

Vision and Goals



Within a generation of new drivers, the City of Tigard will have no deaths or serious injuries from traffic crashes.

Safe streets are essential to becoming an equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone. Because no loss of life is acceptable on our streets and roads, the City of Tigard commits to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2045.

The Safety Action Plan defines how Tigard will create a safe, comfortable, and connected transportation system. As we undertake this work, we will focus first on improving safety outcomes for the most vulnerable users – people on foot and on bicycle – and for the communities who are most burdened and least served by the system that exists today.

GOAL 1

Prioritize safety investments in historically marginalized communities.



Equitable



Community Health



Affordable Transportation Costs

People of color, immigrant communities, and low-income communities are overburdened by traffic crashes and least likely to have affordable, convenient, and safe transportation options. Prioritizing safety investments in these communities will begin to reverse the health, safety, and economic disparities caused by decades of land use and transportation decisions.

GOAL 2

Improve safety for the most vulnerable road users in Tigard.



Walkable and Bikeable



Accessible



All Ages and Abilities

Everyone benefits when streets are safe for their most vulnerable users: people on foot and bike, children, people with disabilities, older adults, and people who are not able or choose not to drive. Prioritizing the safety of people above convenience for motor vehicles will save lives.

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Safety is the key to Tigard's future

This Safety Action Plan builds on work we have all been doing together to define the vision for our city. Over many years we've heard from you and your families, friends, and neighbors about the kind of community you want Tigard to become. Our safety vision and goals draw on the values, priorities, and decisions you've helped us reach through recent efforts including:

- Transportation Safety Action Plan (2019)
- Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Plan (2019)
- Strategic Plan (2020)
- Tigard on the Move Transportation System Plan (2022)
- City Council Goals (2023)
- City Council Resolution 23-25 committing to the Safe Systems Approach (2023)
- Racial Equity Action Plan and Equity Commitment Declaration (2023)

How is safety defined?

A Safe System Approach to safety, adopted by the City, prioritizes the elimination of crashes that result in death and serious injuries.

GOAL 3

Provide safe multimodal connections to foster livable, healthy, and carbon responsible neighborhoods.



Transportation Choices



Safe Road Designs, Healthy People



Healthy Environment

For quality of life, economic vitality, and environmental and community health, we need to make it safe and convenient to walk, bicycle, and take transit. By choosing actions and investments that make it possible to meet daily needs without driving, we will improve safety for everyone and advance broader community goals.

GOAL 4

Place safety at the center of our work as a city and encourage our partners to do the same.



Partnership



Coordination



Funding and Resources

Creating a lasting culture of traffic safety requires collaboration and shared responsibility. All city departments and agencies will need to collaborate to plan, fund, build, operate, and maintain a safe transportation system. As part of this work, we will build and maintain safety partnerships with other government agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, and developers.