

## **Tillamook County Board of Commissioners**

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## **CAPE KIWANDA PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION RESUMES**

Cape Kiwanda Parking Lot Phase II Begins

**(TILLAMOOK, OR. September, 2023)** Cape Kiwanda Parking Lot reconstruction will resume September 18<sup>th</sup>, directly after the Long Board Classic and Bike Oregon events conclude. The parking lot reconstruction is the first part of Tillamook County's Kiwanda Corridor Project (KCP) to be built.

Phase II includes completion of the new restroom and will be immediately followed by Phase III in order for the new lot and all its amenities to be ready for use by July 2024. These final two phases are broken out in order to keep the lot operational while partially closing the north side and then the south side. The phases include demolition of the existing restrooms; repaving / grading of the parking lot and Hungry Harbor Road with upgraded stormwater management systems; construction of pedestrian-only pathways to the beach; civic overlook; upgraded refuse and recycling; EV charging stations; information kiosk; safe routes for drop-offs, pedestrians, bikes and the free PC Shuttle; and the trailhead for the Multi-Use Path.

The design team has also incorporated infrastructure for future wayfinding connections to the five other project elements of the KCP. More information on the overall KCP please visit the project website: <a href="https://tillamookcoast.com/southcounty/kiwanda-corridor/">https://tillamookcoast.com/southcounty/kiwanda-corridor/</a>

County transient lodging taxes and day-use revenues from Pacific City parking lots have funded the County's KCP planning and construction work to date. The County was just awarded a sizeable grant from Oregon Parks & Recreation's Large Government Grant Program, which will significantly aid in completion of the Parking Lot and allow additional funds to be spent on remaining components of the KCP.

The KCP connects multiple county properties and supports the development of other public spaces with a thoughtfully programmed design that disperses crowds, creates opportunities for equitable outdoor play and education, and promotes stewardship of Pacific City and its natural resources as a whole.

The six project elements include:

- 1. Cape Kiwanda Parking Lot
- 2. Jensen Property
- 3. Nestucca Valley Community Alliance Park
- 4. Multi-Use Path
- 5. Webb Park
- 6. Shorepine Village Boardwalk

## The KCP's values are:

- Place: Honor the natural and built heritage of Pacific City
- **People:** Enhance the experience for the diverse range of people in Pacific City
- Natural Environment: Prioritize sound ecological decisions and support sustainability
- Fiscal Responsibility: Make efficient and responsible financial decisions and maintain affordability
- Connectivity: Support and integrate multi-modal connectivity in and around Pacific City while prioritizing accessibility
- Safety: Prioritize everday safety alongside emergency management

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