

City of Yachats
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION
Special Meeting
May 6, 2018

Draft Minutes

Chair John Moore called the May 6, 2018 special meeting of the Public Works and Streets Commission to order at 2:00 pm in the multipurpose room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Don Groth, John Moore, Tom Bedell, Larry Nixon, Absent: Bob Bennett, Rick Haynes, and Marc Courtenay. Audience: 81.

I. Public Comment

Chair John Moore thanked people for coming and introduced the Commission.

Moore explained the transfer of Ocean View Drive and Marine Drive to the City was established by agreement in 2001. He noted the City was charged to provide funding for the 804 Trail along these roads for FY2001-2002 and thereafter. Moore reported he, former Manager Joan Davies, and Manager Beaucaire have had many meetings with the County regarding the transfer. As a result of these meetings, the County has expanded what it is willing to provide as part of the transfer, including additional sections of pavement overlay.

Moore noted some of the area of the current road encroaches upon private property. The County wanted to legalize those portions as part of the road transfer, meaning the land would officially become City property. The City objected to taking land from property owners, and the transfer will not involve any change of land ownership.

Moore also explained there could be no paving in areas that are not currently paved as this work would involve testing for archeological remnants and be cost prohibited.

Ocean View Drive from W 2nd Street to W 7th Street

Option 1: Status quo

Option 2: One-way northbound from W 2nd to W 7th

Option 3: Close Ocean View from 2nd to 3rd and make one-way from 3rd to 7th

Option 4: Close Ocean View from 2nd to 3rd and keep 3rd to 7th two-way

Public Input

1. Fire Chief Frankie Petrick emphasized how congested W 2nd can get with larger trucks. Petrick noted that cars parked for events at the Ladies Club make it extremely difficult for trucks to turn at W 3rd.

2. Betty Johnston (541 W 6th St) wanted ODOT to redo the intersection at W 2nd and 101. She was in favor of closing Ocean View from 2nd to 3rd.

1 3. Bette Perman (410 E 2nd St) wanted to support options for the 804 Trail.

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3 4. Linda Bear (297 Ocean View Dr) noted no one uses the gravel trail. She sees
4 pedestrians walk in the street. She wanted to make sure the trail is delineated from
5 traffic with an object so people would know where to walk.
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7 5. Janette Square (1197 Ocean View Dr) was most concerned about trucks on Ocean
8 View. She did not believe the street was busy enough to warrant one-way traffic, and
9 echoed that pedestrians use the street rather than the trail path. She also noted the
10 delivery trucks travel fast and make braking sounds when they slow for the turn at
11 Marine and Ocean View.
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13 6. Lawrence Calkins (W 1st St) asserted many problems were caused by the changes
14 made the last time the roads were changed (Highway 101 Project). He was in favor of
15 not making any changes.
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17 7. Stacy Rosenberg (518 Ocean View) noted people drive too fast already, and making
18 the road one-way might make traffic go even faster. If they opt for one-way traffic, there
19 need to be speed bumps. She suggested they change the speed limit to 15 mph. She
20 also wanted to reduce the truck traffic.
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22 8. Bette Perman (410 E 2nd St) asked what would happen to the trail if there were no
23 change in traffic.
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25 9. Patricia Armstrong (396 W 2nd St) was concerned that closing Ocean View from 2nd to
26 3rd would cause much more traffic on W 2nd St. She noted a friend told her the
27 intersection at W 2nd is like a pinball game. She has noted the weight of the barriers on
28 Ocean View seem to be contributing to the erosion.
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30 10. Ed Hallahan (Horizon Hill) did not believe the section decisions could be made
31 separately from each other. He noted travel trailers could get stuck in the State Park if
32 there were closures or one-way traffic.
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34 11. John Purcell (116 Spring Hill) commented the only through-streets are Ocean View
35 and 101. He asked if Driftwood to Pontiac could be opened up so that there could be
36 one-way northbound and one-way southbound traffic.
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38 12. Leslie Vaaler (205 Radar Rd) believed the Commission should be long-sighted.
39 She argued the road is not going to be able to support two-way traffic at some point.
40 She was very pleased with the idea of having more space for pedestrians and for wheel
41 chairs.
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43 13. Anne Stott (915 Driftwood Ln) argued the traffic is increasing and one-way traffic
44 provides the best long-term solution. She believed people could adjust to the change.
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1 14. Adam Olson (586 Ocean View) is very much in favor of one-way on Ocean View.
2 He was in favor of separating the pedestrian traffic from the traffic lane between Pontiac
3 and the State Park.

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5 15. Allie Adams (860 Driftwood) was in favor of one-way traffic because of the benefit to
6 trails.

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8 16. Jacqueline Danos (Spring Hill) asked if there have been traffic studies on flow in
9 these areas. Moore indicated they have some data, and they have talked to truck
10 drivers for their input.

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12 17. Joanne Kittel (1356 Hwy 101 S) is in favor of one-way to support the trails. She
13 believed there needed to be a divider between the traffic and the trail, which would also
14 slow down traffic. She noted there are 804 mitigation funds.

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16 18. Gary Hofer (Horizon Hill) asserted making Ocean View between 101 and the State
17 Park would cause traffic jams at Post Office.

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19 19. Rob Goad (Cedar Ave) has no problem with traffic as is. He was concerned these
20 types of projects are diminishing the charm of Yachats.

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22 20. Jerry Daniels (905 Ocean View) was concerned about trucks being able to make a
23 left turn from W 7th onto northbound 101.

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25 21. Barry Collins (510 4th St) believed any road closure on either side of the State Park
26 was going to cause problems and trap people.

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28 22. Betty Johnston noted there is a pullout at the end of 6th St where vans and RVs park
29 for overnight camping. She argued the weight of these vehicles speeds the erosion on
30 the street.

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32 Straw Poll

33 Option 1: 17

34 Option 2: 30-35ish

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36 Option 4: 0

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38 An audience member asked that the Commission take a straw poll at the end of the
39 discussion after they have heard what others have had to say about the different
40 sections.

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42 **Ocean View Drive from Park to Highway 101**

43 Moore noted the width of Ocean View goes to 18 feet in one area near the Park, and
44 one legal traffic lane is 12 feet.

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46 Option 1: Status quo

- 1 Option 2: One-way from 101 to the State Park (westbound)
2 Option 3: One-way from the State Park to 101 (eastbound)
3 Option 4: Close Pontiac to State Park; two-way from 101 to Pontiac
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5 23. Joanne Kittel asked about trucks parking in front of Ona and the Underground for
6 unloading. She was concerned if they stopped when the street was one-way, traffic
7 would be completely blocked. Kittel noted they would need three archeological tests to
8 expand the width of the road. She believed there is a huge safety issue at present with
9 the potholes and limited pedestrian space.

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11 24. Linda Bear noted W 1st street is not wide enough to accommodate additional traffic if
12 they close this section.

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14 25. Linda Brown (180 Ocean View) noted they see many near misses with traffic and
15 pedestrians and with pedestrians near the cliff edge. She noted the trail area gets
16 mushy and has potholes, and suggested they make an Ocean View sidewalk.

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18 26. Jacqueline Danos asked about the lot next to the Post Office be used as a thru-way
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20 27. Creight Horton (105 Reeves Cir) was concerned about traffic clutter by Ona and the
21 Pub.
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23 28. Kerry Kemp (420 W 1st) noted his address was changed from 420 Ocean View to
24 420 W 1st because Ocean View in front of his house was deemed not suitable for
25 emergency vehicles. He has seen cars speed up to go through the yield sign sections.
26 He stressed the unsafe areas of the trail in that section. Kemp also noted as cars pass
27 in that section, they erode the area even more. He believed the overlay is a band-aid
28 and the County should be responsible for bringing the road up to Yachats' standards.
29 He did not believe keeping the status quo was a safe option. He noted he had to put
30 out railroad ties to keep cars from coming even more into his property. He noted the
31 rule of thumb for travelling the coast is to go southbound.
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33 29. Allie Adams suggested asking truck drivers what the safest route is for a truck to exit
34 the area to head north.
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36 30. Gerlynn Mandell (South Lincoln Transit) noted what is safest for the buses depends
37 on traffic conditions. She believed buses most benefit from two-way traffic. She noted
38 the high curbs have caused damaged to their buses. Moore asked Mandell or
39 someone from the bus company to attend the Tuesday meeting.
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41 31. Barb Frye (E 2nd) noted people will go the wrong way on a one-way street near her
42 house to get around trucks blocking traffic. She believed they should consider traffic
43 flow on the east side of 101.
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45 32. Linda Brown noted the loop from Pontiac to 1st to the highway would drastically
46 increase if Pontiac to the Park were closed.

33. Creight Horton suggested that they ask for strength of conviction when they take the straw poll on these options.

34. Lee Durham (248 Lincoln Ave) encouraged the City to purchase the Alder property.

35. Christine Lothrop (17 Reeves Cir) was concerned about increasing the Post Office traffic. She suggested having the option to have Ocean View two-ways from 101 to Pontiac then one-way from Pontiac to the State Park.

Straw Poll

Option 1: 14

Option 2: 7

Option 2a – two-way to Pontiac, one-way Pontiac to Park: 28

Option 3: 2

Option 4: 0

W 3rd Street to Pontiac

Moore explained people want to eliminate delivery truck traffic along Ocean View Road. The only way to make this happen is to have trucks turn onto W 3rd St from Highway 101. To avoid having cars in the lanes of W 3rd, the street could be made one way going westbound from 101 to Pontiac Street.

Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: W 3rd one-way westbound from Highway 101 to Pontiac St.

Option 3: W 3rd one-way westbound from Highway 101 to Ocean View

Public Comment

36. Bette Perman was concerned about access to Sea Note and Toad Hall if W 3rd were one-way. She suggested making the intersection “right-turn-only.”

37. Lawrence Calkins asked if there have been any pedestrian-vehicle incidents. Moore was not aware of any.

38. Stacy Rosenberg noted the curbs are a huge part of the problem. Moore noted ODOT made the curbs to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Straw Poll

Option 1: Most voted to leave as is (50ish hands).

Option 2: 2

Option 3: 0

Summary Opinions

Based on previous reactions, Moore asked the audience to consider an option to have Ocean View be two-way from 101 to Pontiac, one-way from Pontiac to the State Park, and one way from the State Park to W 7th.

1 Strongly support: 27
2 "Sort of" support: 17
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4 Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.
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10 John Moore, Chair

_____ Date

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12 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on May 6, 2018.

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