

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 16, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Jim Bishop, Mike Kilkenny, Donna Lawrence and John Layson

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chuck Covert

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Jay Waterbury – City Police Chief, Tim McGlothlin – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marty Matherly - Wasco County Public Works

Frank Pyles moved to approve the minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Right Turn Yield at 2nd and Hostetler

Dale McCabe reported that 2nd Street is a Collector street and is designated a 40 mph zone. Dale said it is 93 feet from the corner at 2nd & Hostetler to the first driveway and the clear vision triangle is 180 feet. Per the MUTCD Manual, for this intersection and the set at the angle of the driver's position, the current driveway meets that clear vision distance. John Nelson said he had also observed the area for about a half hour and thought it worked well. Marty Matherly said the County did an evaluation and it functions well. Cars slow down and the County thinks it was an appropriate change to the Stop sign. Chief Waterbury and the rest of the Commission members also agreed that it seems to be working well too. Mike Kilkenny moved to have a letter sent to Shirley Hovda explaining the Commission's thoughts. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Donna Lawrence moved to leave the "Yield, Right Turn Permitted without Stopping" sign as is. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2) Speed Study at 6th & Division

Bill Barrier reported they are still having problems with the radar trailer computer program so the speed study has not been completed. Bill said his crew will work with a hand held radar gun to complete the study if necessary. Dale reported he had completed a clear vision triangle study and the sign and shrub on the east side are not within the triangle Dale also did a clear vision triangle to the west, and even considering the internal parking in the gas station lot, the triangle wasn't too bad. Speed limit is 40 mph on 6th Street and drivers need to stop at the Division Street stop sign, creep out and proceed with caution. There was a discussion regarding adding a "trucks merging" sign, but it was decided it was not necessary and no changes were recommended at this time.

3) Webber Street Water Line Project

Dale McCabe told members the Webber Street Water Line project is progressing and the traffic lights will be shut off and flaggers in place starting today. Project will hopefully be completed in a couple of weeks.

4) Status of "Stop Ahead" sign on 4th near Union Street

Discussion was held regarding the need for a "Stop Ahead" sign on the west side of the 4th and Union Street intersection. Members have looked at the area during various times and agree there should be no change at this time.

5) 5th & Court Removal of One Parking Space

Bill reported the curb had been painted yellow and the project was completed. Members agreed it looked good and said they have seen people complying.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Visibility Issues at 7th & Pomona

John Nelson reported having troubles seeing traffic travelling west on 7th when stopped on Pomona. He was heading south and looking to his left and it was very difficult to see around the ivy covered wall and post. At this time drivers need to stop at the stop line, then ease forward in order to see vehicles heading both directions and this causes the vehicle on Pomona to be in the west bound lane. Bill is aware of the area and said there is really nothing that can be done due to the location of the rock wall. John will look into having the ivy trimmed on the pole.

2) Oregon ACT Newsletter

John Nelson briefly explained about a survey letter from Oregon Impact (formally Oregon ACTS). Questions were asked about the survey and what value it is to the committee and if any grants are available. John N. will contact them and bring more information to the November meeting.

3) Miscellaneous

Donna Lawrence complimented the Transportation Crew on the painting of traffic lines around town. They look good.

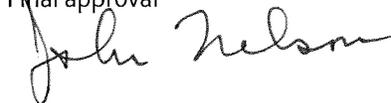
Tim McGlothlin was pleased with the completed project on Kelly Avenue and 12th Street.

A discussion was held regarding the huge evergreen tree that is in the yard at Col. Wright School near the front steps. The tree is very old and is beginning to lean causing a safety concern. Tim will talk to school officials to see what their plans are.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Frank Pyles moved to adjourn. Mike Kilkenney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson