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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

November 19, 2025

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

PRESIDING: Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russ Brown, Jim Schwinof, Bob Wood, and Victor Johnson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jayme Reineccius and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bosse – City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, James Sprague – Transportation Division Manager, Kellen Mathisen – Traffic Officer City of The Dalles Police, Dan Richardson – Council Representative and Cindy Kever – Administrative Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: none

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kilkenny at 7:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the November agenda was made by Schwinof and seconded by Brown. Motion approved by Kilkenny, Wood and Johnson. Reineccius absent and one vacant position.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- 1) City crews continued ADA improvements on E 13th Street in preparation for spring/summer paving between Washington Street and Union Street.
- 2) Transportation staff completed an emergency catch basin repair on 6th Street Bridge and cleaned the bridge deck drains.
- 3) The annual grading and shaping of the City's streets and alleys have begun with the recent rain and fall weather.
- 4) Fall/winter crack-seal work is ongoing in preparation for next year's chip-seal season.
- 5) Two Equipment Operator positions remain open in the Transportation Division.
- 6) Residents adjacent to the 9th Street construction project have requested the possibility of permanently closing a portion of 9th Street to expand Heka Park due to improved safety and reduced traffic during the temporary closure.
- 7) Transportation Division will place temporary asphalt patches for the winter, with permanent paving in the spring once asphalt plants reopen.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- 1) Driver compliance appears to be improving, with fewer instances of aggressive driving.
- 2) Victor Johnson requested data for traffic tickets issued for failure to yield for pedestrians in crosswalks. Kellen noted he could provide statistics on stops and citations by location.
- 3) Kellen expressed an interest in organizing a Pedestrian Safety Event with commissioner Johnson. This could involve an undercover officer using a downtown crosswalk to promote driver awareness and pedestrian safety.
- 4) Johnson requested clarification of parking rules for the bike lanes on E 10th Street. Mathison explained when vehicles may or may not park in designated bike-lane areas.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Introduction of Arturo Dominguez, new Codes Enforcement Officer. Dominguez is bi-lingual in Spanish and the department is looking forward to increased understanding among citizens when investigating complaints.
- 2) Vegetation in power lines, overgrown vegetation near stop signs and the towing of illegally parked vehicles and RV's is ongoing.
- 3) City Council recently passed a ruling where 3 complaints about the same issue of overgrown vegetation can now equal a fine.

D. CITY ENGINEERS REPORT

Bosse and Stephens discussed the following updates:

Project Updates – Stephens

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- 1) E 10th Street and E 12th Street are in the post-construction phase, with a punch-list underway.
- 2) Contract preparation has begun for the Federal Street Plaza and the 1st Street Project.
- 3) A roadway hump at Thompson Street and 12th Street required a redesign of approximately 60 feet to correct the issue.
- 4) In response to Schwinof, Stephens reported the 9th Street construction project is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Less than 100 feet remain, though work continues in rocky conditions.

Project Updates – Bosse

- 1) Paving on the 6th Street Widening Project is scheduled for today. Pump station work will extend into December, with minor ponding along the shoulder area expected on Hostetler Street until pump station work is complete. Punch-list and striping work is expected to begin shortly.
- 2) In response to Officer Mathison, Bosse confirmed Hostetler Street (between 2nd Street and 6th Street) is expected to reopen today.
- 3) The Westside Interceptor Upgrades Phase II contract goes to City Council on Monday with work projected to begin around the beginning of the year.
- 4) The 1st Street Project will be presented to City Council in mid-December.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Schwinof and seconded by Brown to approve the October minutes. Kilkenny, Wood and Johnson voted in favor. Reineccius absent. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) City Council has been updated regarding the Material Transportation and Disposal of the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup site. The commission discussed traffic and infrastructure concerns, including the logistics of truck movements and the impact on local roads.

B) Transportation Manager Sprague explained that crosswalks at the bottom of 4th Street Grade and Jefferson Street cannot simply be painted due to ADA compliance requirements. Installing painted crosswalks would trigger the need for ADA curb ramps. Sprague provided an overview of the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices), the federal standard governing roadway markings and signage. Discussion followed regarding ADA triggers and the cost of installing compliant curb ramps at four-corner intersections.

C) Keever reviewed the current list of potential bulb-out locations under consideration:

1. 2nd Street and Monroe or Madison Streets
2. 3rd Street and Monroe or Madison Streets
3. 2nd Street and Liberty Street
4. 4th Street and Lincoln Street

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5. 12th Street and Dry Hollow Road
6. Dry Hollow Road and 19th Street
7. 3rd Street and Federal Street
8. Columbia View Drive between Wasco Drive and Brentwood Drive
9. Possible pedestrian island near 10th Street and Washington Street (near the high school)

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A) Johnson emphasized the importance of promoting traffic safety through social media and other channels, with plans to explore resources from Oregon Impact for ready-made safety messages. Keever suggested inviting Oregon Impact Director, Janelle Lawrence to the December meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:44a.m.

Submitted by/

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary

Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Russ Brown, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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