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Conference Room
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The Dalles OR 97058

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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
August 21st, 2019

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- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
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- V. NEW BUSINESS
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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Of

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7:00a

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Michael Holloran, Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Robert Kuenzinger,

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee, Larry Fairclo

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Russ Brown – Council Representative, Jeff Kienlen – City Police and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Breanna Wimber with Stratton Insurance Agency

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the July minutes. Robert Kuenzinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Breanna Wimber with Stratton Insurance Agency at 318 W 2nd Street, talked to the group regarding the semi abandoned cars and overnight parking that is occurring on the street next to the St. Vincent's Food Station, on Liberty b/t 2nd & 4th Streets. She explained the problem with the transients and the problems that occur between some of the transients. She has contacted the Police and Codes Enforcement Departments and they have been really good to work with but they have to give warnings and give the vehicle owners time to move, so in the meantime problems keep happening. Officer Kienlen said the officer that normally takes care of these issues is presently on leave but would hopefully be returning soon. Robert Kuenzinger suggested putting together a presentation with goals and objectives for City Council and asking for a change in the City's ordinances regarding length of time necessary to issue citations. Breanna also said a meeting is being organized with area businesses to help deter some of the problems that are occurring. Russ Brown told Breanna anyone who attends a Council meeting has five minutes to speak about current issues. No further action needed by Traffic Safety Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Traffic Lights at 6th and Webber

Dale McCabe said ODOT had contacted him with information regarding the lights at 6th and Webber. Their findings of the proposed suggestions determined that Robert's suggestions would make the delays worse than are currently happening. Dale said the City strives to operate at a Level D or better. With the proposed changes the lights would change to a Level E. Robert said he had suggested splitting the current times not adding more time and asked if Dale could revisit issue with ODOT for further discussion. Dale will contact ODOT again.

B) 19th & Dry Hollow Crosswalk Bulb Outs

Michael Holloran suggested the concrete bulb outs on the newly installed crosswalks near 19th & Dry Hollow be painted yellow for safety and visibility. Dale will talk to the Transportation Division and ask them to put that on their painting schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Parking Issues on Webber and 10th Street

Dale explained to the group that the business Center for Living has allowed for 65 spaces for their customers and employees but they did not allow for their service vehicles and it has proven to cut them short of spaces in their parking lot; hence, employee are parking on the street and creating site visibility issues. Staff has recommended painting yellow at the intersections of 10th & Blakely Way and 10th & Blakely Street and adjacent to the Columbia Basin Nursing Home driveway. The Center for Living supervisors have also asked their employees to be careful to not block or crowd driveways on 10th Street. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to paint yellow on the curbs at the staff recommended intersections. Robert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B) Federal b/t 7th & 8th Streets – One Way Only Signs

Cindy Kever brought to the members a concern from Mrs. Burnet who lives in the area of Federal and 8th Street. That area is marked One Way Only, but drivers are still driving the wrong direction despite the signs. A discussion was held and Jeff Kienlen suggested staff install a one way sign in front of the drivers exiting out of the alley. Dale will pass suggestion along to the Transportation Division.

C) Roberts Street Traffic Too Fast

Cindy told the members about a concern from Nick Nelson regarding Roberts Street that connects near Quinton Street. He is concerned about the speed of the cars driving through that area and would like to request a sign to slow traffic down. A discussion was held and Officer Kienlen said he has frequently been up in that area and has not seen an increase in cars traveling the area or an increase in speed. No installation of new signs at this time.

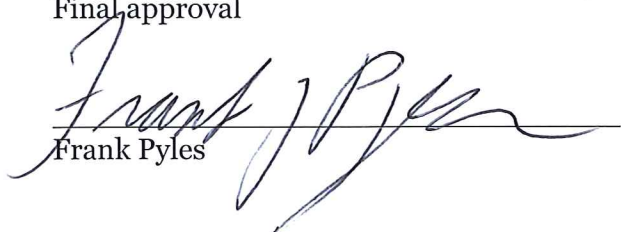
D) Tree Trimming Needed

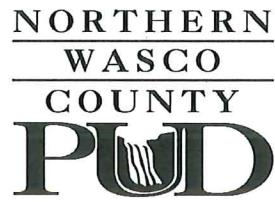
Robert asked if the trees on the south side of the street near 19th and Dry Hollow, near the speed limit sign could be trimmed. Russ Brown said the lilac trees at the intersection of 14th and “H” need to be trimmed. Dale will send both requests to the Transportation Division staff.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mike Kilkenny moved to adjourn. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles



To: City Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Sub: Reduced speed limit to 30 mph on River Rd through to Klindt Dr.

Ref: 2017 Transportation System Plan, The Dalles, Or

There has been an increasing concern regarding the speed hazard on the section of River Rd from Bargeway Rd to Klindt Dr. The speed increases from 30 mph to 45 mph, heading west, just prior to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office driveway and remains at 45 mph through to River Trail Way. Heading east, the speed limit remains 45 mph until after the corner on to Webber St in front of Oregon Trail Mini Storage.

Due to the increase for additional security at the PUD, we now have our entry gates closed at all times and the company and contractor vehicles use gate controllers to open the gate, but delivery vehicles must notify the PUD and at times have to wait at the gate to enter the secured lot. This has increased the congestion both in the east and west bound lanes.

In addition to the security increase, the PUD and Bernert Barge Lines have had an increase in heavy vehicle traffic flow that has required parking and/or waiting along River Rd. The use of our lot across from of our facility on the south side of River Rd is being used as a temporary contractor RV park and long-term equipment storage has also affected the traffic.

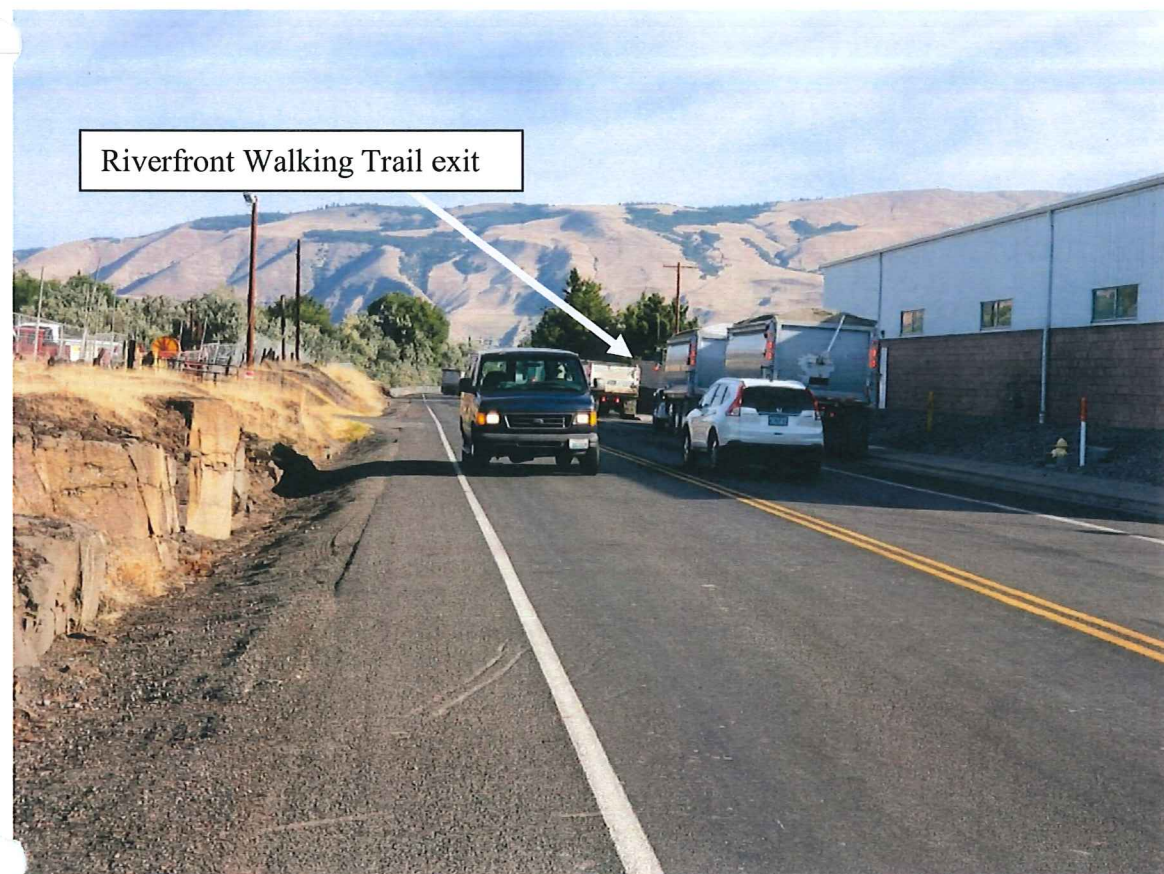
All the conditions stated, have severely increased congestion and reduced visibility when entering and exiting parking lots resulting in many near miss heavy and light vehicle collisions.

Please note that while the continued increase in the use of the bike lane and Riverfront Walking Trail, is a great community asset, the heavy vehicle congestion and additional traffic at 45 mph, in our opinion, has increased safety risks to the public and employees that work in the area.

We feel that decreasing the speed limit to 30 mph would increase the hazard awareness and reduce vehicle, pedestrian, and bicyclist traffic exposure to existing hazards.

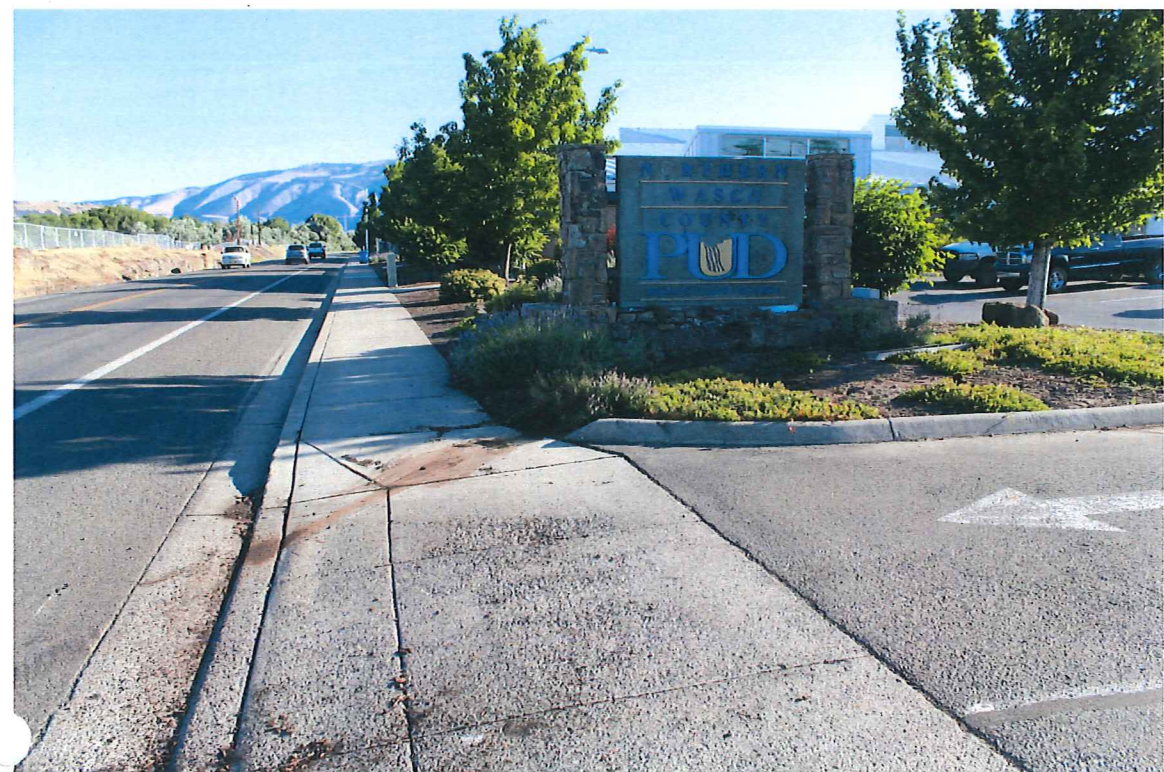
Regards,

Jimmy Wells, CUSP
Operations Support / Safety Analyst



Riverfront Walking Trail exit

Vehicle congestion on River Dr



Out of control, speeding vehicle stuck PUD sign 6-23-19





alley's 15 mph/police

WATER DISTRIBUTION



SERVICE ORDER/CUSTOMER REQUEST

DATE: 8-22-19 Issued By: _____
Address: 317 E 2nd ST ROUTE 30
Contact Info
Name: BRYAN LAROCQUE
Phone #: 541-993-3155 w/ 541-980-1987
Request: SIGN STOP IN ALLEY &
SPEED BUMPS.
GRANDSON ALMOST GOT HIT I
HAD GRAB HIM. CAR HIT HIS FOOT

Action taken: _____

By: (service person) _____

Date: 1 / 1



CAUTION

**DOOR OPENS
INTO TRAFFIC
OPEN DOOR
SLOWLY**