

TIME: 7:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Dalles Public Works Department
Conference Room
1215 W 1st Street
The Dalles OR 97058

AGENDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
January 20, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Solution on West 6th near City Park
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Request for a Bus Stop on 12th Street near Dry Hollow – Mills/McCabe
 - B. West 6th & Webber Intersection Update - McCabe
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

CITY OF THE DALLES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Of
January 20, 2021
7:00a.m.

ZOOM MEETING

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Larry Fairclo, Mike Kilkenny, and Russ Brown

ABSENT MEMBERS: Michael Holloran & vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the December minutes. Fred Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Solution on West 6th Street near City Park

Dale McCabe reported he and David Mills had met Parks & Rec Director, Scott Baker on site and City staff agreed to place three type III barricades on site and to install dead end street signs in the area too. This is going to happen tomorrow. Scott appreciated the City's willingness to help find a solution.

B) 2nd Street "U" Turn Elimination near Cherry Heights

Mike asked if any extra traffic candles had been added on 2nd Street near the new Cherry Heights intersection configuration. Dale said at this time he thought the group had decided it was more of an enforcement issue. No further action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for Bus Stop on 12th Street near Dry Hollow

Dale McCabe received a request from Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) to have different areas around town be designated for bus loading zones. The specific yellowed out curb area they spoke to Dale about is near the Dry Hollow intersection. The request would be for the new yellowed out area to be marked as a "Loading Zone, Buses Only". Brad Houghton, former Deputy Director at MCEDD, had been corresponding with the Public Works office personnel in regards to a couple of options for the bus loading zone locations. Option #1 and Option #2 were shown to the commission members. A discussion was held and Russ Brown reminded members a mini mart is under new construction directly across from the doctor's office on the south side of 12th Street. The area is already very congested with the various doctor's offices and the employee parking that occurs in a several block area on 12th Street, both east and west of Dry Hollow.

the south side of 12th Street. The area is already very congested with the various doctor's offices and the employee parking that occurs in a several block area on 12th Street, both east and west of Dry Hollow. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of several locations. It was decided that the south side of 12th would probably make the most sense in regards that no mid-block crossing of pedestrians would occur and passengers who are waiting for a bus could stand under the roof overhang of the doctor's office for protection from the weather. City staff told the members only 1 parking space will be used for the bus parking zone (if the commission agrees to the suggested request). Fred Davis asked City staff for a simple diagram of what they think the loading zone would look like. Members also asked staff to invite MCEDD to the February meeting for their ideas and information on the size of the buses that would be used. No action needed at this time.

B) West 6th & Webber Intersection Update

Dale has been corresponding with the State of Oregon and told the members the state has recently eased up some of their travel restriction rules due to the Covid crisis. He said the state was planning on looking at their travel schedule regarding when they will be traveling up to the area. Hopefully, in the next several weeks they can start to work on resetting the timing of the lights at the 6th & Webber intersection.

C) New Commission Position Available

Cindy Keever let the group know Brent Bybee had officially turned in a resignation letter thanking the group and the City for the time he spent with the commission and wishing the group well. The City Clerk has been notified of the vacancy and will work with the Mayor to appoint a replacement for Mr. Bybee.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles

LINK Bus Loading Zone on E 12th Street near Dry Hollow Road
presented at January 2021 Traffic Safety Commission meeting

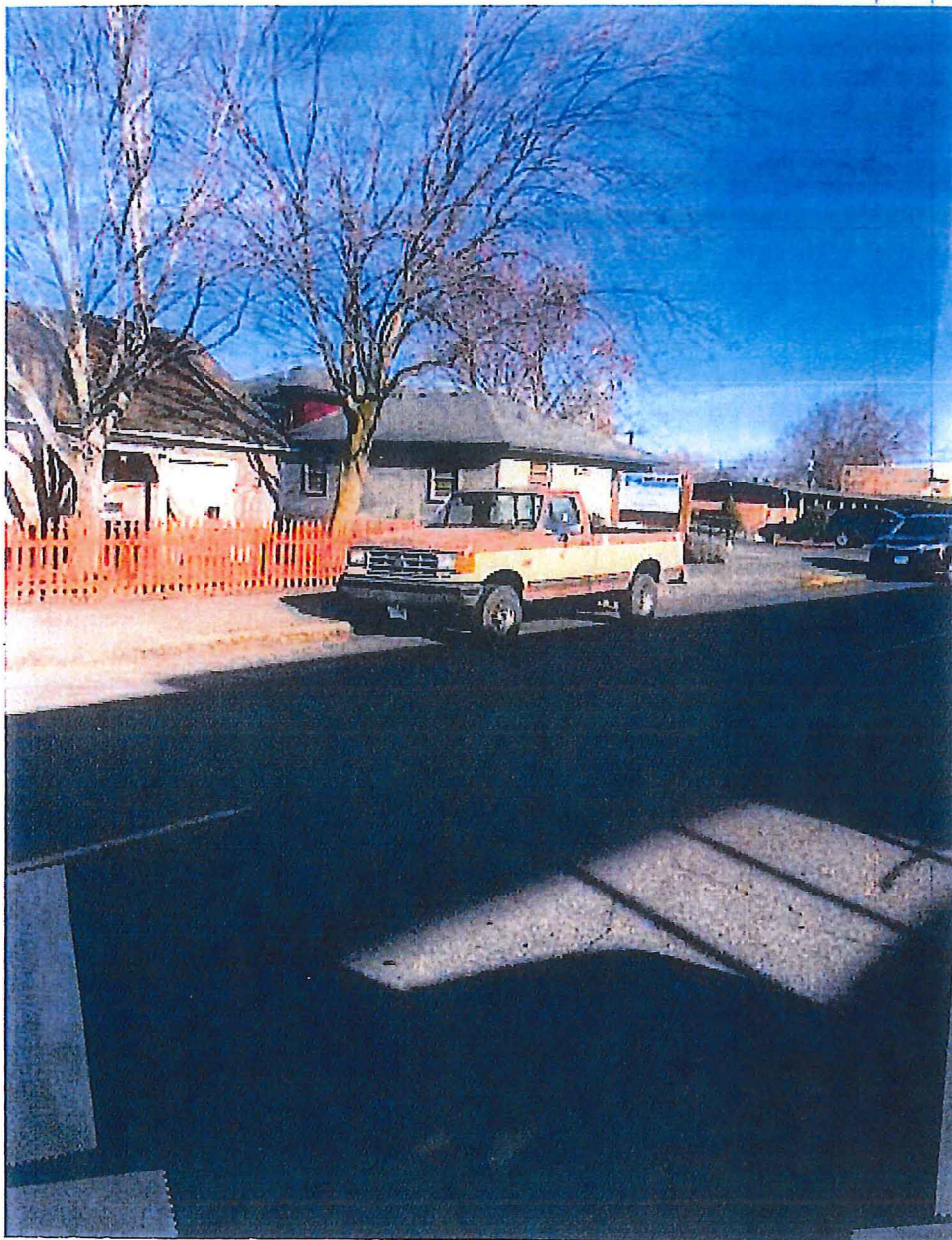




- Option 1
- West of west side parking lot of
MCMC Family Medicine
1620 E. 12th St
The Dalles, OR 97058
- Request 38-40' of yellow painted curb,
and installation of a LINK bus shelter
street sign for a bus turnout.



- Option 2
- West of west side parking lot of MCMC Family Medicine
1620 E. 12th St
The Dalles, OR 97058
- Request 38-40' of yellow painted curb, and installation of a LINK bus shelter street sign for a bus turnout.



Sent from my iPhone

street view on 12th Street, near
Dry Hollow Road, across the road
from Mid Columbia Family Medicine

Discussion presented by Robert Kuenzinger to have added to the meeting agenda.

Background

I have spent the time going through the committee minutes of the last year. In reviewing these minutes I have noticed that the 6th St and Weber intersection has been a topic repeatedly.

I have spent a few days at the intersection and observed the real time traffic flow. From this observation I have determined that the traffic flow on east/west 6th street flows very well with the traffic signals currently in place as well as signal timing for the yellow flashing light to allow left hand turns.

I have observed the traffic flow on north/south Weber to be a real issue with the traffic signals currently in place. They are confusing to drivers and consequently cause drivers to face off in the intersection as the drivers seem hesitant to make the left hand turn with the opposing driver making a left hand turn. Drivers can't see around the vehicle turning and are worried that the second vehicle is going to come straight and not turn. This seems to use up the allotted traffic signal time to both north and south bound traffic

Objectives

- To review current traffic signal timing.
- To replace the current traffic signals to a new configuration.
- Using current time frames set for north and south to be divided proportionally and adjusted to a new light configuration. Longer for south bound and less time for north bound flow.
- To have north and south proceed with their own dedicated time frame. Whereas north would be on a red light while south moves and the south be on a red light to move the north traffic.

Scope

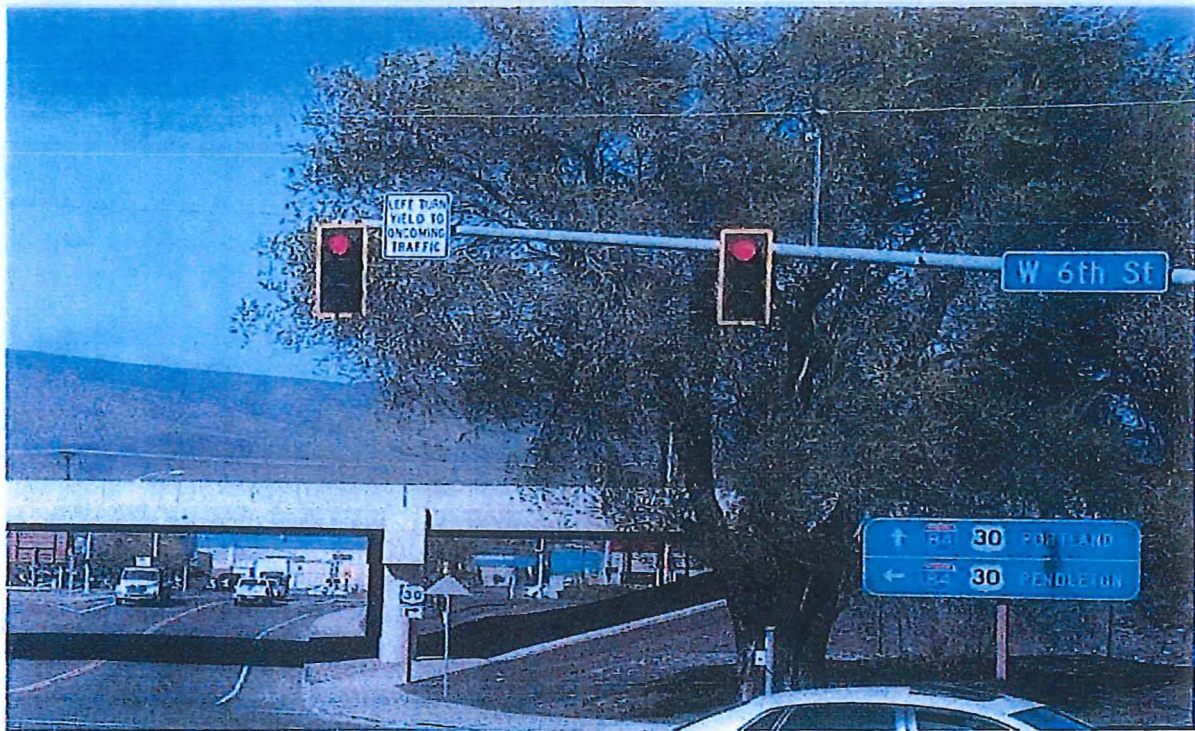
I feel that with these modifications to the north and south bound traffic the intersection would flow smoother. I see that this would eliminate the face off that drivers are currently experiencing. I also think that these modifications will allow more time or to push the time frame out in regards to the realignment of the intersection as outlined in the TSP.

I have included a picture of our current configuration as well as the proposed configuration. This current proposal I feel will be a simpler remedy to a problem and provide driver training for the intersection realignment that is recommended in the TSP. reference TSP appendix A-17

Robert Kuenzinger

Presented at the May 2019 Traffic Safety Commission meeting

This is the current configuration facing north and south on weber at 6th St.



Proposed new configuration for Weber St north and south at 6th St.

