

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to W 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Option 1: Status quo

Option 2: One-way northbound from W 2<sup>nd</sup> to W 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Public Input

1. Fire Chief Frankie Petrick emphasized how congested W 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 1 2. Betty Johnston (541 W 6<sup>th</sup> St) wanted ODOT to redo the intersection at W 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
2 101. She was in favor of closing Ocean View from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
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- 4 3. Bette Perman (410 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St) wanted to support options for the 804 Trail.  
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- 6 4. Linda Bear (297 Ocean View Dr) noted no one uses the gravel trail. She sees  
7 pedestrians walk in the street. She wanted to make sure the trail is delineated from  
8 traffic with an object so people would know where to walk.  
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- 10 5. Janette Square (1197 Ocean View Dr) was most concerned about trucks on Ocean  
11 View. She did not believe the street was busy enough to warrant one-way traffic, and  
12 echoed that pedestrians use the street rather than the trail path. She also noted the  
13 delivery trucks travel fast and make breaking sounds when they slow for the turn at  
14 Marine and Ocean View.  
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- 16 6. Lawrence Calkins (W 1st St) asserted many problems were caused by the changes  
17 made the last time the roads were changed (Highway 101 Project). He was in favor of  
18 not making any changes.  
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- 20 7. Stacy Rosenberg (518 Ocean View) noted people drive too fast already, and making  
21 the road one-way might make traffic go even faster. If they opt for one-way traffic, there  
22 need to be speed bumps. She suggested they change the speed limit to 15 mph. She  
23 also wanted to reduce the truck traffic.  
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- 25 8. Bette Perman (410 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St) asked what would happen to the trail if there were no  
26 change in traffic.  
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- 28 9. Patricia Armstrong (396 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St) was concerned that closing Ocean View from 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
29 3<sup>rd</sup> would cause much more traffic on W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. She noted a friend told her the  
30 intersection at W 2<sup>nd</sup> is like a pinball game. She has noted the weight of the barriers on  
31 Ocean View seem to be contributing to the erosion.  
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- 33 10. Ed Hallahan (Horizon Hill) did not believe the section decisions could be made  
34 separately from each other. He noted travel trailers could get stuck in the State Park if  
35 there were closures or one-way traffic.  
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- 37 11. John Purcell (116 Spring Hill) commented the only through-streets are Ocean View  
38 and 101. He asked if Driftwood to Pontiac could be opened up so that there could be  
39 one-way northbound and one-way southbound traffic.  
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- 41 12. Leslie Vaaler (205 Radar Rd) believed the Commission should be long-sighted. She  
42 argued the road is not going to be able to support two-way traffic at some point. She  
43 was very pleased with the idea of having more space for pedestrians and for wheel  
44 chairs.

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2 13. Anne Stott (915 Driftwood Ln) argued the traffic is increasing and one-way traffic  
3 provides the best long-term solution. She believed people could adjust to the change.  
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5 14. Adam Olson (586 Ocean View) is very much in favor of one-way on Ocean View.  
6 He was in favor of separating the pedestrian traffic from the traffic lane between Pontiac  
7 and the State Park.  
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9 15. Allie Adams (860 Driftwood) was in favor of one-way traffic because of the benefit to  
10 trails.  
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12 16. Jacqueline Danos (Spring Hill) asked if there have been traffic studies on flow in  
13 these areas. Moore indicated they have some data, and they have talked to truck  
14 drivers for their input.  
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16 17. Joanne Kittel (1356 Hwy 101 S) is in favor of one-way to support the trails. She  
17 believed there needed to be a divider between the traffic and the trail, which would also  
18 slow down traffic. She noted there are 804 mitigation funds.  
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20 18. Gary Hofer (Horizon Hill) asserted making Ocean View between 101 and the State  
21 Park would cause traffic jams at Post Office.  
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23 19. Rob Goad (Cedar Ave) has no problem with traffic as is. He was concerned these  
24 types of projects are diminishing the charm of Yachats.  
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26 20. Jerry Daniels (905 Ocean View) was concerned about trucks being able to make a  
27 left turn from W 7<sup>th</sup> onto northbound 101.  
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29 21. Barry Collins (510 4<sup>th</sup> St) believed any road closure on either side of the State Park  
30 was going to cause problems and trap people.  
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32 22. Betty Johnston noted there is a pullout at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> St where vans and RVs park  
33 for overnight camping. She argued the weight of these vehicles speeds the erosion on  
34 the street.  
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### 36 Straw Poll

37 Option 1: 17

38 Option 2: 30-35ish

39 Option 3: 1

40 Option 4: 0  
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42 An audience member asked that the Commission take a straw poll at the end of the  
43 discussion after they have heard what others have had to say about the different  
44 sections.

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

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

Option 1: Status quo

Option 2: One-way from 101 to the State Park (westbound)

Option 3: One-way from the State Park to 101 (eastbound)

Option 4: Close Pontiac to State Park; two-way from 101 to Pontiac

23. Joanne Kittel asked about trucks parking in front of Ona and the Underground for unloading. She was concerned if they stopped when the street was one-way, traffic would be completely blocked. Kittel noted they would need three archeological tests to expand the width of the road. She believed there is a huge safety issue at present with the potholes and limited pedestrian space.

24. Linda Bear noted W 1<sup>st</sup> street is not wide enough to accommodate additional traffic if they close this section.

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

26. Jacqueline Danos asked about the lot next to the Post Office be used as a thru-way

27. Creight Horton (105 Reeves Cir) was concerned about traffic clutter by Ona and the Pub.

28. Kerry Kemp (420 W 1<sup>st</sup>) noted his address was changed from 420 Ocean View to 420 W 1<sup>st</sup> because Ocean View in front of his house was deemed not suitable for emergency vehicles. He has seen cars speed up to go through the yield sign sections. He stressed the unsafe areas of the trail in that section. Kemp also noted as cars pass in that section, they erode the area even more. He believed the overlay is a band-aid and the County should be responsible for bringing the road up to Yachats' standards. He did not believe keeping the status quo was a safe option. He noted he had to put out railroad ties to keep cars from coming even more into his property. He noted the rule of thumb for travelling the coast is to go southbound.

29. Allie Adams suggested asking truck drivers what the safest route is for a truck to exit the area to head north.

30. Gerlynn Mandell (South Lincoln Transit) noted what is safest for the buses depends on traffic conditions. She believed buses most benefit from two-way traffic. She noted

1 the high curbs have caused damaged to their buses. Moore asked Mandell or  
2 someone from the bus company to attend the Tuesday meeting.

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4 31. Barb Frye (E 2<sup>nd</sup>) noted people will go the wrong way on a one-way street near her  
5 house to get around trucks blocking traffic. She believed they should consider traffic flow  
6 on the east side of 101.

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8 32. Linda Brown noted the loop from Pontiac to 1<sup>st</sup> to the highway would drastically  
9 increase if Pontiac to the Park were closed.

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

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

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

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20 Straw Poll

21 Option 1: 14

22 Option 2: 7

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

24 Option 3: 2

25 Option 4: 0

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27 **W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Pontiac**

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

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33 Option 1: Status Quo

34 Option 2: W 3<sup>rd</sup> one-way westbound from Highway 101 to Pontiac St.

35 Option 3: W 3<sup>rd</sup> one-way westbound from Highway 101 to Ocean View

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37 Public Comment

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

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41 37. Lawrence Calkins asked if there have been any pedestrian-vehicle incidents. Moore  
42 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

Strongly support: 27

“Sort of” support: 17

Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.

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John Moore, Chair

Date

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