



City of Tigard

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**Honorable Co-Chairs Elizabeth Steiner and Tawna Sanchez
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St., NE
Salem, Oregon 97301**

Honorable Co-Chairs Elizabeth Steiner and Tawna Sanchez,

On behalf of the Tigard City Council and our community, I urge you to fund the repair and improvements to SW Hall Boulevard from SW Durham to SW Locust. An investment of \$50 million will facilitate the transfer of this urban arterial from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to the City of Tigard; it will improve the corridor to a state of good repair and implement critical safety improvements.

Hall Boulevard is a key north-south corridor in the City of Tigard, utilized by people traveling on foot, by bike, using transit, and driving motor vehicles (over 15,000 vehicles daily). The roadway provides access to or directly serves numerous employers, schools (Metzger Elementary, Fowler Middle, Durham Elementary, Templeton Elementary, Twality Middle, Creekside Community, and Tigard High School) and daycare facilities, public services including Tigard City Hall, the Public Library, natural spaces and trails, social service providers, and affordable housing sites. After decades of underinvestment, Hall Boulevard is dangerous for the surrounding communities that rely on it.

Recognizing the importance of community involvement in envisioning a Hall Boulevard that serves everyone, the City of Tigard embarked on an engagement process that includes a variety of stakeholders, from business owners to community-based organizations. The vision emerging from this process is a Hall Boulevard that promotes safe mobility for all users, is supportive of carbon reduction goals by providing multimodal functionality, and will turn what is currently a liability for the city into an asset serving generations to come.

Tigard's and ODOT's collaborative partnership on Hall Boulevard is unique in the Portland metro region. Each agency has demonstrated significant resource commitments to advance the transfer of, and investment in Hall Boulevard. With state legislative support, Hall Boulevard can serve as a regional model for successful delivery of community-driven improvements to a state-owned urban arterial.

Thank you for considering this investment to support Tigard's vision of creating an equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone.

Sincerely,

Tigard Mayor Heidi Lueb