trump has proposed a ten-year, \$1 trillion investment package to create American jobs and stimulate economic development. Tigard supports a robust federal infrastructure package that will address the growing transportation, water and other infrastructure backlog in our community and communities around the country. The following projects are examples of local infrastructure priorities that could benefit from an infrastructure investment package:

► Greenburg Road and Tiedeman Avenue Improvements

This area has substantial congestion and safety issues and receives heavy daily traffic to and from Hwy 217, Washington Square, and a large commercial/light industrial employment area. Improvements will include adding safe turning capacity, intersection improvements, sidewalks and bike lanes.

Estimated Cost: \$20 million

► Tigard Street Bridge Replacement

The Tigard Street Bridge over Fanno Creek needs replacement. The City is implementing temporary repairs to allow for its continued use. The ultimate replacement of this narrow 2-lane structure will include bike lanes, sidewalks and elevation to eliminate flooding that currently closes the bridge usually at least once a year. **Estimated Cost: \$4 million**

► ODOT Facility Improvements in Tigard

The city supports interchange capacity improvements at 72nd/217 and 99W/217. There are substantial capacity issues at both interchanges resulting in regular back-up onto major routes for travel and freight passage in and through Tigard.

► Fanno Creek Regional Trail

This trail provides a regional link for bike and pedestrian travel from Portland, through Beaverton and Tigard to Tualatin. The City is working with ODOT and Metro to implement 4 key segments of this trail. **Estimated Cost: \$7 million**

Support for Homeless Assistance Grants

The city is collaborating with Just Compassion to address the lack of homelessness resources in Tigard. Just Compassion, a registered nonprofit in Oregon, is committed to establishing a day shelter for homeless adults in Tigard. The day shelter will provide resource information for mental and physical health, as well as assistance in overcoming barriers to employment, job and housing stability.

Police Equipment Funding

The City strongly supports funding for additional police equipment. There are very few options at the federal level to help police departments purchase equipment despite the fact that federal mandates continue to require costly upgrades.

FY 2019 Program Levels

Maintain adequate funding levels for the Economic Development Administration (EDA), EPA Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Program, TIGER, Byrne Justice Assistance Programs, and Assistance to Firefighters funding.

Restore SALT Deduction & Advanced Refunding

The City is concerned about the impact on lower and middle-income families of the \$10,000 cap on deductions for property, state and local taxes. The City supports full restoration of the SALT deduction. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 also eliminated the ability of municipal government to refinance bond debt. Refinancing bonds lowers the debt service for local governments and is a financing tool that reduces the tax burden on local residents. The City of Tigard supports restoration of the Advanced Refunding provision eliminated in the tax reform bill.

Protect Municipal Bonds

The City strongly supports protecting tax exempt municipal bonds from being eliminated or limited. Since 1913, interest earned from municipal bonds issued by state and local governments have been exempt from federal taxation. These bonds are the primary financing mechanism for state and local infrastructure projects, with three-quarters of the infrastructure projects in the U.S. built by state and local governments, and with over \$3.7 trillion in outstanding tax-exempt bonds, issued by 30,000 separate government units.

Waters of the U.S.

Tigard is concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed rule released by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. Tigard supports the agencies' decision to postpone implementation of the rule until 2020 while it is rewritten to reflect a more narrow view of both federal jurisdiction and the definition of waters and wetlands.

FEMA and Endangered Species

A recent National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Biological Opinion concluded that FEMA must change its implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program in Oregon to better protect endangered species within floodplains. NMFS's recommendations, as written, would require FEMA to go above and beyond its legal authority, amending and issuing new regulations that would subject 251 of 271 NFIP participating communities in Oregon to excessively restrictive floodplain development standards.