

AGENDA

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

The Dalles Public Works Department

1215 W 1st Street

The Dalles, OR 97058

<April 21, 2021>

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION 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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"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"

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 Commission 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
- C. Request for Stop Sign at 4th Street and Washington Street – Mills
- D. E 16th Place Traffic Speed Concerns – Mills
- E. Request for ADA Parking near County Courthouse - McCabe

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

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 - April 2021



Add new LINK bus stop sign here.

Eliminate this parking spot. Yellow out 22 feet

From: jeff@jeffnicholscpa.com <jeff@jeffnicholscpa.com>

Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:48 AM

To: Izetta F. Grossman <igrossman@ci.the-dalles.or.us>

Subject: Stop light at 4th and Washington

Hello,

Is there an application process for getting at least a blinking light at an intersection downtown? I've been on the corner of 4th and Washington for a little less than 2 years and seen two crashes and countless people running the stop signs. I hear 2-3 honks a day from other cars pointing out that other cars are running the stop signs and not even slowing down. If you can help me out or point me in the right direction, anything would be appreciated. I've seen a cop sit here occasionally, but it doesn't seem to deter anyone from not stopping.

Thanks,

Jeff Nichols, CPA

We are now at 502 Washington St, Suite 203, The Dalles.

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From: Lindy McDonald <lindy.mcdonald.fitness@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:44 PM

To: Izetta F. Grossman <igrossman@ci.the-dalles.or.us>

Subject: "Freeway" traffic on 16th Place

Hi,

My husband and I live on E 16th Place in The Dalles. The way people drive around this corner at Kelly Ave and up to Dry Hollow, virtually 24 hours a day, is atrocious. All hours of the day, people fly up the hill like it's freeway on ramp. We've seen numerous dogs nearly get hit, one chasing a cat and the driver (while looking at their phone) didn't even notice they came within feet of the dog. God forbid we use the crosswalk midway up the street to walk to my parents house without running across the street. I've even been honked at as I slowed to turn into our own driveway. Once as my husband backed out of the driveway one direction of traffic stopped and waved him out, he was nearly hit by someone driving the other direction as they cruised down the hill.

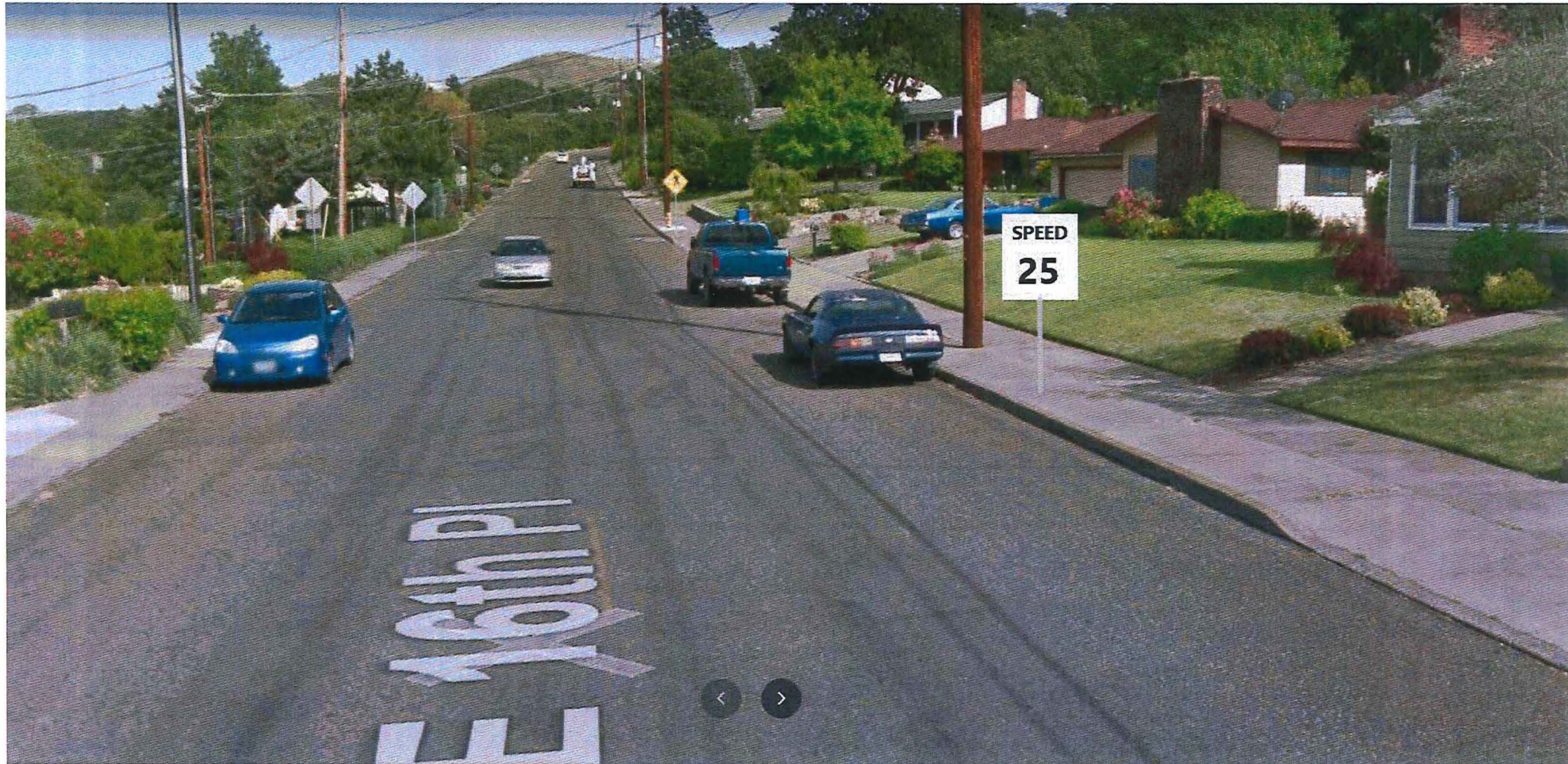
We totally understand that this is a through street, but please... is there anything that can be done to help mitigate traffic on this stretch of 16th Place? As our daughter gets old enough to walk down the street to her grandparents, she would have to use that crosswalk and there are no speed signs or stop signs going East. The only stop sign is coming up G Street... uphill. Is that a stop sign that could be moved off of G and onto 16th?

Sorry for the long winded email. I'm just looking for guidance to see if there is anything that could be done to lessen the burden of people driving "pedal to the medal" through this neighborhood.

Thank you!

Lindy McDonald

E 16th Place Traffic Speed Concerns - April 2021



Request for ADA Parking near County Courthouse - April 2021

