

AGENDA

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Dalles Public Works Department

1215 W 1st Street

The Dalles, OR 97058

<February 17, 2021>

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCE GUESTS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

During this portion of the meeting, anyone may speak on any subject which does not later appear on the agenda. Five minutes per person will be allowed. If a response by the City is requested, the speaker will be referred to Administrative Services support staff for further action. The issue may appear on a future meeting agenda for Commission consideration.

5. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT
6. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
7. CITY ENGINEER REPORT
8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items of a routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the Consent Agenda to allow the Traffic Safety Commission to spend its time and energy on the important items and issues. Any Commission member may request an item be “pulled” from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately. Item pulled from the

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Consent Agenda will be placed on the Agenda at the end of the "Action Items" section.

- A. Approval of the previous month Regular Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

9. ACTION ITEMS

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. W 6th Street & Webber Street Intersection Signal Lights Update - McCabe
- B. LINK Bus Loading Zone on E 12th Street near Dry Hollow Road - Mills

11. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Additional agenda items can be submitted until noon on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Mail traffic safety items to 1215 W First Street, The Dalles, OR 97058 or e-mail to ckeever@ci.the-dalles.or.us

12. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is conducted via Zoom.

Prepared by/
Cynthia Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

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7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Kilkenny, Russ Brown, Frank Pyles, Michael Holloran, Larry Fairclo, Sandy Haechrel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary; David Mills, Transportation Division Manager; Dale McCabe, City Engineer;

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Kilkenny to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously, Davis absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- A) Transportation Manager, Mills reported the roads are still a bit slick and reminded everyone the sanding rock is also slick so drive with caution.
- B) There was a 12" water main line break downtown at 3rd Street and Jefferson earlier in the week. The Transportation crew back filled the area with rock and is letting the ground that was saturated with water dry out before paving. Mills is hoping the asphalt plants will be open soon and he can pave the intersection the first or second week of March. His crew

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will be keeping a close eye on dust control measures and holes in the gravel. Please let him know if the area needs attention.

CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Nothing at this time.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

City Engineer, Dale McCabe reported they have a couple of projects coming up within the next month or two. West 15th Street between Garrison Street and Liberty Street is scheduled to be re-paved. This project will be done in this fiscal year, which ends in June. He reported the other upcoming project is the ADA Improvement Project. Dale also explained the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Project and how the selection and prioritizing process will work and how it will tie in with the ADA Improvement Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Russ Brown and seconded by Mike Kilkenny to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, all Councilors voting in favor.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of January 20, 2021 Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Sandy Haechrel has recently been appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacant position on this commission. Sandy gave a brief introduction of herself and explained why she joined the group.
- B) W 6th Street and Webber Street intersection signal lights update is still waiting on ODOT. They are still on COVID restrictions and if they were to come up and work on that intersection they would have to close that intersection for a full day. This would have a large impact on traffic so the project is still on hold at this time. ODOT has assured McCabe that they will put us at the top of their "To-Do" list when things open back up.
- C) The LINK bus loading zone request on 12th Street near Dry Hollow Road has been shelved until Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) has a representative that can attend the Traffic Safety Commission meeting to explain exactly what they are wanting to achieve. Commission members did agree that staff's suggestion of yellowing out an area

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near the drive approach on the south side of the building closest to the east parking lot was the best location.

ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Kilkenny wanted to express his thanks to the City for scooping away the snow from the downtown area. This should really help with any potential flooding issues.
- Haechrel said she has been looking around town and has noticed many areas at corners where the site distance is impeded by either plants, walls or fences. A brief update was explained on maximum heights for different types of obstructions.
- Haechrel also expressed concerned about the vehicle speeds on Old Dufur Road. The process for checking out the radar gun from the Police Department was explained.
- Holloran noticed the Radar Reader Board has been set out for several days and likes that it seems to be effectively slowing traffic down.
- Fairclo suggested members schedule a ride around with the Police Department. He believes it is very educational.

ADJOURNMENT

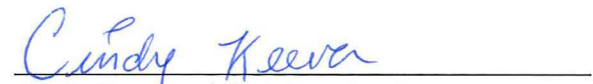
Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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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.



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

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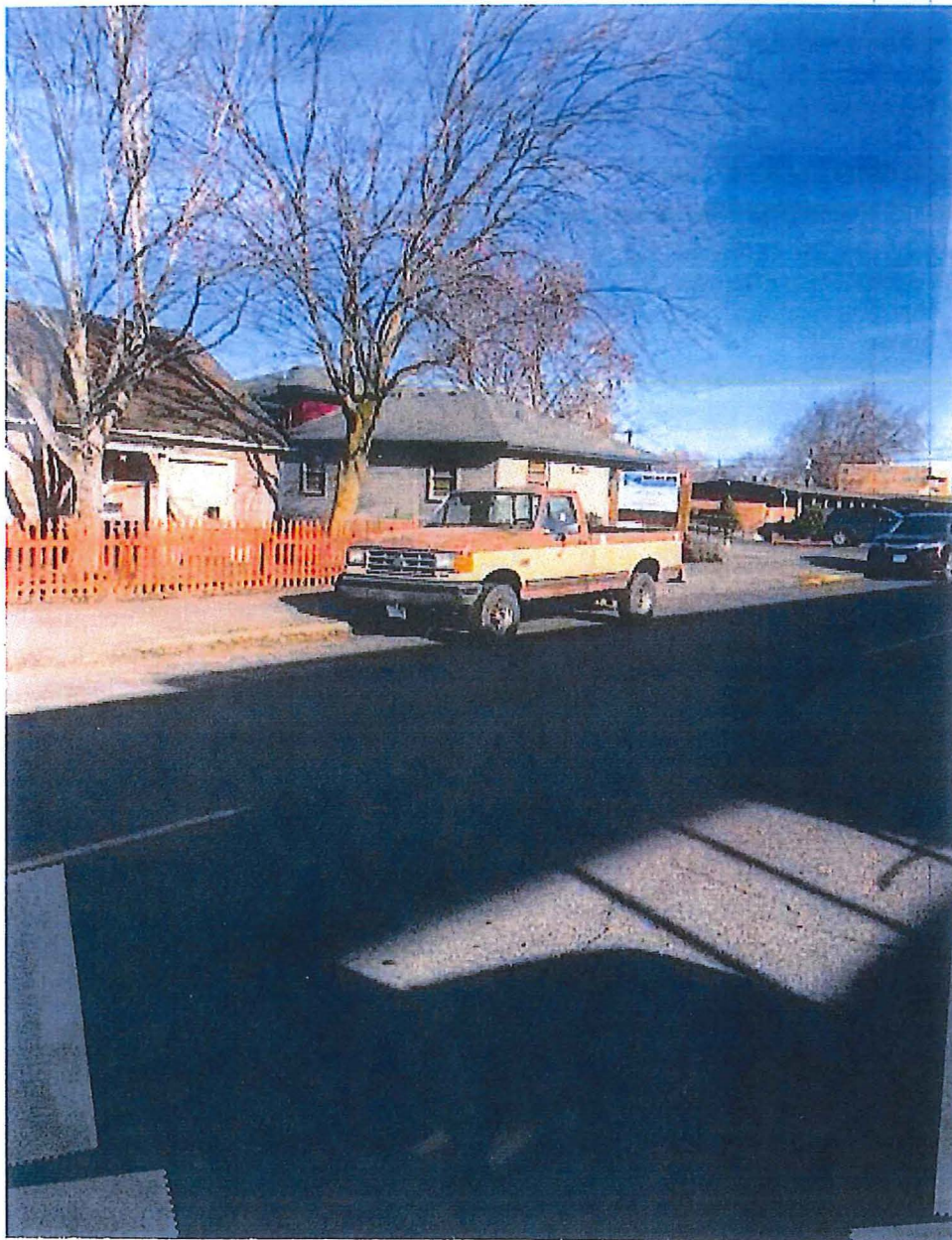




- Option 1
- West of west side parking lot of
MCMC Family Medicine
1620 E. 12th St
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- Request 38-40' of yellow painted curb,
and installation of a LINK bus shelter
street sign for a bus turnout.



- Option 2
- West of west side parking lot of MCMC Family Medicine
1620 E. 12th St
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- 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