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City of Turner Receives LOC's Excellence Award

BEND, Ore. – During its 99th Annual Conference Friday, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2024 Award for Excellence to the city of Turner for its David Sawyer Park Playground Replacement project. The award recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services. This year, the Award for Excellence was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Hermiston and Gresham also winning.

About the David Sawyer Park Playground Replacement Project

David Sawyer Park is one of the most popular in the city, and when the playground equipment was recently removed, the city partnered with Turner Elementary School to create a learning experience for students, and get new, fresh ideas on playground design. The city's goal was to give the customers what they wanted, and so a focus group of students met with playground designers to discuss equipment design, variety and overall look. They picked three final design options, and voting by students and parents took place at the school during the lunch hour and at a community event. Funded with a combination of park SDC's and ARPA funds, the project exceeded its goals by creating a new, expanded community asset, and providing a great learning experience for local students.

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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