



2023: Year of Transportation Construction

Back in May of 2018 Tualatin voters approved a \$20 million bond measure to support the Tualatin Moving Forward program. Since September 2018, twenty-four projects have been completed with the last twelve now underway. The goal was to complete all the major projects by the end of 2023 and that goal is within reach. Here is a brief update on some of the remaining major projects:

Boones Ferry Corridor Sidewalk and Bike Lane Project

- Add missing sidewalk segments and repair existing sidewalks and paths
- Reconstruct curb ramps to meet accessibility standards
- Install new pedestrian-activated flashing beacons and crosswalks
- Create buffered bike lanes

Tualatin Sherwood Rd/Nyberg St/I-5

- Add a third eastbound lane by reducing the width of the median
- Restripe existing lanes to improve traffic flow
- Redesign the intersection of Nyberg St at Fred Meyer to provide more green light time at Tualatin Sherwood Rd
- Install new signage to help drivers find the best lane

Hwy 99 at Pony Ridge

- New asphalt walkway to close gaps on the north side of Hwy 99W
- Provide safe connection to transit stops and signalized intersection at 124th Ave
- Public engagement, planning, design, and ODOT coordination underway since 2019

65th Ave Near Meridian Park Hospital

- Adds a new mid-block crosswalk connecting the west side with the hospital on the east
- Provides a safe place to cross for hospital workers, patients, and neighbors
- Crosswalk location coordinated with TriMet bus stops

There are also six neighborhood safety projects that will be completed this year that include fixing sidewalk gaps, installing pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at crosswalks, and improving walking and biking access on the Sagert Street/I-5 walkway.

As you can see there will be a great deal of Tualatin Moving Forward construction in 2023 so hence the name given by Mike McCarthy, the city's Bond Program Manager, "2023 - the year of construction".

To find out more about the program, please visittualatinmovingforward.com.

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New Chamber Engagement Committee!

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When I was hired in April of 2022, I asked the Board of Directors to help create a professional survey to ask the Tualatin businesses about their most important needs from their Chamber of Commerce.

The Tualatin Chamber Board of Director's intention is to be focused and relevant in supporting Tualatin businesses to recover and be supported. So, it was important to us that we ask our businesses, "What can we do that would most help you?" We sent the survey out in June of 2022 and the answers were:

1. The respondents loved the networking and community outreach,
2. They had a need for workforce development (recruiting and retaining employees)
3. And they wanted more government advocacy.

The survey showed that the "Covid" situation had left them with various staffing problems that they could not resolve, and this was preventing them from operating at full capacity.

So, since we cannot become an employment agency, we set about forming a new committee that could coordinate very focused business classes on employee retention, recruitment, company culture, best practices in business, and innovative internships.

This new committee is called "The Engagement Committee" and is made up of five professionals who are dedicated to coordinating business education classes to help our businesses learn new strategies. You can see their portraits in the Ad in this edition of Tualatin Life.

Riley Anderson, of Academy Mortgage, has taken the role of Chair

of this committee and has worked very hard for six months to create a team around him that is focused and driven. **Ethan Peterson, of Miss Hannah's Gourmet Popcorn**, is Vice Chair and has been focused on assisting the Chair and coordinating the best beverages and continental breakfast for the events. **Karlin McNiel, of Fisher Investments**, is in charge of marketing the education series. **Willie Fisher, of Clackamas Community College's Business Solutions** department, is our business education expert and this month's Seminar presenter. Finally, **Amanda Ballard, of Oasis Senior Advisors**, is in charge of social media and event registration. This team is polished, professional, and ready to serve!

The first educational offering is a high-level series we have designed called "The Tualatin Chamber Seminars at Perlo." Perlo construction company has generously given their auditorium six times a year for these seminars and **Nathan Holden Real Estate and Personal Photography** is our presenting sponsor. Please join us on January 25th to hear the first "Seminar at Perlo" presenter of the year, Willie Fisher, on employee retention and recruitment.

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce intends to help create a powerful new year for Tualatin businesses! Please invest in the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce because the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce is investing in you!



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The Engagement Committee coordinates various business education seminars and presentations to help business professionals increase their knowledge and skills to become stronger and more successful.

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Seminars @ Perlo

Seminar #1
Employee Retention in Times of Turmoil

Are you interested in learning how to promote employee retention - avoiding large overhead costs and headaches? Join us at our first seminar of 2023 to listen to Willie Fisher coach on how to retain talent and impact your workforce performance!

Willie Fisher: After 25+ years in the manufacturing industry in leadership and management positions, Willie has spent the last 10+ years in higher education sharing his expertise through customized training at the local community colleges. His primary focus has been working with employers to identify business and workforce training needs to meet their strategic goals.

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 7:00am - 9:00 am
Place: Auditorium at Perlo Construction
11450 SW Amu St., Tualatin, OR 97062
Cost: \$35 member price | \$45 guest price | Refreshments provided
Registration required. TualatinChamber.com/events

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