



City of Tigard  
Memorandum

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SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET  
FOR Dec 8, 2015  
(DATE OF MEETING)  
Agenda Item 8

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Toby LaFrance, Finance and Information Systems Director  
**Re:** Draft Ballot Title Language  
**Date:** December 3, 2015

At the Council Workshop on November 17, 2015, Council instructed staff to start preparing a possible ballot measure for the May 2016 election. Attached is draft ballot title language for your consideration at the Council Meeting on December 8, 2015. The intent of this draft is to elicit discussion on key concepts to include in the title. The specific language will need to be approved by the City Attorney, Bond Counsel, and Financial Advisor prior to Council action.

The ballot title is made up of three sections, the Caption, Question, and Summary. Each section has a word limit as follows:

- Caption: 10 words
- Question: 20 words, not including the sentence that starts with “If the bonds are approved,...”.
- Summary: 175 words

The attached title falls within these limitations. Some other concepts that the title includes are:

- Funding a multi-year program
- Funding a program to fill gaps in various types of pedestrian connections along Tigard’s busiest streets and trails.
- Including a citizen advisory committee
- We are in discussions on optimal bond structure options due to the length of the program.

**Caption:**

Tigard General Obligation Bond Authorization for Sidewalk Gap Program

**Question:**

Shall Tigard be authorized to issue up to \$80,000,000 in general obligation bonds for pedestrian and bicycle connections and crossings? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:**

This measure amends the Tigard City Charter to authorize the City to issue up to \$80,000,000 of general obligation bonds to pay for the capital costs related to filling gaps within the existing sidewalk and trail system, including: sidewalks, paved pedestrian connections, pedestrian crossings, pedestrian safety, bike lanes, trail connections, purchasing necessary right of way, and paying issuance costs. The bonds will be the primary funding source for the Sidewalk Gap Program. The program will focus on creating a complete pedestrian system along Tigard's busiest roads and trails, and is expected to fill over 30 miles of sidewalk and trail gaps over a period of 8-10 years. The Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Tigard Transportation Advisory Committee, a citizen advisory committee, would advise City Council as to project priorities. The city estimates the levy for these bonds would be approximately X cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year, or approximately \$XXX per year on a home assessed at \$240,000.

A copy of the charter amendment is available from the City's Elections Officer.