



Tigard, Oregon

Bordering the City of Portland, Tigard is Oregon's 12th largest city with a population of 55,854. The city is largely residential and offers a mix of industrial, commercial and retail space which results in a daytime population around 100,000. Due to the demand placed on its transportation, water and public safety resources, Tigard faces big-city infrastructure issues.

Tigard's vision is to be an "equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone." This vision, along with strategic priorities, objectives, and metrics, provide guidance and direction for the city's priorities.

Our Community Promise, or "5 E's", is the lens through which we approach all initiatives, guiding the Tigard team in all we do. Our 5 E's are: Equity, Environment, Economy, Engagement, and Excellence.



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2024 Tigard Federal Legislative Agenda

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Project and Program Specific Funding Requests

The City will pursue federal grants and funding opportunities for projects that advance Tigard’s vision and values.

Universal Plaza Phase 2.

Tigard requests \$2 million to complete Phase 2 of Universal Plaza. Phase 2 includes construction of an ADA-accessible community room and architectural canopy over the plaza’s southern edge. It provides weather protection for the farmer’s market promenade, food vendors, and performances for community congregation and connection. This Plaza serves a diverse cross-section of the community, providing a gathering place for socially-vulnerable and lower-income residents who live near this site. The location is served by active and public transportation, including the Fanno Creek Regional Trail System, supporting the City’s goals around health and walkability.

SW 72nd Avenue Complete Streets.

Tigard is requesting \$15,792,000 from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program towards final design and construction of The Ave -- A New Mobility Corridor for an Equitable Tigard Triangle project. Federal funding will leverage almost \$4,000,000 in non-federal funding to implement a Complete Streets design along SW 72nd Avenue, transforming a congested, automobile-oriented arterial, into an attractive, safe, multimodal street for all users.

Hall Blvd Safety Improvements.

Hall Boulevard is a state-owned urban arterial that runs through Beaverton, unincorporated Washington County, and the City of Tigard serving numerous residences, businesses, parks, schools, and transit. The failing assets along this corridor and insufficient safety infrastructure have led the City to pursue negotiations with ODOT to transfer the Tigard section of Hall Boulevard to the City so that it can be better managed and maintained in line with our community’s vision for a safe, accessible, and functional transportation system. Funding for infrastructure improvements to a state of good repair would facilitate the transfer of this facility to the City.

Community Resilience Center.

The City of Tigard is requesting \$500,000 to transform the Tigard Public Library into a Community Resilience Center for emergency cooling and heating. Currently, there is no designated community warming, cooling, or clean air center in Tigard. As the frequency of extreme weather events increase, it’s imperative that Tigard’s unhoused and vulnerable residents have a safe, accessible place to seek shelter during extreme weather events.

Climate Action Plan.

The City plans to request federal funding to develop a Climate Action Plan to develop and prioritize investments and policies to make progress on the City’s climate mitigation and adaptation goals. The Climate Action Plan will center equity in the recommended policies, plans, and investments to move the community towards a more resilient future.

Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program.

The City’s social vulnerability mapping indicates that some of Tigard’s BIPOC, lower-income, and historically underserved communities have limited access to connection and opportunity because of infrastructure configuration and design. State and County roadways, especially Hall Blvd and Greenburg Rd, currently create barriers; with investment in pedestrian infrastructure and safe crossings, the livability, safety, and access along these corridors would be improved.

Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program.

The City is pursuing opportunities to obtain cleaner heavy-duty City fleet vehicles and related charging infrastructure.

Transportation and Infrastructure

The City of Tigard supports equitable, accessible, safe, and climate -friendly transportation and infrastructure policy and investments. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act were important actions taken in 2022 and 2023 – with some program funds ability to go directly to cities, Tigard plans to pursue those opportunities.



Resilient Infrastructure. Cities need support to build and invest in sustainable, resilient, and inclusive infrastructure. Backup emergency power generation for water intake and treatment is one example of resilient infrastructure that Tigard is pursuing funding for in partnership with Lake Oswego. Direct investment will help meet the growing demands on our infrastructure to support resilient communities.

Southwest Corridor Light Rail. The City is part of a coalition working to extend light rail service from Portland to Tigard. The proposed Light Rail corridor serving Tigard, Beaverton, Portland, and other regional cities, is expected to carry around 40,000 passengers daily and reduce congestion.

Electric Mobility Transition. Tigard supports further increased access to electric mobility infrastructure and incentives for electric mobility adoption in low-income households and communities to ensure that the electric mobility transition is equitable. Ensure new funding programs are inclusive of micro-mobility modes, shared mobility, and Mobility as a Service models.

Broadband and Digital Access. Support and funding for increased broadband infrastructure deployment and technical assistance is critical to economic development, education, health and safety and the ability of residents to be linked to their governments. The pandemic has only amplified the need for digital access.

Affordable Housing. The City supports legislation to remove barriers for local governments to address the housing affordability crisis and federal investments that increase access to, and supply of, affordable housing units.

City Funding & Additional Opportunities.

Restore Advanced Refunding. The City supports refinancing of municipal bonds which was eliminated in the 2017 tax bill. Refinancing bonds lowers the debt service for local governments and is a financing tool that reduces the burden on community members.

Restore State and Local Tax Deductions.

The City’s residents pay an inequitable portion of their income in taxes as a result of upper limit placed on SALT deductions in the 2017 tax bills.

Tigard Zip Code. Tigard supports coordination efforts with the U.S. Postal Service for the City of Tigard to have its own ZIP code.



This agenda highlights key city priorities and is one tool to support and advocate for important initiatives. In coordination with our partners, Tigard will pursue specific opportunities that align with our values as they arise.