



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Dalles, Oregon** – The Dalles, Oregon – The City of The Dalles invites community members to attend an open house to present and gather feedback on proposed design schemes for the new Federal Street Plaza in downtown The Dalles. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Freebridge Brewing, located at 710 East 2nd Street, The Dalles, OR.

The City is considering two proposed designs for the new Federal Street Plaza, located on Federal Street between 1st and 2nd Streets. This will require the closure and vacation of Federal Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. The Tony Lot site will not be part of the plaza development but will require future development to complement the plaza.

“We thank those who have been engaged in the process so far. The community has shown strong support for a downtown park or plaza through previous surveys,” said City Manager Matthew Klebes. “We’re excited to present the two design options and look forward to further feedback to ensure the final design reflects the community's vision.”

The Federal Street Plaza project aims to create a vibrant public space that reflects the unique character and needs of The Dalles community. The City has been working with Walker-Macy, a highly regarded consulting firm, to refine design options for the plaza. After presenting five initial schemes to the Federal Street Plaza Committee, the options have been narrowed to two based on public input and committee discussions.

The City is now seeking additional community feedback to help determine the final design. Attendees will have the opportunity to review the two proposed schemes, engage with project representatives and committee members, and share their thoughts to influence the final design.

The two proposed designs are available for preview online at [thedalles.org/FSPlaza](https://thedalles.org/FSPlaza), along with a link to a comment form for submitting feedback. Posters of the designs will also be displayed at various locations around town. (Specific locations will be announced soon.)

The City encourages all community members to participate in shaping the future of downtown The Dalles. Your feedback is crucial to creating a public space that serves and inspires our community. For more information, visit [thedalles.org/FSPlaza](https://thedalles.org/FSPlaza).

For questions or additional information, please contact the City of The Dalles' Public Information Officer Amie Ell at [pmell@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:pmell@ci.the-dalles.or.us).

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