



**Gaffney Lane
Neighborhood
Association**

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Dear John and Dayna,

We would like to ensure that our comments/concerns/suggestions/understandings regarding the Molalla Ave Street Improvement Project are documented. We have had many conversations over the past six years and have been told many things and shared many ideas. Hopefully this will help clarify our position and foster open communication.

1. Wells Fargo/Black Rock

- We would like clarification on the proposed traffic flow in and out of this business development. Current plans only indicate access either from Beavercreek or the intersection at Clairmont for south bound traffic.
- The same reasoning you are using to propose putting in a signal at Fir Street , due to traffic volume applies here. However, you stated that you were not interested in putting in the signal as it would only benefit private property. Not putting a signal here would be wrong, similar to John's statement regarding Fir Street. "Given the focus and effort that is going into the project, I think you would agree that I would be crucified if we had justification for a signal and not deal with it now vs tearing up a new project to install a signal later." We would like to see the study/report showing the warrant of a signal at Wells Fargo/Black Rock.

2. Clairmont

- We would like to see designated turn lanes and signals at this intersection, similar to the ones proposed at Gaffney and Molalla. The pedestrian crossing at this intersection currently impedes left turns and we would recommend designated left turn signals that do not coincide with pedestrian crossing. We believe we were told the study warranted designated turn lanes here.
- We would like to see the bus stops remain at this intersection. The residents of the apartments use these stops regularly.

3. Gaffney Lane

- We are in support of the proposed change to signal phasing and lane reconfiguration, to create designated left turn lanes that would not conflict with the straight and right turn movements. (Since at least 2013 we have been asking for this light to be adjusted. It is very unsafe to have the cars coming from Gaffney turning left and going straight at the same time as the cars coming from Fred Meyer are going left and straight. We have asked to have a designated turn signal here and have been assured that this was in the works. We realize things change but in an email from John dated February 10, 2013 he stated changes to this signal would be made in that budget cycle as it was agreed it was a safety concern. It's been over six years and it has only gotten worse.)
- We would like to see the bus stops remain at this intersection as they are heavily used by patrons of Fred Meyer.

4. Fir Street

- John stated that "In my mind the signal at Fir Street has been on the table for years..." We have gone back through our meeting minutes and documents and have not been able to locate mention of this signal at any time in our conversations and presentations regarding this project and corridor until November 2018 when Dayna stated in an email that a traffic study would be done. At our January 2019 meeting we were told that while it was showing as proposed due to an ongoing study, it was not likely to happen.
- We understand that according to your research this intersection warrants a signal. We would like to see a copy of the reports and studies recommending this and how they compare to the Wells Fargo/Black Rock entrance.

5. Garden Meadows Drive

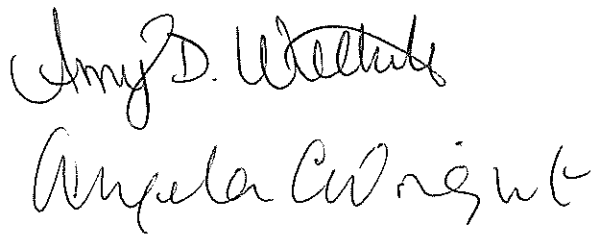
- We have been recommending since January 23, 2014 that a signalized pedestrian crossing be added to this intersection. As John has stated, "Pedestrian safety and convenience remains top project goal". A presentation was made by our neighborhood to the Transportation Advisory Committee on February 18, 2014 and support was given for improving this crossing. Due to budget restraints new lighting, signage and repainting was done as we awaited the time when a new crossing signal could be installed.
- You have stated that a crossing at Garden Meadows would be too close to the proposed intersection at Fir St and that you are now proposing the crossing be moved to the Post Office. The current signalized crossing at the Library is a similar distance from the 7th & Washington St signal so this reasoning does not hold water with us. As we have stated, pedestrians are going to use this intersection as a crossing and we do not feel moving it is justified. Putting the crosswalk at the Post Office will require pedestrians to cross even more driveways. While we are not engineers or experts, we do use this corridor daily and feel we have had your support since 2014 to put the signalized crossing at Garden Meadows.

6. Char Diaz

- Similar to the Garden Meadows intersection we have been recommending, and have had support from Public Works since at least July 13, 2017, to add a signalized pedestrian crossing here. In fact, as recently as our January 10, 2019 meeting this was still supported as proposed. This intersection is heavily used by pedestrians as Char Diaz is used as an access point to Molalla Ave from the nearby neighborhoods. Google Maps recommends it when plugging in directions. The same arguments apply here in that pedestrians are going to use this intersection and not want to walk further for a signalized crossing. If moved closer to Lazy Creek the distance between pedestrian crossings is excessive.
- We would like to see the bus stops remain at this intersection as they are used by citizens in the adjacent neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Again, these are not demands; we are only asking for open and honest communication. We look forward to talking with you again soon.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, "Amy D. Waltham", is written in a cursive style. The second signature, "Angela Wright", is also in cursive and appears below the first.

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cc: City Manager, Mayor, City Commissioners