

A REPORT TO THE TIGARD COMMUNITY

This annual report describes the beginning of our journey to implement the strategic plan. The strategic plan will provide guidance and direction for the city's priorities over the next 20 years.



OUR VISION: To become the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives.

RECOGNITION

City Council received American Planning Association Leadership Award for adopting the strategic plan.

Metro awarded the City a two-year grant for Safe Routes to School.

State legislature allocated \$1.5 million for infrastructure in the Hunziker Corridor.

Tigard and friends celebrated 2 million trees planted in the Tualatin watershed.

Derry Dell project recognized by State for responsible, sustainable stewardship of natural resources.

LIGHTER, QUICKER, CHEAPER (LQC) PROJECTS

As part of strategic plan implementation, the City completed seven LQC projects. LQC projects are inexpensive and impactful actions that improve walkability, connectivity and health in Tigard.

1. **Tigard Street Trail:** The trail is a new biking and pedestrian corridor with access to the city's downtown core.
2. **Dartmouth Overlook:** Captures the view over the Tigard Triangle and west to the Chehalem Mountains.
3. **Haines/Atlanta St. Sidewalk:** A new section of sidewalk filling the gap between 68th Ave and the I-5 bridge.
4. **Spruce St. and 78th Ave.** Working with the developer, a sidewalk gap was filled between Spruce St. and 78th Ave.
5. **Oak Way Trail:** A 150-foot trail with landscaping, a pedestrian crossing on SW 90th Avenue and signage.
6. **North Dakota Sidewalk:** Built a sidewalk on the street between 106th Ave. and 109th Ave.
7. **135th Ave. Sidewalk:** Completed the missing section of sidewalk on SW 135th Ave. between Walnut St. and Lauren Ln., making pedestrian travel safer and easier.

NEXT STEPS

- Develop Tigard Street Trail area as a linear park, with plantings, benches, exercise equipment, historical interpretive signage and other improvements.
- Connect Oak St. to Lincoln St. near Metzger Elementary.
- Improve accessibility on 72nd Ave. where the road crosses the railroad tracks between Bonita Rd. and Upper Boones Ferry Rd.

GOAL 1: WALKING AND CONNECTING - *Facilitate walking connections to develop an identity*

- To promote the city's popular trail network, the Police Department revitalized its bike patrol team.
- Supported Tigard Downtown Alliance led initiative to install 10 bike racks, 7 benches, 2 bike tune-up stations, and 20 light pole glass baskets.
- Coordinated walking tours focusing on historic areas of Main St.
- Filmed a public service announcement about crosswalk safety.
- Worked with Clean Water Services to realign Derry Dell Creek in order to cover and protect an exposed sewer line. Project restored degraded stream channel, helped restore fish passage under SW Walnut St., add native plants and provided boardwalk connection between the dead-end sections of Johnson St. through Woodard Park.
- Completed walking and biking audit near Templeton Elementary and Twality Middle School.
- Paved the Tigard Street Trail between Main Street and Tiedeman Avenue, using porous asphalt pavement.
- Added a walkway along one side of the North Dakota St. bridge. The protected walkway makes it safer for walkers and bikers by limiting their expose to automobile traffic.
- Developed a draft program for council review as to closing gaps in our sidewalk and major trails network.



NEXT STEPS

- Implement a sidewalk and trail gap program.
- Implement maintenance efforts, in cooperation with the Police Department, to increase trail accessibility and safety.

GOAL 2: GROWING AND PLANNING - *Ensure development advances the vision*

- Completed sidewalks inventory map showing existing walkable areas, where sidewalks provide walking opportunities, and areas where sidewalks are not on either side of the street.
- Consulted with Jeff Speck, a national walkability expert, on walkability strategies for the city.
- Developed a vision for the Tigard Triangle that includes a walkable neighborhood with apartments, offices, restaurants and other services.
- Launched Tigard Active Permits, an online tool making it easier to view permit data.
- Work began on the Burnham/Ash Mixed-Use Housing Project which will bring 165 residences to downtown.
- Using bond dollars and \$6.05 million in contributions and grants from Metro, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Washington County and Clean Water Services, more than 108 acres of park land and open space have been preserved.

NEXT STEPS

- Revise development code to improve street connections and create a safe and inviting walking environment.
- Continue Brownfields Initiative to become a more livable, walkable and economically resilient community with fewer environmental health risks.

GOAL 3: ENGAGING AND COMMUNICATING - *Engage the community through dynamic communication*

- Engaged the public in the first-ever dog walk video contest.
- Partnered with the Tigard Balloon Festival on a photo contest.
- Hosted two roundtable discussions for non-profits and churches.
- Attended the Farmers Market on 18 separate occasions; engaged in more than 1,400 conversations with residents
- Coordinated Safety Academy, for adults with developmental disabilities.
- Increased social media presence—Facebook (1,300 likes) and Twitter (7,300 followers)
- Installed signage at each completed Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper project, calling attention to city’s progress to build a more walkable, connected community

NEXT STEPS

- Adopt signage that communicates city vision and identity.
 - Partner with Youth Advisory Council to identify opportunities to engage high school and middle-school age residents.
 - Develop new city video that tells Tigard’s progress to implementing its new vision
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CONNECTING BY THE NUMBERS

1,400:	People that staff connected with at the Farmers Market
1,000:	Students who participated in Bike and Walk to School Day
712:	Residents who participated in National Night Out.
275:	People who attended at Public Works Day.
200:	Citizens who attended Ice Cream Socials
120:	Walkers at the 10 Tigard Walks! events.
105:	Walkers and bikers to the Library during Walk n’ Roll Campaign.
100:	Attendees at “Cookout with the Council.”
40:	People who stopped by ‘Tailgate with the Council.’

GOAL 4: FINANCING AND SUSTAINING - *Fund the vision while maintaining core services*

- Approved a budget that maintains core services and addresses future parks and library needs.
- Implemented Open Budget Portal that provides easy to navigate budget data in graphical and tabular format online.
- Provided grants for more than 15 community events and non-profits.
- Increased the city’s tree canopy by supplying Tigard homeowners and neighborhood groups with free trees.

NEXT STEPS

- Adopt an annual budget that advances the vision.
- Enhance the Open Budget Portal.