

Visitors to Tillamook have always found the intersection of U.S. 101 and OR 6 confusing, with narrow lanes and not much room to negotiate. Pedestrians crossing at some of the intersections do so with extra caution.

That's about to change.

"The project enables us to add city projects, urban renewal, add needed infrastructure ... to re-create and revitalize our downtown," Tillamook City Manager Paul Wyntergreen says. "The reconfiguration of the highway and the redesign of the streetscapes will make our downtown into a lively and vibrant place."

Construction started this spring to significantly improve safety and traffic flow where the two major highways meet in downtown Tillamook. The project will also build a new bridge on U.S. 101 just north of downtown; provide better sidewalks and crosswalks; include shoulder bike lanes; add turn lanes; widen traffic lanes while preserving parking; and make downtown Tillamook a little nicer. Construction should be complete in 2018.

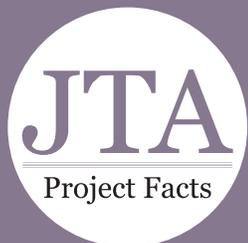
"This project will be a big difference in increased safety and traffic flow around downtown Tillamook," says Justin Aufdermauer, Executive Director of the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce. "Wider lanes will allow visitors to use off street parking. They will eventually have more breathing room to stop and see what the town has to offer. Economically, the project will be huge for downtown businesses."



Paul Wyntergreen

Wyntergreen, Tillamook's City Manager, says the project helps the city address other issues. The project integrates parts of Tillamook's Downtown Improvement Plan to assist the city's ongoing downtown beautification efforts, including installing a landscaped visitor welcome "gateway."

"This is a huge opportunity to make over our downtown," Wyntergreen says.



Jobs & Transportation Act Funds:
\$28.8 million

Project Total:
\$33 million

Projected Completion: Fall 2018