

## CITY OF THE DALLES

Department of Public Works 1215 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street The Dalles, Oregon 97058

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** August 28, 2023

**TOPIC:** Flashing Yellow Signal Change – September 1, 2023

**CONTACT:** Public Works Department (541) 296-5401

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

On Friday September 1, 2023, the schedule for the traffic signals downtown currently flash yellow from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday and all-day Sunday, will be changed.

The new flashing yellow schedule will be seven (7) days a week, 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The purpose of this change is to increase safety of the traveling public. The Traffic Safety Commission has received several concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets at the signalized intersections in the downtown area.

The concern is for when the traffic signals at Union, Washington and Laughlin Streets are flashing yellow. These signals currently flash yellow from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday and all-day Sunday. The Commission has recommended to the Public Works Director and City Manager that we change all of the traffic signals to flash yellow from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. seven (7) days a week. These changes will take place starting on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 10:00 p.m.

The change has been approved for a trial period to allow for public input. The public is encouraged to provide feedback to the Public Works Department. Public comments can be sent to:

Email: trafficsafety@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Call: <u>(541) 296-5401</u>

Form: Traffic Safety Commission Request Form

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