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City of Tualatin Receives LOC's Good Governance Award

EUGENE, Ore. – During its 98th Annual Conference Friday evening, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2023 Good Governance Award to the city of Tualatin for the “Tualatin Moving Forward” program. The award recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services.

About the Tualatin Moving Forward Program

By 2016, the community had become a center of congestion in one of the nation's most congested regions. Buoyed by surveys showing public support, the Tualatin City Council then placed a \$20 million bond measure on the ballot. The funds would support the “*Tualatin Moving Forward*” program, which promised to enhance traffic flow, improve neighborhood traffic safety, and provide safe access to schools and parks.

In May of 2018, voters approved the measure.

Since then, program communications have kept policymakers and the public in the loop, including: a dedicated website; social media posts; and annual reports mailed to every home and business. The real secret to success has been the unique public engagement: the selection of signature projects, participation in project design, and the nomination of hundreds of potential projects citywide.

After four-plus years, the results are visible: 30 projects have been built, with another 6 underway. Other goals have also been met, including: minimizing work outside of the public right-of-way; mitigating for stormwater runoff; and increasing engagement with non-English speaking households.

The program is set to wrap up by year's end, on-budget and on-time.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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