

Beaverton Creekside: Downtown's Next Great Place



District Transportation Plan

As part of the overall Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan, the District Transportation Plan addresses overall transportation needs in and around Beaverton Creekside including safety, business access, street and path connectivity, and the need for improved streetscape appearance. It focuses on a new Canyon Road design and a comprehensive Complete Streets policy to guide new and existing street improvements so they will most effectively serve people in cars, buses, trains and on bike or foot.

Canyon Road Streetscape Enhancement

Canyon Road, which runs through downtown Beaverton from Hocken Avenue to Highway 217, forms the southern border of the Creekside District. Over time it has developed into a congested roadway that poses access and safety issues for pedestrians, bikers and drivers alike. Drivers face heavy traffic and unprotected, cross-traffic turns into destinations along the route. Pedestrians and cyclists face a challenging street environment that is unpredictable and inhospitable – three intersections within the study area are among the top 5% of the most dangerous intersections in the state for these users.

THE BEAVERTON CREEKSIDE DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

The Beaverton Civic Plan, adopted in the spring of 2011, recognizes the Creekside District, with its transit access, natural resources and central location, as having significant untapped potential for new places to work, shop and live. With the help of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant, the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan is enabling the City and its partners to fulfill the goals of the Civic Plan to help create an economically vital and beautiful downtown that attracts a diversity of residents, visitors, employees, and employers.

There are three major components of the Master Plan: the **Downtown Creeks Plan**, the **District Transportation Plan**, and the **District Housing and Redevelopment Plan**. Together, these three components will guide planning and public investment to assist owners in realizing the greater potential of their properties, enhance and beautify downtown creeks, and improve transportation and infrastructure to help people move around downtown Beaverton and better support the district's businesses.

Learn more about the **District Transportation Plan** as well as other elements of the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan online:

www.beavertoncreekside.com





Canyon today



How Canyon could look in the future

The 2011 Civic Plan identifies the need to improve Canyon Road and address these issues. Through the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan, the City is working in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation to implement specific recommendations including a new design for Canyon that better serves the community and business owners' access needs and safety issues, while also creating an attractive and inviting streetscape environment.

Canyon Road Improvement Goals include:

- Enhance mobility and access to facilitate downtown economic development and redevelopment
- Improve the streetscape and environmental quality along Canyon Road
- Improve real and perceived safety and enhance the pedestrian experience along and across Canyon Road
- Provide better connections and amenities at transit hubs
- Improve bicycle connections and access to Canyon Road
- Manage access to land uses to improve corridor safety
- Maintain freight mobility and access

Complete Streets

In addition to improvements along Canyon Road, the District Transportation Plan will include a Complete Streets policy to improve the design and functioning of streets throughout central Beaverton. Two pilot projects will be developed to showcase how these new policies can enhance the district.

Complete Streets are "streets for everyone." They are designed for the safety and mobility of all people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. Compared to most streets, built primarily with motorists in mind, complete streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to school, or bike to work. There isn't a single design, but a set of possible solutions that make streets welcome to people of all ages, abilities, and travel modes.

The two pilot projects will include the detailed analysis and design work necessary to answer key questions about roadway alignment, bicycle facilities, sidewalks and crossings, parking, access control, and circulation. This work will move the street designs through preliminary engineering, enabling the City to then move forward with final cost estimates and construction plans so that they can be built in short order.





Results of the District Transportation Plan Will Include:

- Design and engineering for an enhanced Canyon Road corridor (OR217 to Hocken)
- Solutions to improve mobility, access, and safety for district streets, trails, and bike facilities
- Regulatory improvements and policies to guide the creation of complete streets in downtown
- Design and engineering for a new street and intersection realignment in the district
- Engagement with formerly underrepresented populations to help shape the future of this emerging district



Stay up to date and find out how you can participate!

Contact the project team at (503)526-PLAN, or creekside@beavertonoregon.gov.

District Transportation Plan Timeline:

The District Transportation Plan has several distinct phases. The coordinated efforts between the City of Beaverton and ODOT to improve Canyon Road occur first, starting in the fall of 2012. Here is the schedule for this component:

- Mobility audit with experts and residents to determine barriers and safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists – *fall 2012*
- Research to understand how the existing road, bike, and trail networks function – *fall 2012 to spring 2013*
- Identify Canyon Road goals, opportunities, and challenges with stakeholders including ODOT, TriMet, and Metro – *fall 2012 to winter 2012*
- Develop an overall vision for the look, feel and function of Canyon Road – *late spring 2013*
- Transportation modeling and Canyon streetscape design refinement to ensure facility performance – *spring 2013 to summer 2013*
- Develop a Complete Streets policy for the district and City – *summer 2013*
- Design and engineering for two Complete Streets pilot projects to showcase the benefits of planning for all roadway users – *summer 2013 to winter 2013*
- Discuss options and select transportation solutions for the district and greater downtown area – *summer 2013 to winter 2013*
- Finalize the District Transportation Plan – *winter 2013 to summer 2014*
- Adopt the plan and make needed changes to city policies or investment plans – *summer 2014 to winter 2014*



The Beaverton Creekside District comprises nearly 50 acres in Beaverton's downtown. It is located at the confluence of Beaverton's three creeks, and sits at the core of the regional center's transit systems.

It is the natural focal point for a revitalized downtown Beaverton.

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