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### CAPE KIWANDA PARKING LOT PARTIAL OPENING BY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

*The Cape Kiwanda Lot south of Dorymen's Way is open and free to park!*

**(TILLAMOOK, OR. May, 2024)** The month of May presented the project team with great weather for the paving of the Cape Kiwanda Parking Lot. Just ahead of Memorial Day weekend, paving has been completed for the lot and adjacent areas of Cape Kiwanda Drive, Circle Drive, and Webb Park Road. While the portion of the parking lot north of Dorymen's Way remains under construction, **the parking lot south of Dorymen's Way will be open for business by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and parking is free until the full reconstruction is complete!** Paid parking will then go back into effect. *Please note that ADA, electric vehicle (EV), and motorcycle parking is not yet designated with pavement markings or signs.*

Memorial Day visitors to Cape Kiwanda will also notice that the planters, boulders, and grading of the common areas have been completed. Coming up next is the installation of the metal roof on the new restrooms, giving shape to the clean new look for users who will no longer have to travel far from the beach to gain easy access. (Porta potties will be made available during Memorial Day weekend).

Prior to construction, the existing parking lot provided parking for 126 vehicles. When complete, the new parking lot will provide 131 parking spaces (115 standard parking spaces, 5 ADA accessible parking stalls, 5 EV charging spaces, 1 ADA accessible EV charging space, and 5 motorcycle parking spaces).

*Tillamook County and the Cape Kiwanda Project Team are excited to reach this milestone and kick off the busy season! The full reconstruction of the lot remains on schedule to be open in July of 2024.*

#### What remains to be completed at the Cape Kiwanda Parking Lot:

- Striping of the lot's north side
- Continuation of restroom finishes and roof
- Foot wash station located near the restroom
- Surfboard and bicycle racks
- Site lighting and EV charging stations
- Plantings and site furnishings
- Enclosed plank storage and refuse area
- Vehicular and wayfinding signage

#### Where else can you park?

- **Free Public Parking Lot** (86 parking stalls behind Doryland Pizza and only a 2-minute walk to Cape Kiwanda)
- Nestucca Valley Community Alliance Skatepark (55 parking stalls and only a 5-minute walk to Cape Kiwanda)
- Pacific City Boat Launch (60 parking stalls including space for large motorized vehicles).
- Bob Straub State Park (60 parking stalls with direct access to the beach)
- Pacific City Turnaround (20 parking stalls and a quaint walk across the Beachy Bridge to local shops and food)
- Kiwanda Community Center (47 parking stalls). Free to the public on weekdays but no overnight parking.

The parking lot reconstruction is the first phase of Tillamook County’s Kiwanda Corridor Project (KCP) to be built. It also incorporates infrastructure for future wayfinding connections to the five other project elements of the KCP. For more information on the overall KCP please visit the project website: <https://tillamookcoast.com/southcounty/kiwanda-corridor/>

*The Kiwanda Corridor Project 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, our beloved Cape Kiwanda and 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 everyday safety alongside emergency management

The project is being funded by county transient lodging taxes, day-use revenues from Pacific City parking lots, and grants from state agencies. For more information, please contact Rachel Hagerty, Tillamook County Chief of Staff, at [rachel.hagerty@tillamookcounty.gov](mailto:rachel.hagerty@tillamookcounty.gov).



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