

AGENDA**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING****The Dalles Public Works Department****1215 W 1st Street****The Dalles, OR 97058****July 17, 2024****7:00 a.m.****Via Zoom**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS
6. 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.

7. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT
 - B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
 - C. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
 - D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT
8. CONSENT AGENDA

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9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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 trafficsafety@ci.the-dalles.or.us

11. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is conducted In Person and via Zoom.

Prepared by/
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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 15, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

- PRESIDING:** Mike Kilkenny, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Michael Holloran, Russ Brown, Frank Pyles, Sandy Haechrel, Larry Fairclo, Jayme Reineccius and Bob Wood
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremiah Dutton – City Police, Dan Richardson – Council Representative and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Lisa Kaseberg – Director of D21 Transportation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kilkenny at 7:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the April agenda was made by Holloran and seconded by Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Reineccius asked Kaseberg if the school buses could avoid traveling on 10th Street during the mornings on their way back to the bus barn on W 2nd Street. Possibly using 9th Street to avoid the 10th and Mt. Hood intersection and avoiding the congestion that happens, mainly in the mornings, on 10th Street between Union Street and Cherry Heights Road.

Kaseberg said there are several other routes many of the buses take to get back to the bus barn. It's not

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always practical to avoid traveling on 10th Street altogether. No further action at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. The annual crack sealing contract begin May 13th and will continue through May 17th weather permitting.
2. The Transportation Division will be grinding and re-paving a section of W 2nd Street between Cherry Heights and Tum-a-Lum Lumber Company.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Dutton reported the police department is applying for traffic grants.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. With the warmer weather an influx of trailers and motorhomes have appeared. Working with those owners regarding illegal overnight camping.
2. Working with property owners regarding tree and shrub growth that may be causing sight problems.
3. A new position in the police department's budget has been added for the upcoming fiscal year. This new position will shadow the Codes Enforcement position and will take over Lesich's position in April of 2025 upon her retirement.
4. A request was made for Lesich to notify commercial landscapers letting them know it's illegal to blow yard debris and dirt into the street.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The 10th Street Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) construction has been postponed for the 2024 season and is expected to be worked on during the 2025 summer construction season.
2. The 12th Street Storm and Sidewalk Project has an open house scheduled with area residents on May 29, 2024.
3. RBC fiber work and Crestline's frontage improvements are continuing. River Road asphalt is still very rough. Repaving will occur once all work is complete.

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4. The West 2nd Street Utility Upgrade Project continues with an expectation of a mid-June completion.
5. Construction of the new sidewalks and ADA ramps at the NE corner of 3rd and Federal Street has encountered some problems so it's taking longer than expected. Work will continue with no firm completion date at this time.
6. Lots of interest has been shown for the sidewalk rehabilitation project.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Pyles and seconded by Holloran to approve the April minutes. Kilkenny, Brown, Haechrel, Reineccius and Wood voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion was held regarding the traffic on Union Street at the 3rd Street intersection. Traffic is allowed to turn left on the red arrow, while giving the right of way to the north bound traffic. Members do not think many drivers are aware of the rules allowing that turn. Ideas to get the word out; 1) PSA explaining the option to drivers, 2) Possibly blinking yellow light, 3) Traffic sign hanging near stop light informing drivers a turn on a the red light at this location is legal. Mills will research cost of suggestions and keep TSC informed.
- B. See Audience Participation
- C. Commissioner Brown asked Transportation Manager Mills about additional 20 mph signs on 4th Street, farther from the 3rd Place intersection (where current signage is located). Mills said the placement of traffic signs are federally regulated and the city follows those guidelines.
- D. Haechrel asked if the weeds at the intersection of Jefferson and Scenic Drive could be trimmed and/or property owner notified of the need.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Councilman Richardson told the commission members the upcoming city budget has additional monies for the Sidewalk and Driveway Rehabilitation Program that the Public Works Engineering division oversees.
- B. Lesich asked if the intersection of 7th Street and Snipes Street be included in the next Safe Routes to School (SRTS) application.
- C. A concern was brought up about the lack of visibility at the corner of 10th Street and Kelly Avenue. The church on the NE corner has installed a cyclone fence around their property, (which had visibility to look through). Property owner has recently attached a solid banner to the fence making it very difficult to see traffic driving up the hill on Kelly Avenue. City staff will conduct a clear vision triangle of that intersection and let Codes Enforcement know of their findings.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED: _____
Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department