



## City of Tigard

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**To:** Mayor John Cook and City Council

**From:** Lloyd Purdy, Economic Development Manager

**Re:** Tigard Street Heritage Trail & Pursuit of Connect Oregon VI Grant Funding

**Date:** October 26, 2017

The Tigard Street Heritage Trail upgrades about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of rail spur right-of-way into a dedicated off street walk/bike path which will ultimately include lighting, fencing, amenities, art and public space connecting to downtown Tigard and the Tigard Transit Station.

Resolve Architect Suenn Ho worked with the following design guidelines to explore the potential of the Tigard Street Heritage Trail.

#### Design Guidelines

- Create various points of place-making opportunity along the former rail line.
- Accent the linear crescent shape of the right-of-way to create visual interest on approach for both autos and pedestrians.
- Connect with historic Main Street.
- Celebrate the early development of Tigardville and the city's rail history.
- Connect with the Fanno Creek Trail.
- Support Tigard's Strategic Plan and Vision.
- Recognize that installations and trail amenities may need to be relocated if the railroad reclaims the easement.

The “Tigard Street Heritage Trail” concept is the result of input from a focus group, community stakeholders and professional research. This concept provides for an active trail that celebrates Tigard’s people, heritage, nature and art.

The Tigard Street Heritage Trail concept also integrates the following elements, ideas, features and themes which the community and stakeholders feel are important to a complete trail.

#### Elements/Ideas/Features & Themes

- Relevant to the history of the community,
- Built upon the 2010 Tigard Greenway Trail Master Plan,
- Connect to the surrounding network of trails,
- Activate the trail for use by all ages,
- Provide opportunity for fitness,

- Create unique features like a Veterans memorial, a BMX track, an outdoor event/market space, some parking,
- Celebrate with seasonal décor,
- Respect the environment and native vegetation,
- Accommodate all users including those with strollers, wheelchairs, bicycles and dogs,
- A safe, durable, low maintenance public trail,
- Conveniently placed emergency-police assistance kiosks,
- Clean and safe toilet facilities (ADA standard),
- Drinking fountains,
- Public art,
- Playful splash pad features, and
- Trail lighting.

As proposed, the Tigard Street Heritage Trail is envisioned as more than a path and more than a uniquely Tigard experience. It is also expected to connect and integrate with five unique locations around downtown Tigard.

#### Tigard Street Heritage Trail Connects

- 1) A community plaza where the trail meets Main Street (including the area under the viaduct);
- 2) A commons area that includes concepts for a dog park and/or BMX track;
- 3) A stage area for performance space;
- 4) A plaza at the north (Tiedeman) entrance; and
- 5) The Fanno Creek Trail.

This vision for the Tigard Street Heritage Trail begins with a strong foundation of multi-modal transit infrastructure (surface treatments, lighting, safety fencing and pedestrian/bike amenities) connecting residents to commerce in downtown Tigard, regional transit options and regional employment opportunities. ODOT's Connect Oregon VI funding, leveraged against local match, can help build that foundation.