



On January 24th nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate our annual State of the City event. The state of our city is “On the Move”. We achieved much in 2016 to improve transportation and mobility and we are looking forward to continued progress this year. Following are some of the mobility highlights of Tualatin on the Move:

- Opened Trimet Bus Line 97 between Sherwood and Tualatin serving points along Tualatin-Sherwood Rd including our Industrial Area
- Expanded the Tualatin Shuttle Blue and Red lines connecting WES and Line 97 to workplaces and residents
- Began construction on 124th Ave Extension and Basalt Creek Parkway connecting our Industrial Area to I5
- Constructed and opened the nationally acclaimed Tualatin River Greenway Trail from the Library to Nyberg Woods Shopping Center
- Completed designs on a number of pedestrian crossings including Boones Ferry Rd, Martinazzi Ave, and Sagert St
- Updated crosswalk and signage standards
- Began construction of Myslony Bridge in our Industrial Area
- Established the “Preferred Alternative” for SW Corridor Light Rail study from Portland to Tualatin
- Applied for funding to design sidewalks and bike lanes on Herman Rd
- Secured funding for future widening of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
- Secured funding for adding southbound auxiliary lane on I5 from Lower Boones Ferry Exit to I205
- Conducted alternative analysis on the “Garden Corner Curves” on 105th/108th avenues

We are looking forward to continuing progress on these projects in 2017 as we will begin construction on some, continue construction on others, and finish construction on still others.

In 2016 we continued to enjoy economic prosperity as Tualatin welcomed nearly 250

new businesses representing over 800 jobs. We experienced some of the lowest unemployment statistics in the state, if not the entire nation. Our volunteer team won another round in the America’s Best Community competition by Frontier Communications. They awarded an additional \$100,000 of funding which we have used to launch our mobile maker space geared toward advancing STEAM education to our elementary school children. We will compete this year for the final round which could result in several million dollars to further invest in our children.

A broad array of local stakeholders including education, governments, businesses, health care, faith community, civic groups, and advisory committees submitted an application to the Oregon Business Council, along with our neighbors in Tigard, to be the next Oregon Blue Zones demonstration community. We are a finalist in that competition and anticipate being awarded several million dollars over the next few years to invest in healthy eating, active living, and public policy that will establish the proven pillars of long, healthy lives in our community. After all, our recent citizen surveys show that, over a broad spectrum of metrics, Tualatin residents rate living here quite highly. Since this is a great community in which to live, why not live here a long, healthy time.

Our success is the manifestation of the commitment, dedication and partnerships of so many citizens, businesses, governments, and service providers and we are truly fortunate to live in the Best City South of the North Pole. You can view the entire State of the City event at our website www.tualatinoregon.gov/stateofthecity.

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