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TOPIC: Cherry Heights & W Second Street Improvements

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Improvements have been needed at the West Second Street and Cherry Heights Road intersection for some time. Drivers have experienced increased traffic, increased delays, and safety challenges at that location. Construction of improved traffic controls will begin in May 26, 2020 and are expected to be completed by mid-July.

The City contracted with a traffic engineering firm to evaluate functionality and safety issues of the intersection in March 2019. The firm found that left turn traffic from Cherry Heights Road onto West Second Street causes delays. The safety analysis also showed that the left-turn and straight-through movements from Cherry Heights Road onto West Second Street were the leading cause of several accidents.

In September 2019 the traffic engineering firm evaluated four traffic controls options. The City selected the option that:

- provided the greatest safety and functional benefits,
- fit within the space available,
- and was affordable enough to build within a fiscal year.

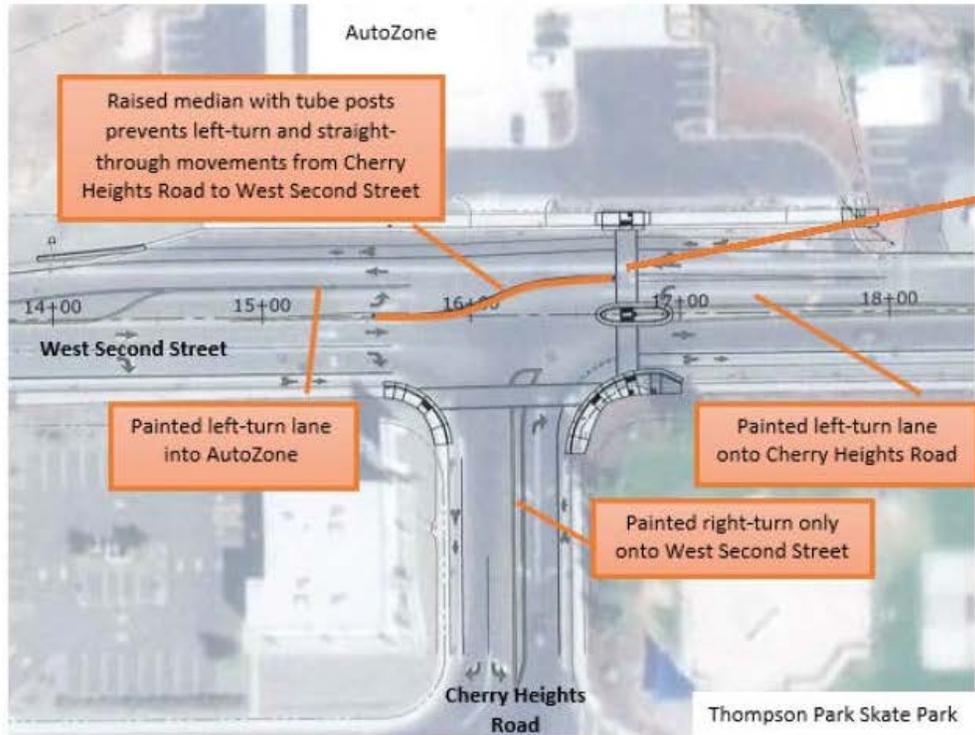
The new traffic controls will eliminate the left-turn and straight-through movements from Cherry Heights Road and the AutoZone parking lot onto West Second Street. Raised concrete medians and islands within the roadways will direct traffic safely and with less delay. Similar traffic controls are in place near Fred Meyer on both West Sixth Street and on Cherry Heights Road. The project will also provide for construction of pedestrian crossings and driver warning systems at the intersection.

The City expects this project to reduce delays and improve safety. However, it also may result in more out-of-direction travel for some drivers.

Project information will be posted at thedalles.org/transportation

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The Dalles – West Second Street and Cherry Heights Road Intersection Improvements Project is scheduled to begin May 26, 2020



If you have questions, please contact Todd Stephens, Project Engineer (541) 506-2007