



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, November 5, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Work Session - Results of the Congestion Relief Task Force

2.a. [18-466](#) City Council Congestion Relief Task Force.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: [Recommendations Summary](#)
 [Congestion Relief Task Force Final Report](#)
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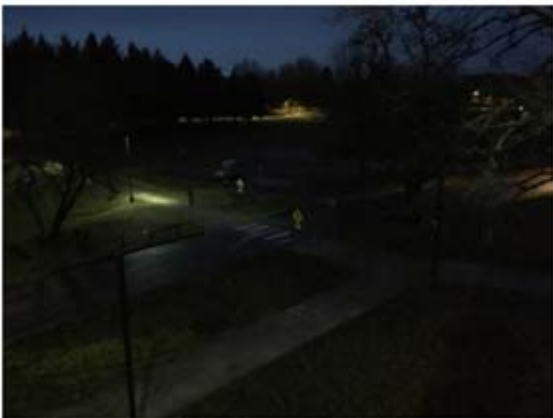
Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Thank you for taking time to work on this frustrating problem.

I hope you will clearly define the short term actions you can complete now and the actions that will require significant new revenue and therefore are not short term. For example, (6) Construction of Marine Drive is listed as a short term action but the city does not have the \$40million to construct Marine Drive. The city does have \$3.2 million to purchase right of way and construct a multiuse path on the right of way of Marine Drive from Brush College to Cameo. List that the path project as short term.

While (2) Installing traffic signs is helpful, it is very expensive. Educating drivers to use their phones before getting in their cars may be a better investment. Push the apps for ODOT cameras, google traffic, etc. If we have wiser drivers we can reduce traffic congestion significantly. To reduce the weaving of west-bound bridge traffic develop wiser drivers that know they can continue northbound on Liberty to Marion Street where it will be easier and safer get to the Wallace and Edgewater exits.

Who is going to provide (10) Shuttle Service from Wallace Marine Park? This is not a realistic short term action. You could provide lighting and signage at the parking lot in Wallace, see photo below of the lot at 5pm in the winter. Tell people that they can use Wallace as a free commuter parking lot, many people do not know it is a free lot. You will have more people using the Wallace Commuter Parking if they feel safe.



Removing the barrier at Musgrave (15) would result in people using the park's roads as a short cut to get to Glenn Creek. The added risk of this increase in traffic is not worth the impression that congestion is being reduced. The congestion at Glenn Creek/Wallace Road intersection will get worse and the dangerous right on red maneuvers for those rushed drivers that cut through the park will increase the risk to pedestrians at this intersection.

Respectfully,

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