

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
6:30 P.M., January 27, 2020
GLADSTONE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members of the Committee: Linda Cosgrove, Clair Coy, Len Nelson, Yvonne McNeil, Andrew Labonte, _____ – Chair, Bill Osburn – Vice-Chair.
Council Liaison – Randy Ripley.

1. Call to Order- Bill Osburn

Roll Call- Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

a. Present:

b. Absent:

2. Elect Chair and Vice Chair – Bill Osburn

3. Approval of October 28, 2019 Minutes – Elected Chair

4. Business from the Board – Elected Chair

a. Speed Limits

b. Traffic Plan – Select projects

5. Roundtable Discussion – Board

6. Police Department Updates - Chief Schmerber

a. Truck Routes

b. Goal Setting/Work Plan

c. Suggest earlier meeting start times

7. Community Input – Visitors: This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Commission’s attention any item not otherwise listed on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Speakers may not yield their time to others and must fill out a speaker card available in the back of the room prior to making a comment.

8. Adjourn

GLADSTONE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES of October 28, 2019

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Ken Moore, Andrew Labonte, Len Nelson, Linda Cosgrove, Yvonne McNeil, Bill Osburn

ABSENT:

Libby Wentz

STAFF:

Kristi Walls, Executive Assistant; Randy Ripley, City Council Liaison; John Schmerber, Police Chief

1. Call to Order – Introductions

2. Approval of August 26, 2019 Minutes:

Bill Osburn made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Yvonne McNeil. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Business from the Board:

Chair Moore said in regard to the two prior traffic complaints received from citizens (parking issues on Oatfield/Heather Lane and another on Nelson Lane) – he sent emails to both of the complainants and indicated what the resolutions were. On the first one no one had observed any parking violations there but if the Police Department sees violations they will address them and “no parking” signs will not be installed at this time. On the second complaint he advised the complainant of the information they received from the P.D./Code Enforcement and the decision they made and why. The issue with bushes blocking visibility has been taken care of. Len Nelson shared an incident he had with cars trying to pass one another on the narrow street.

Chair Moore said he sent a letter to the City Administrator advising her that he will be resigning from the Traffic Safety Board in December. He will be moving to Idaho in the spring.

Andrew Labonte has noticed that a lot of the water meters that are in the sidewalks are broken – he asked if that was part of the Traffic Safety Board’s responsibility and if someone were to get hurt who would be responsible. Councilor Ripley said he believes the water meters belong to the City but the sidewalk belongs to the residents. Mr. Labonte will contact Mr. Whynot for the answer.

Andrew Labonte asked about the pedestrian enforcement events. Chief Schmerber said they had one and they don’t have any others planned at this point, but they will be applying for more grants.

Bill Osburn asked when community input will be featured in the meetings. Yvonne McNeil said they discussed having it at the end of the meetings. Others felt it would be better to have it at the beginning of meetings so the citizens can go home when they are done. Chief Schmerber said he received feedback from the City Administrator and Mayor – they learned from various conferences and the League of Oregon Cities that keeping citizen input at the end of meetings is ideal because they get through City business right away and some of the questions the citizens may have might be addressed during the meeting. Bill Osburn said that since they usually don’t have an audience his preference would still be to have citizen input at the beginning of the meetings. There was further discussion.

4. Roundtable Discussion:

a) Mission Statement Discussion

Chair Moore shared his draft of the mission statement. It was agreed to change “resolve” to “address”. Chief Schmerber suggested adding some language regarding being proactive in the community. There was discussion regarding ideas on how to be proactive (posting in Gladstone Next Door, updating the website, give-away items at various events, being involved in pedestrian enforcement events, etc.).

b) Date change for December meeting

They ordinarily skip the meetings in November and December, have meetings in January and February, then the rest of the year the meetings are held in the even numbered months.

c) 2020 Meeting Dates (4th Monday of every other month)

5. Police Department Updates:

Chief Schmerber said he encouraged the communication on the Traffic Safety Committee email because of the timeframe – if there are pressing issues that they receive in the community that the Police Department should know about or if he has something he needs to send to them he will continue to share that. There are online complaint forms for Code Enforcement issues and they are developing something similar for the Police Department in general.

Andrew Labonte asked about volunteering for the pedestrian enforcement events – Chief Schmerber said it gives them more options and gets community involvement. There is some training involved.

Chief Schmerber said that traffic safety is a priority for the Police Department and the City. He shared information on their recent activity. They are down two officers right now – they are in the process of filling those vacancies right now. He is very selective.

The speed signs on Dartmouth, Arlington, and E. Gloucester were moved. They were meant to be temporary – they get moved every six months and in their place will go regular speed signs.

They have one on Glen Echo now as well.

They have met with the softball/baseball associations regarding parking around Risley – they will be sending out flyers to the teams to hopefully curb some of the parking issues. They will also be reaching out to the car dealerships. If a vehicle is blocking a driveway it will be towed. Harvard & Nelson – the bushes have been cut and the debris is being removed. The problem is the right-of-way: if there is no stop sign there is a right-of-way law in place. There shouldn't be an issue with visibility now. Stop signs aren't always the safest thing to put at every intersection. They have been dealing with RV's/trailers being parked near intersections throughout the City and on all shifts. He has already seen a big improvement.

Chief Schmerber shared an idea regarding traffic safety and traffic control frequently asked question tips – they get asked about stop signs, speed bumps, etc. He will send it out electronically to the group once it is approved and it will be posted on the City's website.

He gave an update on the complaints they received regarding Glen Echo – they have written a lot of citations/warnings, especially in the early morning/late afternoon/evening hours. Chair Moore

wanted to give kudos to the Police Department regarding the number of citations issued – he believes it makes a big difference in traffic safety.

Len Nelson asked if the P.D. does anything about loud vehicle exhaust systems – Chief Schmerber said they can. There was discussion regarding using decibel readers.

6. **Business from the Board:**

Andrew Labonte said someone from the Clackamas County Traffic Commission is interested in coming to a meeting to discuss “Vision Zero”. They will invite them to the January meeting.

7. **Community Input:**

Rich VanderGraaf lives on E. Clackamas Boulevard across from the bathrooms at Cross Park. He said he missed the meeting when they discussed the issues/improvements at Cross Park because the Board moved so fast – he thanked them for that. There was discussion regarding the next steps.

8. **Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Traffic Safety Update January 2020

Brought to you by The Gladstone Police Department



- **116 Violations issued**
- **340 Total traffic contacts made**
- **Top Five Citations**
 - **Speeding 17**
 - **Driving While Suspended 16**
 - **Driving Uninsured 11**
 - **No Operator License 9**
 - **Improper Display of License 6**

Traffic Safety Committee Purpose

2.60.010 Established-Purpose.

The City of Gladstone is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the city's streets, roads and transportation safety programs.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Board is established for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the City Council regarding Gladstone's traffic safety program. The Traffic Safety Advisory Board shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, the following activities:



(1) Surveying transportation safety needs of city residents and recommending the roles the city should or ought to pursue in meeting such needs:

(2) Serving in an advisory capacity to the City Council, through their regular master planning and capital improvement plan process, on the location, service areas, siting, standards, class, number and needs for existing and future safety standards within the community;

(3) Identifying desirable future safety plans and standards;

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- (4) Ensuring the development of a transportation system plan;
- (5) Exploring the feasibility of meeting traffic safety needs through consolidating programs of local public and private entities;
- (6) Recommending current or potential traffic safety issue locations and financing methods to the City Council;

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(7) Participating in planning and development processes for traffic safety programs or facilities which provide services benefiting Gladstone citizens;

(8) Establishing and evaluating maintenance standards of city parks and advising Council of the status; and

(9) Such other activities as the Council may assign.



2019 Traffic Safety Committee Work Plan

Excerpt from April 22, 2019:

Discussion of 2019 Annual Work Plan:

Ken Moore said he would like to update (LED lights, possibly installing a solar panel, etc.) the radar trailer as much as possible and use it more often. A citizen suggested setting it up and just recording speeds and not displaying the speeds. It is not currently able to do that, so an upgrade may be necessary. He suggested looking for a new or used radar trailer if there is money available to purchase one. There was discussion regarding calibrating the unit. Ken Moore volunteered to do some research regarding upgrades.

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Linda Cosgrove said she would like to have several discussions regarding commercial truck traffic in residential areas of the City of Gladstone until they can come up with something. There is an ORS chapter that defines what a commercial truck is. Yvonne McNeil said she started following commercial trucks and she has not seen one that hasn't stopped in Gladstone.

Chair Wentz said she has only seen a draft from the City Council – she requests a finalized form of what they want/expect. Ken Moore said he thought last time they asked members what kind of projects they wanted to do for traffic safety (such as awareness for drunk driving on holidays, pedestrian safety, etc.).

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Gladstone Police Department Priorities

- Truck Route designation and outreach within the City of Gladstone
- Pedestrian Safety Missions
- Speed Missions
- Distracted Driving Missions
- Impaired Driving enforcement
- Baseball and Softball parking problems during the spring and summer months
- Media/Social Outreach - Education
- Traffic Committee Thoughts



TRUCK ROUTES



Designation of Truck Routes

ORS 810.040

Each road authority may designate any of its highways or any section of any of its highways as a truck route and may prohibit the operation of trucks, machinery or any other large or heavy vehicles upon any other of its highways that serves the same route or area served by the truck route designated. The authority granted under this section is subject to all of the following:

- (1) The governing body of an incorporated city shall not designate a truck route or prohibit the operation of any vehicle on a:
 - (a) State highway that is within the boundaries of the city without the written consent of the Department of Transportation.
 - (b) County road that is within the boundaries of the city without the written consent of the governing body of the county.

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(2) Any designation or prohibition made under authority of this section must be imposed by appropriate order, resolution or ordinance.

(3) A road authority exercising authority under this section shall erect and maintain signs in a conspicuous manner and place at each end of the highway or section of highway where a designation or prohibition is imposed to give notice of the prohibitions or designations imposed. The road authority shall erect and maintain signs giving notice of any prohibitions or designations imposed under this section at such other places as may be necessary to inform the public.

(4) A prohibition or designation imposed under this section is effective when signs giving notice thereof are posted as required by this section.

(5) Penalties are provided under ORS 81.1.450 (Violation of posted truck routes) for violation of requirements imposed under this section.

Violation of Posted Truck Routes

ORS 811.450

- 1) A person commits the offense of violation of posted truck routes if appropriate signs designating truck routes are posted and the person does not operate a vehicle in compliance with the posted requirements.
- 2) Authority to establish and change truck routes for purposes of this section is established in ORS 810.040 (Designation of truck routes).
- 3) It is a defense to a charge of violation of this section if the person so charged can establish that the person could not reach the person's destination without traveling upon the street, road or highway prohibited under the posted requirements.
- 4) The offense described in this section, violation of posted truck routes, is a Class B traffic violation

TRUCK ROUTE PROJECT LIST FOR CITY OF GLADSTONE

Identify current state and local truck routes (TR's) within the city limits

Comments: March 8, 1994, City of Gladstone Mayor Wade Byers signed Resolution NO. 718 which designates a portion of Interstate 205 between the interchanges of Gladstone/82nd Drive and Oregon City/McLoughlin Blvd. to be designated as the official truck route. This Resolution also prohibits through truck traffic on Arlington St.

The 2017 Gladstone Transportation System and Safety Plan call out the Oregon Hwy Plan (OHP) as I205 (as mentioned above) and Hwy 99 as the truck routes within the City of Gladstone.

A review of ODOT's Truck Route mapping affirms that I205 and Hwy 99 is the current truck routes through the city.

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- Develop communication strategy for all local businesses of TR's

Comments: Create a notice to all businesses within the City of Gladstone notifying and or reminding of the truck routes within the city and ask that they inform their distributors. Also outline enforcement of the truck routes.

The City has prepared a draft letter for all businesses in Gladstone for awareness and reinforcement.

- Develop a sign strategy with Public Works to sign the city

Comments: Work with Public Works on signage strategy. Initial recommendations include signing Gloucester and Glen Echo at Oatfield on the eastside and Hwy 99 at the west. Dartmouth is already signed.

Signage strategy has been set as stated above. Signs will be brought up to industry standards.

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- Determine costs associated with Truck Route signage strategy

Comments: Determine Cost associated with the creation and installment of Truck Route Signage.

Director Whynot is working on estimated costs

- Traffic Safety Committee to evaluate need and or approval of plan for CC

Comments: As the city did in 1994, any change from what the city is currently doing requires City Council involvement on amending the current resolution from prohibiting through truck traffic on Arlington to also include Dartmouth, Gloucester and Glen Echo. Public Hearings will be required as outlined in "ODOT Approval Procedure for Local Truck Routes".

In all cases, local deliveries will be exempt from this rule. This resolution would only apply to through truck traffic.

RESOLUTION NO. 718

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 205 BETWEEN THE INTERCHANGES OF GLADSTONE/82ND DRIVE AND OREGON CITY/MCLOUGHIN BLVD. AS A DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTE FOR THE CITY OF GLADSTONE AND PROHIBITING THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON ARLINGTON STREET.

WHEREAS, ORS 810.040 authorizes the Gladstone Council as the road authority for the City of Gladstone to establish truck routes and to prohibit the operation of through truck traffic on certain city streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of designating a portion of Interstate 205 the interchanges of Gladstone/82nd Drive and Oregon City/McLoughlin Blvd. to be designated as an official truck route for the city of Gladstone and has received the consent from the Oregon Department of Transportation for that classification; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council desires upon implementation of the truck route designation to prohibit through truck traffic on Arlington Street

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the city Gladstone as follows:

Section 1. That portion of Interstate 205 between the interchanges Gladstone/82nd Drive and Oregon City/McLoughlin Blvd is hereby designated as a truck route for the city of Gladstone.

Section 2. Effective concurrently with the designation of this portion of Interstate 205 as the truck route for the city of Gladstone, through truck traffic on Arlington Street is prohibited.

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Section 3. The City Administrator is directed to appropriately post these designations.

This Resolution adopted by the Common Council the City of Gladstone and approved by the Mayor this 8th day of March, 1994.

Attest:


Wade Byers, Mayor


Verna Howell, CMC, City Recorder