



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Mike McCarthy, City Engineer  
Abby McFetridge, Engineering Associate

**DATE:** March 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:**  
Presentation on the Tualatin-Sherwood Road Rail Crossing Study.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The intersection of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd & Boones Ferry Rd is centrally located in the City of Tualatin, with a Portland & Western railway line running directly adjacent to Boones Ferry Rd. The intersection is a common spot for major congestion, accidents, and delays due to traffic volumes and passenger and freight rail. The intersection was also identified in the Transportation System Plan process as a top-ranking candidate for improvements.

The City is now working with a consultant team on the concept evaluation for grade-separated, surface-level, and no build alternatives. In this first phase of the work the consultant has analyzed the feasibility of various options for improving this intersection area.

This presentation (attached) provides renderings, high-level cost estimates, viability considerations, and general timelines for the various options. The basic simplified alternatives are:

- Lower Rail under Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
- Raise Rail over Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
- Lower Tualatin-Sherwood Rd under Rail (and Boones Ferry Rd)
- Raise Tualatin-Sherwood Rd over Rail (and Boones Ferry Rd)

The purpose of this presentation is to provide information about each alternative. At the end of the presentation staff will ask Council whether or not the City should continue to analyze grade-separated improvements for the Tualatin-Sherwood Rd & Boones Ferry Rd intersection.

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
- PowerPoint presentation