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Tue, Jul 03, 2012 11:13 PM

Subject : RE: TV Highway Comment - #47**To :** 'mvgv9910@comcast.net' <mvgv9910@comcast.net>, cheryltompkins7025 <cheryltompkins7025@comcast.net>

Thanks for the reply,

Your suggestion of a protected left at this location is actually something that ODOT has studied fairly extensively, and you are quite correct that it could significantly improve the safety and operations issues at the intersection. The challenge to implementing it has a lot to do with the proximity of the railroad and project costs. As you may know, the signals all along TV Hwy are connected to the rail signals, and any signal modifications on the highway must go through a permitting process with ODOT Rail Division.

We evaluated this intersection within the last year or two regarding installation of protected left turn signals. Our preliminary discussions with ODOT Rail about permitting produced a lot of dialogue. Ultimately it was determined that we would be required to do a range of additional improvements to bring the intersection up to current standards. For example, ODOT would need to fix the grade issues (the track sits higher than the roadway), widen the southerly approach, and construct bike lanes and sidewalks. These additional elements increase the cost and scope of work significantly as well as require that we purchase additional property from the adjacent landowners. So, what seems like a simple left turn signal installation turns out to be a full signal rebuild and intersection modernization project.

As a result, the limited funding available has so far been applied to other intersection safety projects in the area (192nd and 185th) that will provide a greater safety benefit at less cost.

The 209th intersection continues to be a priority for ODOT, however, and I'm optimistic that we will be able to find a cost effective solution. The TV Hwy Corridor Plan process is engaging all the key agencies (ODOT, ODOT Rail, Washington County, TriMet, and Hillsboro), and finding a solution for 209th is a priority for the plan.

Given that we are actively looking at the left turn option, I don't think a meeting to discuss the proposal is needed at this stage. However please feel free to give me a call or email any time. I can also add you to our interested parties email list for upcoming project meetings and events if you'd like.

Thanks,
Nate

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From: mvgv9910@comcast.net [mailto:mvgv9910@comcast.net]**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2012 10:35 PM**To:** SCOTT Nate S; cheryltompkins7025**Subject:** Re: TV Highway Comment - #47

Thank you for your interest. A big part of the problem with the 209th street intersection is the lack of light protected left turns. The left turn lanes now in place utilize the same light cycle as the North- South through traffic. Turning left means an opening must be available in the through traffic. A significant portion of the N-S traffic will turn East or West making a N-S left turn possible but hazardous until the oncoming driver commits to the E-W turn. The problem is made worse by the large percentage of the right turning through traffic not using turn signals to indicated their intent. Adding a protected left turn arrow to the existing signal light, cheating some of the present N-S traffic light cycle would significantly improve traffic flow and would prevent the accidents caused by the impatience and uncertainty faced by the N-S left turn drivers today. The cost would be small, would not add rail crossing lanes and would not affect the railroad right-of-way beyond that at the present crossing. Funding for the Cornelius Pass Extension is not available now or likely anytime during the next 10 years. A small change (light protected left turns for N-S traffic) implemented soon would significantly reduce congestion and accidents at the 209th and TV Highway intersection, provide much better N-S commercial traffic flow and reduce the cost of vehicle

property damage and expense to police and fire for accident coverage.
Please let me know if I can make a presentation of my proposal next week.
Sincerely; Gary Virgin

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Sent: Monday, July 2, 2012 10:34:04 AM
Subject: RE: TV Highway Comment - #47

Good morning Mr. Virgin,

Thank you for your comment on the TV Highway Corridor Plan. The intersection at TV Hwy and 209th is one that has generated a lot of discussion, and we welcome your input on a potential solution for this location. Can you provide a little more detail on the idea so that we can determine how to best include it in the process?

Thanks very much,

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Subject: TV Highway Comment - #47

There has been a submission made through your form, TV Highway Comments:

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Comment: I have accident history Feb 2010 through April 2012 for the 209th and TV Highway intersection. Data shows that the rate has doubled since the data reflected in the Existing Transportation Report for 2005--2009. (See Figure 5 & 6, Pg 14 in Report). An idea put forth by a community member promises to be a very low cost way to reduce those accidents and promote smooth traffic flow. Please allow me about 3 to 5 minutes at your July 9th week meeting for a brief presentation. Thanks. Gary Virgin mvgv9910@comcast.net or 503-522-6512.

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