



# Public Works Committee

Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

## Notice of Meeting

320 N Main St. Falls City, OR 97344

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### Committee Members

Mike McConnell - Tony Meier - Jeff Propp - Gordon Hanson - Guy Mack - Cliff Lauder - Marty Haviland

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda
4. Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items
  - a. March 6, 2025 Minutes

**Attachments:**

- **Minutes** (UAB03-06-25.pdf)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
  - a. City Speed Limit

**Attachments:**

- **Staff Report** (Speed\_Limit\_Staff\_Report.pdf)
- **Exhibit A** (Exhibit\_A.pdf)
- **Exhibit B** (Exhibit\_B.pdf)

7. Old Business
  - a. Project Update

**Attachments:**

- **Report** (2025.07.17\_SR\_Committee\_Update.pdf)

8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports
9. Committee Announcements
10. Adjourn

**City of Falls City  
Public Works Committee Meeting**

Thursday March 6, 2025 6:00PM  
Meeting Location: 320 N. Main Street

**Committee Members Present**

Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack. .Absent Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson.

**1) Call to Order**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, took roll call.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McConnell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda**

Member Meier moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

**4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items**

Member Meier moved and member Mack seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Items, PWC Minutes January 23, 2024.** Motion carried. 5-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

**5) Public Comments - None**

**6) New Business**

**a. Safe Routes to School Project**

Committee reviewed and discussed the Staff Report and schematics of the Safe Routes to School provided noting the house on 5th Street was either on or over the property line that will require a five to seven foot retaining wall, possible tree removal and the suggestion that the City ask property owner (corner of 5th and Prospect) Lois Grippen to grant the City an easement for a sidewalk that might ease the construction of the 2% grade reduction of the present 14% grade.

Chair McConnell moved and member Meier seconded: **that if tree removal is needed at 471 Prospect Street, owner Cliff Lauder, be given the majority of the wood from the tree with the stipulation that the wood be moved to said property in a timely manner.** Motion carried: 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack. Member Lauder recused himself from the vote.

Member Mack moved and member Haviland seconded: **that the PWC recommends to City Council to support the project up to and above the grant funds currently secured , but not in excess of an additional \$100,000 of city funds.** Motion carried. Ayes: 5-0-0: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

**7) Old Business - None**

**8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports**

**9) Committee Announcements**

**10) Adjourn**

Member Mack moved and Chair McConnell seconded: **that we adjourn.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 6:47.

Member Lauder moved and member Meier seconded: **that we reopen the meeting so member Haviland could express a traffic concern.** Motion carried. Ayes: 5-0-0. Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

Meeting reopened at 6:50. Member Haviland informed the Committee of the speeding and dangerous driving at Bridgeport Road, Frost Road and Shelton Avenue and requested that: **PWC recommend that the City explore the option of installing an electronic speed sign at the intersection to reduce excess speeding.** PWC members agreed with the recommendation.

Member Mack moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we adjourn.** Motion carried: 5-0-0. Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Works Committee Member

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## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI  
**SUBJECT:** CITY SPEED LIMITS  
**DATE:** 7/17/2025

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### **BACKGROUND**

The subject of speed limits in town has been brought many times by City Council as well as residents for the safety of the community. The City currently has some speed limits set through our City Code (outlined in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B). Most of the residential streets in town have no speed limit signs and are “residential” deeming the streets 25 MPH per Oregon State Code.

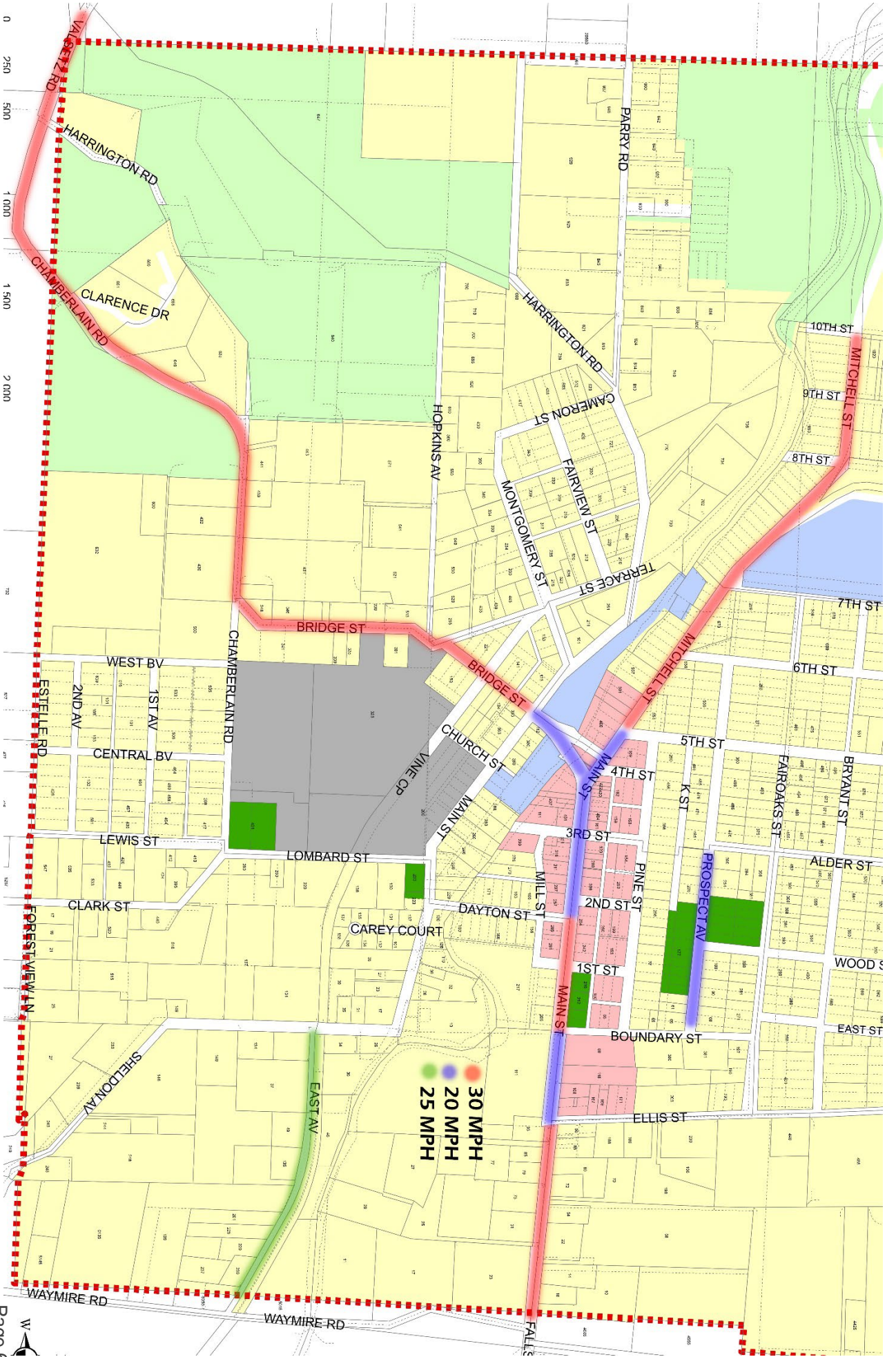
### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Research speed limits and advise if a 20 MPH throughout the city would be feasible

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A – City Speed Limits  
Exhibit B – City Map

Speed Limits throughout Falls City		
Bridge Street	Between North Main Street and the southerly right-of-way of South Main Street	20 mph
Bridge Street	Between South Main Street and Chamberlain Street	30 mph
Chamberlain Street	Between Bridge Street and Valsetz Road	30 mph
Mitchell Street	Between Fifth Street and a point which is 100 feet west of Tenth Street	30 mph
North Main Street	Between Dayton Street and Fifth Street	20 mph
North Main Street	Between Dayton Street and the easterly city limits	30 mph
Sheldon Street	Between East Avenue and the city limits	25 mph
Valsetz Road	Lying within city limits	30 mph



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## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI  
**SUBJECT:** CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT  
**DATE:** JULY 17, 2025

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### **Wastewater Treatment Facility project:**

- Electrical & Conduit work at the High School and Lagoon site finished
- Waiting on PacifiCorp inspection to give the go-ahead to begin switch-over from old system
- Strider will begin street paving, once the switch-over is complete

### **Frink Driveway Excess Water Runoff Solution:**

- We plan on submitting a change order to Strider for the road paving portion of the project on N. Main Street (part of the Wastewater Treatment Facility project) once all of the essential components at the lagoon are complete. We expect that the funding agency will not allow this, but we will ask anyway.

### **Dayton Street Pedestrian/Infrastructure Bridge:**

- Based on the Engineering/Bridge consultant inspection completed on Jan. 17, the city has submitted funding requests for the bridge repair/replacement to Business Oregon, Oregon Health Authority and the State of Oregon Legislature
- Mayor Bailey, Council President Houghtaling and City Manager Foscoli gave testimony to the Joint & Ways committee in the Capitol on April 16 to highlight the urgency of the project
- Business Oregon is tracking the bill to assist with a grant/loan package to replace the bridge

### **Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Island and ADA Sidewalk Project:**

- Bids were received and the city coordinated with Westech Engineering to choose North Santiam Paving
- Project start date is scheduled for late August for a period of 120 days
- Pre-Construction meeting will take place on July 15

### **Water Mainline Replacement Project:**

- Bid were received and the city coordinated with Westech Engineering to choose Trench Line Excavation Inc.
- Project start date is scheduled for mid-August, for a period of 120 days
- Pre-Construction meeting will take place on July 22