BACKGROUND

Through the use of on-site intercept surveys, this project was designed to:

a) Create a picture of who is using the Fanno Creek Trail in Tigard, Oregon through user demographics such as age, city of residence, etc.

b) Determine the frequency by which people are using the trail, their purpose for using the trail, and whether they use bicycle lanes in the city.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The goal of this project was to determine if a need for planners to place more focus on cyclists and bicycle facilities in the city of Tigard existed.

FINDINGS

The majority of users on the Fanno Creek Trail were residents of Tigard who were using the trail recreationally. Nearly all of the respondents used a personal automobile as their primary mode of transportation and few rode bicycles off of trails/off-street paths. However, many respondents said they would cycle on-street if more attention was given to safety and the creation of better bicycle facilities.

CONCLUSIONS

Studies on cycling encouragement have shown that access to safe facilities has a positive effect on getting people to bike more for recreation, commuting, and exercise purposes. The surveys collected in this project show that the residents of Tigard would be interested in cycling more if there were more options. Conducting another survey with a larger sample size would create a better picture for planners in the city of Tigard to help them assess the needs and concerns of residents to help promote a more bicycle friendly environment.