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Tualatin River Greenway Receives Award for Excellence in Sustainability

The City of Tualatin, and Cardno, the lead design and engineering consultant, received the Green Infrastructure or Transportation Project Award for the new Tualatin River Greenway Shared Use Path from the American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities, Urban Design, and International Divisions at the national planning conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 3, 2016.

The award honors projects, plans, policies, individuals and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting and growing sustainable communities.

"This award recognizes Tualatin's support of environmentally sustainable approaches when building Tualatin's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure," said Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden. "The Tualatin River Greenway trail promotes health and wellness, provides a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving while improving connectivity with nature, residential areas, commercial developments and public facilities."

The new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long bicycle and pedestrian trail connects the east and west areas of Tualatin from Barngrover Way to Nyberg Lane while running along the Tualatin River and crossing under Interstate 5. The trail fills a gap in a 4.7 mile segment of the Tualatin River Greenway that is located on the north and south banks of the Tualatin River as it passes through the cities of Tualatin, Durham and Tigard while connecting five major community parks and natural areas.

"The Oregon Department of Transportation is proud of the work accomplished by a group of dedicated professionals and partners not only to enhance transportation connections, preserve our environment, but create an experience that enriches our knowledge of the history and heritage of this land," said ODOT Director Matt Garrett.

The Tualatin River Greenway Shared Use Path project was partially funded through *ConnectOregon V*, an ODOT lottery-backed bond initiative to invest in air, rail, marine, transit and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure to ensure Oregon's transportation system is strong, diverse and efficient. Other public and private partners of the \$3.8 million project

include Washington County, Metro Parks and Natural Areas, the Washington County Visitors Association, CenterCal Properties, and the City of Tualatin.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the project will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm at Barngrover Way near the Tualatin Public Library. Free commemorative bandanas will be offered to everyone attending. Visit www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation for more information.

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