

TIME: 7:00 a.m.  
PLACE: The Dalles Public Works Department  
1215 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
The Dalles OR 97058

AGENDA  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 20, 2013

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2013
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR PRESENTATIONS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Sonrise Academy School Zone/Crosswalk Request – Sonrise Academy
  - B. W7th – Myrtle to Snipes Area Speed Posting – Anderson
  - C. Basketball Hoops @ W 22<sup>nd</sup> - Young
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Right Turn Yield at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Hostetler – Keever
  - B. Speed Study at 6<sup>th</sup> & Division – Anderson
  - C. Webber Street Water Line Update – Anderson
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION  
APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

November 20, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny,  
Jim Bishop, Donna Lawrence and John Layson

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Dave Anderson, Public  
Works Director, Nolan Young – City Manager, Jay  
Waterbury – City Police Chief, Tim McGlothlin – City  
Council Representative and Cindy Keever –  
Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sheldon Leigh, Chase Nagamatsu, Dorian Lovett,  
Shelly Lovett, Jim Habberstad, Tom Tramontina,  
Mathew Klebes, Clay Smith and Ethan Wray.

Jim Bishop moved to approve the minutes as written. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Sonrise Academy School Zone/Crosswalk Request**

Sheldon Leigh, President of Sonrise Academy Student Body asked the Commission to consider adding a mid-block crosswalk on 12<sup>th</sup> Street leading to the main entrance into their school and to install School Zone signs along 12<sup>th</sup> and Federal Streets. Sheldon explained there are approximately 70 students that attend Sonrise Academy and over 50% walk at least to or from school each day.

Chief Waterbury said in the past, the City has tried to avoid putting in any mid-block crosswalks in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) manual. Jay asked about the possibility of students using the crosswalks at the northwest corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Federal.

A discussion was held regarding different options to help make drivers aware of the students walking in the area. Donna Lawrence asked if a crossing guard could monitor the crosswalks or if cones could be used to make the crosswalk more visible during the

beginning and ending of each school day. Mike Kilkenny asked about possibly extending the school zone signs from the high school area and are there any signs already on 12<sup>th</sup>? Dale McCabe recommended looking at 12<sup>th</sup> Street between Union and Federal Streets to create a school zone corridor. Matthew Klebes with The Dalles Main Street Organization, suggested sidewalk bulb outs at the intersections to extend the sidewalks past any parked cars to ensure pedestrians can be seen by oncoming traffic (similar to what was done at 12<sup>th</sup> & Kelly Avenue).

Donna made a motion to have the City paint the crosswalks at the Federal & 12<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. Crosswalks would be on the north side of Federal and on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Note – painting of crosswalks is dependent on specific weather conditions, therefore it is unknown exactly when the painting will be done.

## **2) Crosswalks in Need of Refreshing Around Town**

Tim McGlothlin brought forward a concern from Kurt Evans, Vice Principal for The Dalles High School, who had spoken to Tim regarding his concerns about the lack of fresh paint on the crosswalks surrounding the High School and other school zones around town. Dave Anderson, Public Works Director, spoke to the group and listed reasons why the painting did not get done before school started in late summer, as it has in the past, (i.e.; fire, delay in chip seal projects and mechanical failure with both County and City equipment ). Dave told members the plan is to try and get as many crosswalks painted as possible in the next several days. Painting has to be done during specific weather conditions because the asphalt must be dry and above 40 degrees in order to give the paint sufficient time to properly dry.

## **3) Pop Up Parks**

Matthew Klebes, with The Dalles Main Street Organization, spoke to the commission about an idea his group has to promote area businesses. He handed out flyers explaining “Pop Up Parks or Parklets” and how they benefit businesses. Pop Up Parks are movable during the snow season to allow for plowing and in warmer weather they can also be moved to various locations to benefit different businesses. A few parking spaces are lost when putting up a Pop Up Park, but business benefit from the extra gathering of people. No comments needed at this time.

## **4) Riverfront Park and Bicycle Riding**

Clay Smith asked Mr. Klebes if the vehicle parking at The Dalles Marina and next to Riverfront Park is part of the Main Street Program. Discussion was held regarding bicycles crossing in the area, Port of The Dalles and the Trail Committee negotiations and how a bicyclist can get thru the boat basin area safely. No comments needed at this time.



#### **5) W 7<sup>th</sup> – Myrtle to Snipes Area Speed Posting**

Discussion was held regarding the different speeds that are posted on 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Hostetler and Walnut. Speed is posted 25 mph between Hostetler and Snipes and is posted 35 mph between Snipes and Walnut. Sections of 7<sup>th</sup> Street are considered a Public Access Road which means that neither the City nor County specifically maintains the road or the signs.

Members asked Dale, City Engineer, about the Marriot Hotel being built facing 7<sup>th</sup> Street and how much extra vehicular and pedestrian traffic is anticipated for that area. Dale said the Marriot will be an 80 unit hotel and the entrance and exits will all be onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chuck Covert made a motion to coordinate with Wasco County to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Mike Kilkenney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6) Basketball Hoops on W 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nolan Young began the discussion explaining the background for the request for the Encroachment Permit by Mr. & Mrs. Porter of 522 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, for the basketball hoop in the cul-de-sac on W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Upon receipt of the original request Nolan asked the Porters to gather a signed petition from the neighbors agreeing upon the placement of the basketball hoop. Basketball hoop was originally placed in front of the lot owned by Tom and Carol Tramontina (2111 Garrison). Tramontina's did not agree to the placement so the hoop was moved to its current location in front of 2115 Garrison. Nolan issued an Encroachment Permit once the Porter's brought him the signed petition from area neighbors.

Discussion was held regarding why the basketball hoop was not originally put in front of the Porter's house, the slope of the road into the cul de sac, steepness of the area yards and locations areas that are not conducive to play basketball.

Jim Habberstad, representative for the Tramontinas spoke to the group regarding Tom's belief there is a serious safety concern by having the hoop in the street. Tom said West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street is offset and does not intersect at a 90 degree angle. He explained there is an approximate 16 % grade change and he gave a presentation of what drivers can see as they round the corner entering the cul de sac. Tom said there are 2 basketball hoops in 2 private driveways in that cul de sac and they are an 8 minute walk away from Col. Wright School. Mr. Tramontina is appealing Nolan's approval for an Encroachment Permit and is requesting the issue be brought before the City Council. Mr. Habberstad doesn't believe an adequate safety study was done prior to the approval of the Encroachment Permit.

A discussion was held among commission members with the consensus being that the City should not be issuing any permits that would encourage children to play in the street.

Donna Lawrence made a motion to recommend to Nolan and the City Council for removal of the basketball hoop in the cul de sac on W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mike Kilkenney abstained from voting due to a professional relationship with the Porters.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1) Right Turn Yield at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Hostetler**

Cindy Kever told the members she had received a call shortly after the October meeting from Shirley Hovda and she had explained the Commissions' decision to leave the signage as is. Because of the phone call, Cindy did not send a letter to Shirley Hovda. Mrs. Hovda thanked the commission for their time.

#### **2) Speed Study at 6<sup>th</sup> & Division**

Dale McCabe told the Commission that the speed study has been done, but that the computer part of the radar trailer had been taken off of the machine, packaged up and was shipped back to the manufacturer for their help in retrieving the information. Information will be shared with the members as soon as it is received.

#### **3) Webber Street Water Line Project**

Dale McCabe told members that the contractor is going to be doing a pressure test on the water line today. He also told members he has been in contact with the contractor daily (if not several times a day) regarding the CDF that is starting to wash out of the cuts because of the recent rains we have experienced. The cut is difficult to drive across due to ruts, ridges and potholes. The contractor has filled the areas with gravel as a temporary fix and is meeting this afternoon with the asphalt plant owner to schedule hot mix to patch the cuts.

#### **4) 7<sup>th</sup> & Pomona Site Visibility Issue**

John Nelson read an email from Cindy Kever regarding her conversation with Steve Horzynek, Operations Manager with PUD. Steve had explained that the PUD does not normally trim ivy (or other vegetation) off of poles unless it is becoming a hazard to their lines. In this instance and because of the aggressive nature of ivy, he did agree to cut the ivy close to the ground and then spray it. He also suggested calling the City's Codes Enforcement Officer and reporting the site hazard that is caused by the ivy growing on the wall. Commission members agreed with the suggestion and an email will be sent to the Codes Enforcement Officer so that a letter can be sent to the property owner.

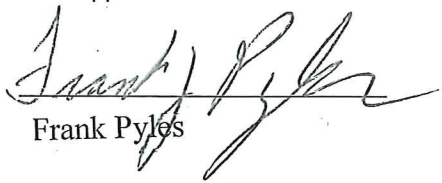
#### **5) Oregon Impact Traffic Study**

John Nelson explained the Oregon Impact Traffic Study and asked if members could also take a look at the study, send their comments to him and he will compile the information and bring it back to the table for the December meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chuck Covert moved to adjourn. Mike Kilkenney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Kever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles

Final approval

  
Frank Pyles

## Cynthia Keever

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**From:** Nolan Young  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 3:37 PM  
**To:** Cynthia Keever  
**Cc:** Dave Anderson; Bill Barrier; Jay Waterbury  
**Subject:** Request to Traffic Safety  
**Attachments:** 201311081506.pdf

Cindy

Attached is a letter from Sheldon Leigh, the Student Body President at Sonrise Academy located at 333 E. 12<sup>th</sup>. They are requesting a crosswalk and School Zone in front of the school. I have asked them to go talk to the Safety Committee about their request. Please place them on the Agenda for November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send him a copy of the Agenda to Sonrise Academy 333 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dave and Jay

How did the Middle school get approval for the traffic cone in the Middle of the Street with student Crossing Guards?

Do we charge for School Zone signs?

Please have someone look at this site and evaluate the proposal? Who should Sheldon ask for when he comes to the meeting?

*Nolan Young*

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Dear City of the Dalles Transportation Safety Committee:

We are representatives from Sonrise Academy at 333 E 12<sup>th</sup> St. We have come to you for help concerning a crosswalk and school zone. Our school has about 66 students and most walk to and from school daily. We are concerned about traffic and safety issues. We would like to propose a crosswalk and school zone signs.

Thank you for your consideration on impeding issues today.

Christian Associative Body of Sonrise Academy



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## Legend

-  Taxlots
-  Basketball Hoop Supporters
-  Basketball Hoop Compliant

Jeremiah & Kim Porter  
Cul-de-sac Basketball Hoop  
522 West 22nd Street

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Planning Department  
September 17, 2013 ~ DMH





# MAIN STREET ORGANIZATION'S PAVEMENT TO PLAZAS - PARKLETS

## WHAT IS A PARKLET?

SEASONAL SIDEWALK EXTENSIONS, OR "PARKLET" ARE TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS OF PARK FEATURES SUCH AS BENCHES, PLANTERS, BICYCLE RACKS, AND TABLES AND CHAIRS IN PUBLIC SPACES. TYPICALLY, PARKLETS ARE BUILT AS EXTENSIONS OF THE SIDEWALK INTO ON-STREET PARKING STRIPS, ON AN ELEVATED PLATFORM. PLANTERS, FENCES, AND OTHER NON-INTRUSIVE BARRIERS AROUND THE PARKLET HELP SEPARATE PEOPLE USING THE SPACE FROM SURROUNDING VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

SEASONAL SIDEWALK EXTENSIONS CAN BE A LOW-COST, TEMPORARY FIXTURE ON DOWNTOWN STREETS DURING BUSY SUMMER MONTHS. IN WINTER, THE ENTIRE INSTALLATION CAN BE DISASSEMBLED AND STORED MAKING SPACE FOR PARKING AND

## ENCOURAGES PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY

PARKLETS ENCOURAGE WALKING BY PROVIDING PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES LIKE STREET FURNITURE, LANDSCAPING, AND PUBLIC ART. THEY ALSO PROVIDE POCKET SPACES FOR PEDESTRIANS TO SIT AND RELAX.



## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

PARKLETS ATTRACT ATTENTION TO BUSINESSES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SEATING THAT CAN BE USED BY CAFE CUSTOMERS OR OTHER BUSINESSES. A PARKLET BEAUTIFIES THE STREET AND CREATES A NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATION

## FOSTER NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTION

PARKLETS PROVIDE A PUBLIC PLACE FOR NEIGHBORS TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

## PROJECT STATUS

THE DALLAS MAIN STREET DESIGN COMMITTEE IS FINALIZING DESIGN DRAWINGS AND WORKING WITH SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES TO LAUNCH THE DALLAS' FIRST PARKLET. FUNDING IS BEING SOUGHT AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MICHAEL HELD @ [MICHAELHELDWV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MICHAELHELDWV@GMAIL.COM).





Name	Address	phone #
Sheldon Leigh	333 E 12 St.	Sonrise
Chase Nagamatsu	333 E 12 St.	Sonrise
Dorian Lovett	333 E 12 St.	Sonrise
Shelly Lovett	333 E 12 <sup>th</sup> St	541-298-8922 or 503-619-6239
Jim Hakkerstad	106 E 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2nd Fl.	541 296 8533
Tom Tranter	2111 Garrison	503-780-1208
Matthew Kleber	404 W 2 <sup>nd</sup> St The Dalles, Ore.	603-667-0274
Clay Smith	3463 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> St. T.D.	541-296-1314
Ethan Wray		



## REGION

### Two die in train-car crash

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Oregon State Police say a southern Oregon man and his sister-in-law were killed and his brother was seriously injured when their Jeep Cherokee was hit by a freight train at a marked rail crossing south of Klamath Falls.

Police identified the SUV driver in Tuesday's collision as 33-year-old MacKenzie Conway. He and his 25-year-old sister-in-law Kalla Conway were dead at the scene. Rear seat passenger 27-year-old Nicholas Conway was ejected and seriously injured.

## WORLD



Bangladesh on the edge

DAN SANCHEZ replaces a wiper blade, casualty of the snow, ice and arctic temperatures, during a busy shift at Les Schwab Tires. Crews rushed to mount snow tires during the past week as motorists struggled to drive in snow and ice. Rain, and possibly freezing rain, are predicted Thursday as temperatures waver between lows at freezing overnight and in the 40s during the day.

Mark B. Gibson photo

# City: Hoop in street can remain

## Portable basketball hoop is on lightly traveled cul de sac

■ By RaeLynn Ricarte  
*The Dalles Chronicle*

The Dalles City Council is allowing a family to keep a portable basketball hoop for their children in the public right-of-way on West 22nd Street.

"We have four children and they are very active and we want to help them find ways to get the energy out," said Jeremiah Porter, who has one neighbor strongly opposed to having the hoop near their property.

Councilors Linda Miller and Bill Dick cast the dissenting votes Monday on continuation of an encroachment permit issued to the Porters in mid-October by Nolan Young, city

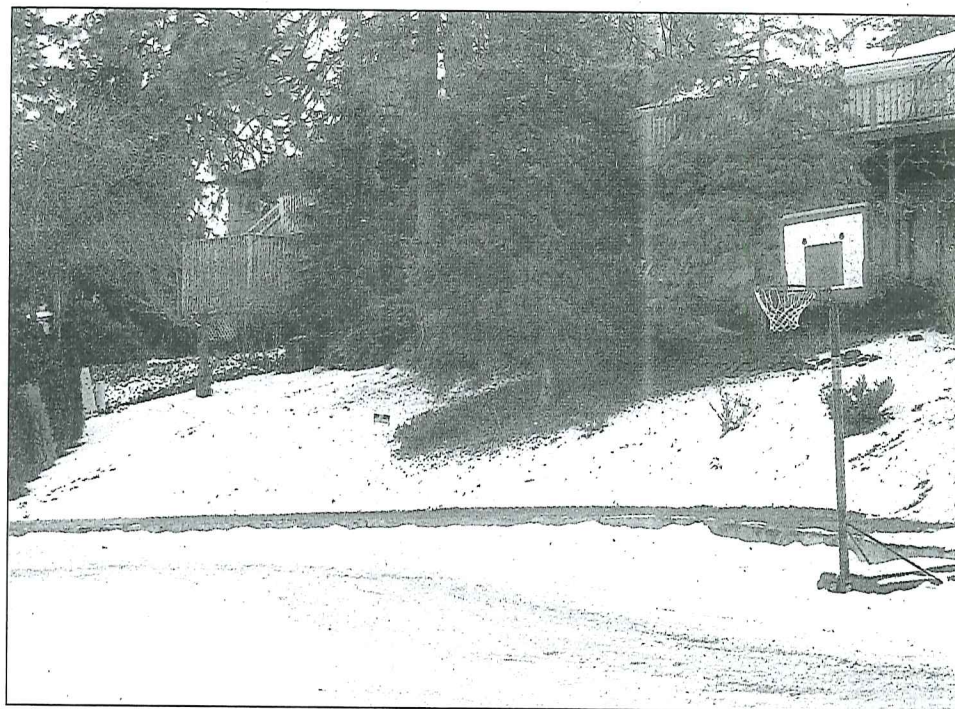
manager. Mayor Steve Lawrence, who can only vote to break a tie, also spoke out against straying from the Traffic Safety Commission's recommendation to void the permit.

Voting in favor of the permit at the Dec. 9 meeting were Councilors Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin and Carolyn Wood.

"I went to look at the site and I don't have a problem with the placement of the hoop, it made sense to put it there," said Wood. "My children played in the street — basketball and football — for years."

McGlothlin said there had to be a balance between keeping children

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THE DALLES City Council will allow a basketball hoop to remain in the public right of way on lightly traveled West 22nd Street, a cul de sac. Councilor Dan Spatz said children, his own included, playing in street rights of way is not unusual. Mark B. Gibson photo

# Narrow budget plan touted as stabilizer

■ By Andrew Taylor

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# Hoop

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safe and allowing them to exercise. He said bikes and sleds were also used by children in city streets and he believed overly regulating activities could cause more harm than good.

"We can find safety issues in most everything so you just have to assess the risk," he said.

Spatz said "common sense" had to be applied to rulemaking and he had taught his children to ride bikes in the street. He supported granting the permit but said the Porters needed to make sure their children were not "causing irritation" for neighbors during play.

Neighbor Tom Tramontina, and his attorney, James Habberstad, appealed to the council Monday to follow the lead of the safety committee. In November the advisory body decided that children should not be playing in the street as a general rule and recommended the council revoke the Porter's permit.

"At the risk of being the 'Grinch that Stole Christmas,' we're here to ask that you uphold your safety committee's recommendation," said Habberstad.

Tramontina said the steep grade of the street

and cars parked along the curbs could impair the vision of motorists passing near the hoop.

"Children will be out of the line of sight," he said.

He said hoops had been mounted in two driveways near the Porter property and at the playground at Colonel Wright Elementary School was located nearby.

"It's not that we're against kids and we're not against basketball," said Habberstad. "It is just that we want things to be safe."

McGlothlin asked Tramontina what the traffic flow was on the street that is located off a dead-end roadway and his reply was that it was "light." Miller then asked if any children had been hurt in the vicinity and Tramontina replied "Not that I'm aware of."

Because their 522 W. 22nd St. property was on slope, the Porters set up the hoop on the opposite side of the street and just a little to the southeast. That placed the hoop at the edge of the roadway in back of the Tramontina lot, where the ground was much more level.

Tom and his wife, Carol Tramontina, objected to having the hoop in that location and asked the city to have it removed. Their protest continued after the Porters relocated the

equipment next to the 2115 Garrison lot owned by Greg and Lori Burkart.

The Burkart's did not have an issue with the hoop being sited at the edge of their property and notified the city manager, of their support via a letter dated Sept. 3.

"We recognize that the street on the back of our property is one of the few level areas in the cul-de-sac and, as teachers, we understand the importance of outdoor play in a child's physical and social-emotional development" they wrote.

Young issued the permit Oct 15 after the Porters fulfilled his request to have a signed petition of support from other neighbors. All five families with property in the vicinity of the hoop put signatures on that document.

In an Oct. 22 letter to the Tramontina's, Young said his decision could be appealed to the city council if they were still in agreement with the siting of the hoop.

Habberstad sent Young a letter Oct. 31 asking for a copy of the permit. He also wanted a copy of the written policy and procedures for granting the permit, as well as a copy of written criteria and other documentation factors into the decision to issue the permit. He requested an ac-

counting of labor hours and the dollar cost incurred by the city that was related to issuance of the permit, or fees collected from that action.

Young replied in a Nov. 7 letter that there was no set criteria for his decision, that permits were issued on a case-by-case basis. He said requests for these permits were analyzed for "reasonable standards of safety." He said the city does not track the time spent handling these types of issues so any documentation would be "at best a guess." And there was no fee for issuance of an encroachment permit.

The city manager then suggested the Tramontinas bring the issue before the Traffic Safety Commission as the next step in their opposition since the council was likely to have them go through that channel prior to addressing the issue.

On Nov. 20, the Tramontinas gained support from the commission, which agreed with Habberstad that having a hoop in the right of way next to the street posed a serious safety concern.

Dick urged Porter and Tramontina at the Dec. 9 meeting to find a way to compromise on issues so they did not create disharmony in the neighborhood.

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# Budget

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restraint is shameful and must be opposed."

But House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, dismissed criticism from groups such as Heritage Action, which raise money as they criticize Republicans for being insufficiently conservative.

"They're using our members and they're using to the American people to further their own als," Boehner said Wednesday. "This is ridiculous."

But many House Democ-

rats were less than enthusiastic, too.

"Stay tuned," said Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., when asked about whether Democrats would support the bill.

The agreement, among other things, seeks to restore \$63 billion in automatic spending cuts affecting programs ranging from parks to the Pentagon. The deal to ease those cuts for two years is aimed less at chipping away at the nation's \$17 trillion national debt than it is at trying to help a dysfunctional Capitol stop lurching from crisis to crisis. It would set

the stage for action in January on a \$1 trillion-plus spending bill for the budget year that began in October.

The measure unveiled by Ryan and Murray blends \$85 billion in spending cuts and revenue from new and extended fees — but no taxes or cuts to Medicare beneficiaries — to replace a significant amount of the mandated cuts to agency budgets over the coming two years.

The package would raise the Transportation Security Administration fee on a typical nonstop, round-trip airline ticket from \$5 to \$10; require

newly hired federal workers to contribute 1.3 percentage points more of their salaries toward their pensions; and trim cost-of-living adjustments to the pensions of military retirees under the age of 62. Hospitals and other health care providers would have to absorb two additional years of a 2-percentage-point cut in their Medicare reimbursements.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said the measure will serve as a vehicle to delay a 24 percent cut in Medicare reimbursements to physicians that would otherwise take effect Jan. 1.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE