

SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 1962

A Special meeting of the Milwaukie Planning Commission was held, at the call of the Chairman, for the purpose of discussing the change of traffic signs at (99E) McLoughlin Blvd. and Ochoco Street, by the State Highway Dept. without approval of the City Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock P.M. by Chairman Earl Burdick.

Those present were as follows:

A.E. Johnson and Robert Conklin, from Oregon State Highway Commission
John Coursey and Stan Federman, from A.I.M. Milwaukie
Earl S. Burdick and Cecil Nickles, from Milwaukie Planning Commission
Frank Brittingham, Chief of Police, Milwaukie.

The State Highway Commission had placed a sign at the south side of Ochoco Street on the island divider stating "No turn" in either direction, eliminating right hand turn and stopping traffic westerly to Hudson House.

Mr. Rex Womack, Manager of Chalet Motor Lodge Motel, complained that the change of the traffic pattern damaged his business. Tourists traveling south would make a left turn to enter the Motel. A State Police officer was stationed there to arrest all making a right or left turn, followed the tourist into the Motel to give him the arrest ticket.

It was pointed out that motorists traveling south, not knowing that they should have used Moores Street to make a left turn at Ochoco. The sign placed by the Highway Dept. was inadequate, it did not contain enough information to guide a stranger.

It was pointed out that there were eight places of business in the area that would suffer from the restriction of traffic.

Mr. Womack presented a plan for traffic regulation at this intersection.

Mr. Coursey felt a solution should be determined between the City of Milwaukie and the Highway Department on getting easier access into Milwaukie by southbound traffic.

Mr. Federman: The left turn refuge at west side of Ochoco on McLoughlin Blvd. may be partly paid for by businesses on east side of McLoughlin Blvd. A possibility that should be investigated.

The Milwaukie Planning Commission had suggested a light at Jackson Street and at Jefferson Street and the removal of the light at Monroe Street.

Mr. Johnson: "All traffic problems will be handled locally, through the Milwaukie office rather than everything coming out of Salem".

Mr. Conklin and Mr. Johnson stated they would like to meet with the City Manager and the Planning Commission concerning existing traffic problems, That as yet no route was selected for the Laurelhurst freeway, and won't have planning completed until next year.

The State will restore the traffic signs as they were previously and will consult with the City Planning Commission in the future and will put a new traffic direction sign north of Moores Street indicating the button-hook turn at Moores Street to cross 99E at Ochoco.

The meeting adjourned.


Roger W. Hollingsworth.