

Hello City Commissioners,

My husband and I live at 586 Oceanview Drive and we attended the committee meeting on May 8 and left early feeling deflated. We spoke with some of our neighbors, and they agree with our thoughts and have signed this letter as well.

We appreciate the opportunity to speak, however, once the decision regarding Oceanview Drive from 3rd to 7th had been made we felt unlikely to be heard. We did, however, feel compelled to put our thoughts on paper.

There are a few things that we heard that we either disagree with or have concerns about.

1. There was some discussion about changing the flow of pedestrians along the 804 trail to alleviate the current issue of not enough space on Oceanview for two way auto traffic plus pedestrians. However, if you think the pedestrians/bicyclists are going to divert off Ocean View to go inland (through the Wetlands?) to get to the State Park, we believe you are wrong. Sure, some will. But most will continue to walk along the ocean. Especially when there are whales, sea lions, or anything else going on in the ocean
2. The bus routing seemed to be the issue that pushed the committee towards leaving Ocean View "status quo". Surely we can come up with an alternate route for the bus. We fully support having continued or even expanded bus service. But it can't be that difficult to find a different path through town. Here's an option : have the bus come into Yachats from the north, all the way through town and turn right on Ocean View along the river (next to Ona). Travel through the park, maybe even have an official bus stop there. Then go right on either 2nd or 3rd. Being on the right side of the road should help with erosion at 3rd. And surely the city could find a reserved spot for them overnight somewhere on that route. Maybe next to the church. Another option could be having the bus make a simple loop westbound on 2nd or 3rd, and eastbound back to 101 on 3rd or 4th. We could even keep the bus off Ocean View Drive entirely if they were to do that and use Pontiac St to complete the northbound segment of their loop.
3. We agree with Marc; the city is being short-sighted on this issue. Address it now, rather than kicking the can down the road and waiting for problems. My husband and I are some of the younger Yachatians and we are appalled at the idea that it's okay, according to some, to do nothing about the integrity and long-term health of Ocean View. Respectfully, decisions made today will greatly impact us and those who voted may, or may not, be around to see the results of their short-sightedness. The majority opinion of the audience polled during this past Sunday's meeting was in favor one-way traffic from 2nd to 7th. Veering from that consensus is not going to be a popular decision. Not that that should necessarily be a goal, we get that. But we did not hear any compelling reasons to vote against that "advice".

We strongly believe a one-way street from 2nd to 7th, with some sort of divider separating pedestrians from traffic, is the ideal solution. It will be better and safer for pedestrians, as well as being better for the longevity of the road. We are also in favor of the suggestion someone else made of reducing the speed limit to 15 or 20 mph.

Sincerely, Traci & Adam Altson (and some of our neighbors)

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