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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

April 15, 2026

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

**PRESIDING:** Russ Brown, Vice-Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Jim Schwino, Victor Johnson, Bob Wood and Tom Tramontina

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Mike Kilkenny and Jayme Reineccius

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Bosse – City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, Cynthia Roe – City EIT, James Sprague – Transportation Manager and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Brown at 7:01 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 Schwino and seconded by Tramontina. Motion approved by Brown, Wood and Johnson. Kilkenny and Reineccius are absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

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## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT**

- 1) Curb and crosswalk painting have finished around the city. The crew has been freshening up arterial areas including downtown. The striping of the Westside Interceptor Phase II is anticipated for this week.
- 2) ADA sidewalk and curb work continues at E 13<sup>th</sup> Street in preparation for paving the street between Federal Street and Union Street later this summer.
- 3) The crew completed a second Mastic product demonstration on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to address some of the major rutting issues. The demonstration was successful and the treated areas are a vast improvement. The city is exploring adding this machine to the fleet to expand maintenance capabilities.

### **b. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

No report given.

### **c. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

No report given.

### **d. CITY ENGINEERS REPORT**

- 1) The W 6<sup>th</sup> Street repaving project is expected to begin soon. Crestline Construction has secured a replacement paving subcontractor following the bankruptcy of the original subcontractor.
- 2) The West Side Interceptor Phase II project continues to make steady progress. West 1<sup>st</sup> Street between the Union Street underpass and Terminal Avenue is expected to reopen within the next several days. Webber Street will be closed to both northbound and southbound traffic beginning Monday, May 20, for approximately 12 weeks.
- 3) Archaeological materials were found while digging at The First Street Streetscape Project. Construction is currently on hold until further notice.
- 4) The Federal Street Plaza construction contract was awarded at the April 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- 5) Director McCabe would like to request the Commission's input on pursuing a speed zone study for Lone Pine, specifically the 45-mph corridor from the bridge to the

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Hwy 197/I84 interchange. The study could evaluate reducing speeds to 30-35 mph. Input is also requested on whether to include Hwy 197 from Fremont/Columbia View Drive to E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Schwinof made a motion to ask ODOT to include the entire area from The Dalles bridge to Hwy 197 and Columbia View Drive in their safety study. Tramontina seconded the motion. Wood, Johnson and Brown in favor. Kilkenny and Reineccius were absent. Motion passed.

6) Update on Hwy 197 and Columbia View Traffic Study in this corridor was identified as part of several projects identified as part of the Lower John Day Area Commission on Transportation. ODOT has identified two studies within this corridor that they'll be seeking ODOT funding.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) Sprague distributed a paper labeled, "The Dalles High School Traffic Safety Proposals" and explained in detail the five different options presented on the handout.

Option #2 was reviewed (as presented). Possible additional alternatives that were discussed included restricting Washington Street to right-turn-only and installing a temporary island using traffic delineators ("candles").

Staff noted they are unaware if any speed zone studies have been conducted on the streets adjacent to The Dalles High School. Adjacent streets do not meet the data criteria to reduce speeds to 20 mph; therefore, the posted speed will remain at 25 mph.

An engineering feasibility study of the area surrounding the high school was recommended, with emphasis on coordination with school representatives.

Commission members also suggested the school provide staff at key intersections during morning and afternoon peak travel times to assist with visibility issues and the students safely crossing Washington Street and other streets adjacent to the high school.

- b) A discussion was held regarding crosswalk concerns at the intersection of W 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Hostetler Street. Bosse explained that the crosswalk meets federal standards; however, the intersection is skewed at approximately a 20-degree angle, which dictates the current crosswalk placement. He noted that a corner-to-corner crosswalk configuration requires an intersection angle of 15 degrees or less.

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Commission members suggested adding continental striping to improve crosswalk visibility. The location was also identified as a potential candidate for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB).

c) Johnson explained to the commissioners about how difficult it is to hear multiple conversations when people try and talk over the top of each other, without waiting their turn to speak. It is particularly difficult when attending the meeting via Zoom. To promote clear, organized discussion, Robert's Rules of Order should be followed during all meetings.

d) Public Works received a letter regarding safety concerns at the Webber Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalk. Additional games, (softball), are now being played at the fields adjacent to Webber Street, which has increased the activity and congestion in the area. Commission members suggested having parents act as crossing guards during the different events so children and families can safely cross the Webber Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street intersections.

**10) ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05a.m.

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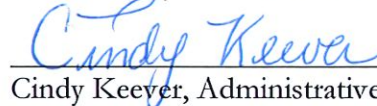
Submitted by/  
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Russ Brown, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department