

City of Ashland
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Subcommittee Meeting
July 1, 2010
Lithia Room, 51 Winburn Way

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC FORUM: 3 Minutes Per Person, 10 minutes Total
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Tour of Bike Facilities in Downtown (60 minutes)
 - B. Review of Parking Prohibitions on: (30 minutes)
 - 1. Hargadine Street
 - 2. First Street
 - 3. Granite Street
 - B. Pending Traffic Study at
Grandview/Sunnyview/Orchard/Wrights Creek (15 minutes)
- III. ADJOURN:

Note for sub-committee members: Please contact Nancy Slocum at 552-2420
or slocumn@ashland.or.us if you can not attend the meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 5, 2010

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City of Ashland
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 3, 2010
Lithia Room, 51 Winburn Way

Summary Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 AM
Members: Tom Burnham, Colin Swales (Chair)
Staff: Mike Faught, Nancy Slocum
Attendees: David Chapman, Misty Santos
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of March 4, 2010 were approved as submitted.
- III. PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Special Vehicle Permit for BackRoads Wine Tours

The Commissioners had not reviewed the ordinance, but had reviewed the application. Clarification was made that a commercial driver's license was only required when carrying more than 16 persons. Faught reported that trolleys and companies that rent and transport bikes and rafts would also be required to obtain special vehicle permits in the future.

Burnham moved to approve the special vehicle permit for BackRoads Wine Tours. Swales seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Burnham suggested having window decals made up for permit holders.
 - B. Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) Funding Request (Informational Only)

Faught reported that last year the Commission allocated \$3,000 to supplement the bike swap donation to BTA. This year he recommended \$1,750 or whatever was remaining in the Commission's budget. (All agreed that only the full Commission could allocate monies.)

Faught spoke to Scott Hollingsworth from the Fire Department who was working with his union to form a non profit to manage the bike swap in the future. The Subcommittee was surprised that only 50% of bike swap profits went to BTA. Chapman thought some Parks' money went to buying helmets and lights and to fund Park and Recreation classes. Burnham suggested increasing the percentage of profit the swap was paid by bike sellers. Other ideas included expanding the ability to drop off donor bikes all year round, expand swap to include the entire valley, expand hours of sale and register bikes at the time of sale.

For the Commission meeting the Subcommittee would like to see BTA's cost breakdown for classes and services. Faught would ask Egon DuBois to present it to the Commission. They would also like to see the Commission's budget for FY 09-10 in the packet.
- V. OTHER

Burnham would like the Subcommittee to tour bike racks in the downtown core during their

next meeting. He would also like to see regular updates on all Commission and Subcommittee actions, for example: yield sign at Holly and Terrace, the B Street reconstruction project and the Share the Road Pledge Campaign.

Other items the Subcommittee would like to discuss at future meetings:

- Research additional parking on First Street adjacent to the Post Office;
- Research addition parking on both sides of Granite Street;
- Research removing some yellow loading zones on Hargadine Street;
- Better publicize use of the parking structure (talk to Lee Tuneburg)
- Adopt Grants Pass' 3' Protection Zone for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Need to grade the alley at upper Laurel and Almond
- Revisit the speed limit on Grandview (reduce to 20 mph)
- Request that speed limit signs say "Speed Limit 20 mph"

III. ADJOURN: 10:05 am

Memo

CITY OF
ASHLAND

Date: June 24, 2010
From: James Olson
To: Transportation Commission Subcommittee
Re: REVIEW OF PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON SEVERAL STREETS

QUESTION

Will the Transportation Subcommittee review the existing prohibitions on the following streets: Hargadine Street, First Street and Granite Street?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that no changes to parking be made to any of the above street sections.

BACKGROUND

It has been suggested that much needed parking could be gained by revisiting the existing parking prohibitions on Hargadine, First and Granite Streets. Each of these streets has narrow travel lanes and parking restricted to one-side. With the adoption of the narrower street standards, staff has been requested to re-examine these streets to see if parking can be added in one or more sections of the streets. Excerpts from the Ashland Street Standards Handbook, adopted in 1999, are attached showing the recommended street width and parking requirements for various street classifications.

Following is a summary of some existing physical conditions for each of the streets:

1. Hargadine Street Classification - Local (Neighborhood)

A. Gresham Street to Beach Avenue - 19' - 20'; *parking one side only*

This street should have no on-street parking allowed due to its narrow width, but it functions acceptably due to its extremely low traffic volumes. Staff recommends no change.

B. Beach Avenue to First Street - 30' width; *parking on both sides*

This section has parking on both sides of the street and is in accordance with the street standards and seems to function adequately. Staff recommends no change.

C. First Street to Pioneer Street - 30' width; *parking on south side only*

This street still carries the neighborhood or local street classification;



however, it is much more commercial in nature with a higher traffic volume (1100 VPD) as opposed to 860 VPD for the previous section. This section also has numerous turning movements from the Hargadine parking structure and the adjacent alley which require a more unobstructed view. This street section functions more as a collector than a local street and as such would require a 32 foot width to provide parking on both sides. Staff recommends no change to this section.

2. First Street Classification - Local (Neighborhood)

A. East Main Street to Lithia Way - 32' wide; parking one east side only

This street section is similar to the previous section of Hargadine Street, however, this section is entirely commercial in nature. There are no residential uses on this short block which also accommodates traffic entering and exiting Will Dodge Way. Traffic volumes on this section are over 1800 VPD which also puts this street into the collector classification. At 32 feet wide, this section minimally meets the collector standards for parking on both sides, however, staff recommends addition the additional parking for the following reasons:

1. The block is short and has no speed problems;
2. Turning movements onto and from E. Main, Will Dodge Way and Lithia Way require extra width which should not be restricted by additional parking.

B. East Main Street to 'B' Street - 28' width; parking on east side only; one-way traffic pattern

This street section is similar to the previous section of Hargadine in that its existing present use does not match its classification. With the Post office on the east side and Lithia First Subdivision on the west side the street usage is more commercial than neighborhood. The percentage of truck traffic is much higher than on a normal local street and the traffic volumes of 1800 VPD are also higher than those found on local streets. Under collector street requirements, parking on both sides of the street requires a 32 to 34 foot width. At a 28 foot width, this requirement is not met and staff recommends that parking remain restricted on the west side to accommodate the heavier than normal truck traffic.

C. 'B' Street to 'A' Street - 28' to 48' width; parking on both sides; one-way traffic pattern

This section functions well under its present combination of head-in and parallel parking. No change is needed.

3. Granite Street Classification - Avenue

A. Main Street to High Street - 29' width; parking on east side only

B. High Street to Nutley Street - 30' width; parking on east side only

C. High Street to Strawberry Lane - 33.5' width; parking on west side only



D. Strawberry Lane to Winburn Way - 27' to 30' width; *parking on west side only*

Granite Street is classified as an Avenue and requires 10' to 10.5' travel lanes and 8' to 9' parking bays (if permitted). With a width of 27' to 33', only one lane of parking can be permitted.





Hargadine Street, First Street to Pioneer Street



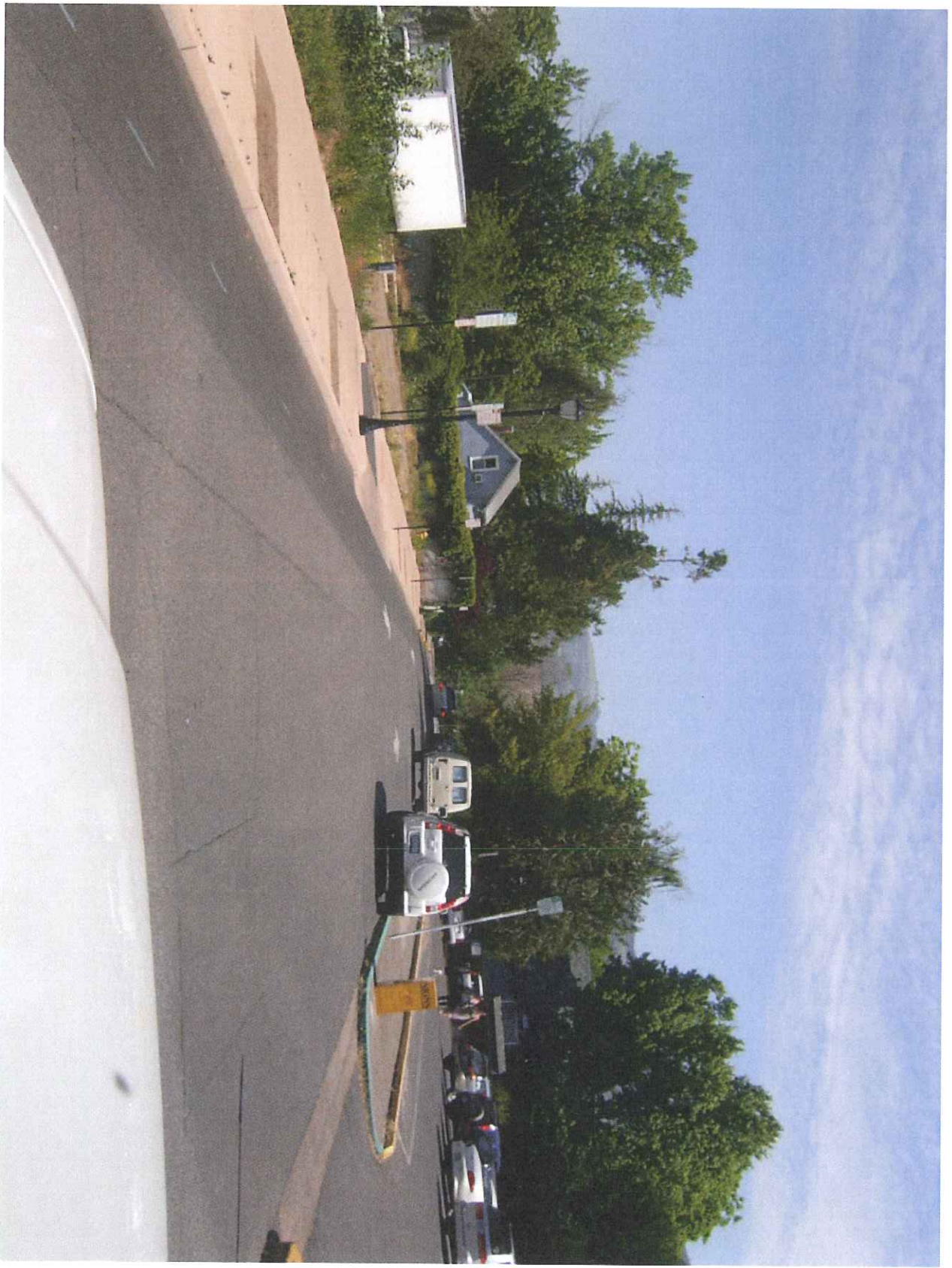
Hargadine Street, Pioneer to First



Hargadine Street, Second Street to First Street



First Street, Hargadine to East Main



First Street, Lithia Way and B Street



First Street, B Street to A Street



Granite Street, Nutley to High

Table 1: City of Ashland Street Design Standards

TYPE OF STREET	ADT	R.O.W. WIDTH	CURB-TO-CURB PAVEMENT WIDTH	WITHIN CURB-TO-CURB AREA				CURB	PARK-ROW	SIDE-WALKS
				MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL LANES	MEDIAN AND/OR CENTER TURN LANE	BIKE LANES	PARK-ING			
						on both sides		on both sides	on both sides	on both sides
2-Lane Boulevard	8,000 to	61'-87'	34'	11'	none	2 at 6' each	in 8' bays	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
3-Lane Boulevard	30,000	73'-99'	46'	11'	12'	2 at 6' each	in 8' bays	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
5-Lane Boulevard	ADT	95'-121'	68'	11'	12'	2 at 6' each	in 8' bays	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
2-Lane Avenue	3,000 to	59'-86'	32'-33'	10'-10.5'	none	2 at 6' each	in 8' bays	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
3-Lane Avenue	10,000 ADT	70.5'-97.5'	43.5'-44.5'	10'-10.5'	11.5'	2 at 6' each	in 8' bays	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
Neighborhood Collector, Residential	1,500 to				NA	NA ³				
No Parking	5,000	49'-51'	22'	11'			none	6"	8'	5'-6'
Parking One Side	ADT	50'-56'	25'-27'	9'-10'			one 7' lane	6"	7'-8'	5'-6'
Parking Both Sides		57'-63'	32'-34'	9'-10'			two 7' lanes	6"	7'-8'	5'-6'
Neighborhood Collector, Commercial										
Parallel Parking One Side		55'-65'	28'	10'			one 8' lane	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
Parallel Parking Both Sides		63'-73'	36'	10'			two 8' lanes	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
Diagonal Parking One Side		65'-74'	37'	10'			one 17' lane	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
Diagonal Parking Both Sides		81'-91'	54'	10'			two 17' lanes	6"	5'-8' ¹	6'-10' ²
Neighborhood Street, Residential	less than				NA	NA ³				
Parking One Side	1,500	47'-51'	22'	15' Queuing			one 7' lane	6"	7'-8'	5'-6'
Parking Both Sides	ADT	50'-57'	25'-28'	11'-14' Queuing			two 7' lanes	6"	7'-8'	5'-6'
Alley	NA	16'	12' paved width, 2' strips on both sides	NA	NA	NA	none	none	none	none
Multi-Use Path	NA	10'-18'	6'-10' paved width, 2'-4' strips on both sides	NA	NA	NA	none	none	none	none

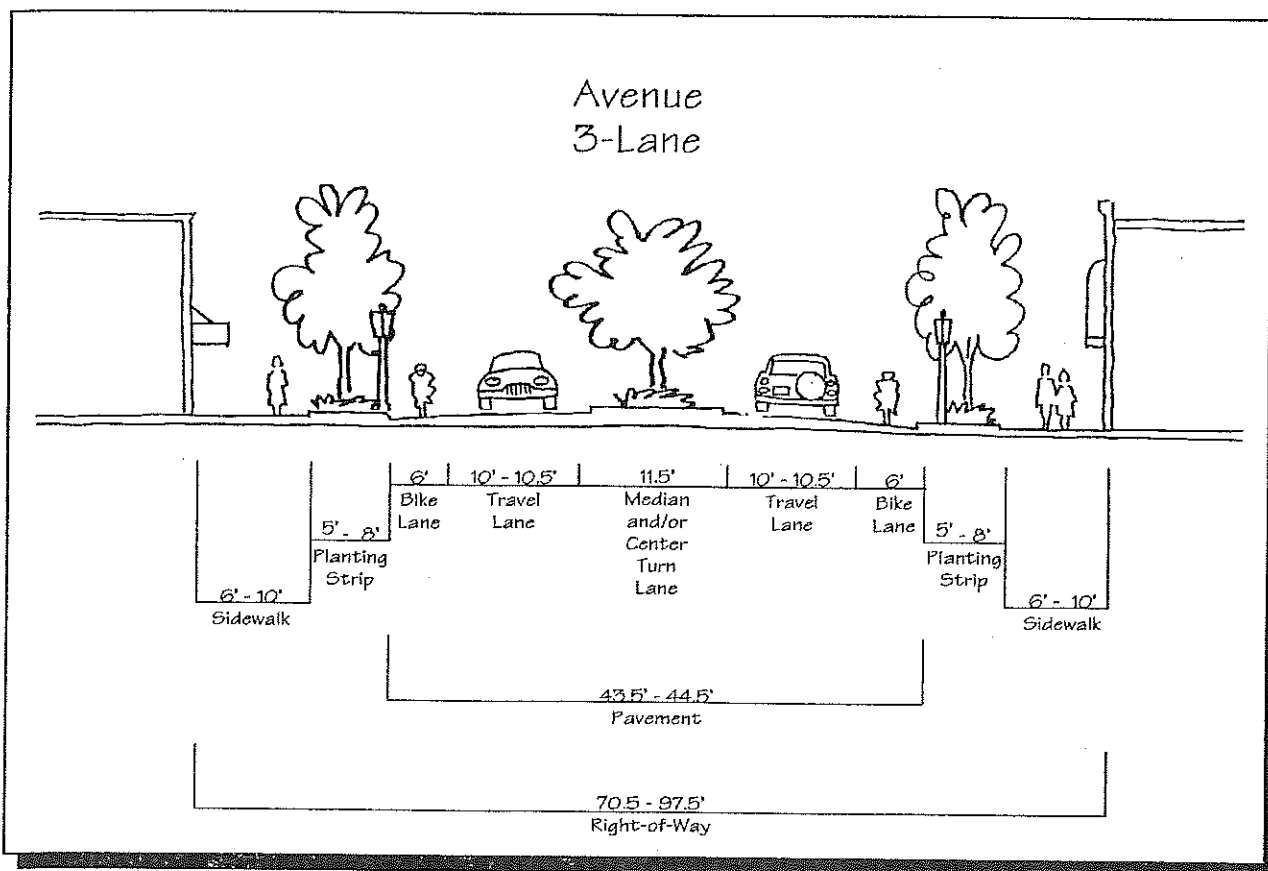
¹ 7' - 8' landscape parkrow shall be installed in residential areas, a 5' hardscape parkrow with tree wells shall be installed in commercial areas.

² 6' sidewalk shall be installed in residential areas, 8'-10' sidewalk shall be installed in commercial areas. A 10' sidewalk shall be required on Boulevards (arterial) streets in the Downtown Design Standards Zone.

³ Bike lanes are generally not needed on low volume (less than 3,000 ADT) and/or low travel speed (Less than 25mph) streets

⁴ All dimensions and ranges in the City of Ashland Street Design Standards represent minimum standards or ranges for the improvements shown. The approval authority may require a dimension within a specific range based upon intensity of land use, existing and projected traffic and pedestrian volumes or when supported through other applicable standards. The approval authority may approve dimensions and ranges greater than those shown when volunteered by the applicant.

Managed Speed:	20 mph - 25 mph
Right-of-Way Width:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 59' - 86' for 2-Lane • 70.5' - 97.5' for 3-Lane
Curb-to-Curb Width:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32' - 33' for 2-Lane • 43.5' - 44.5' for 3-Lane
Motor Vehicle Travel Lanes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 10' - 10.5' travel lanes for 2-Lane • Two 10' - 10.5' travel lanes, one 11.5' median/center turn lane for 3-Lane
Bike Lanes:	Two 6' bike lanes, one on each side of the street moving in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic
Parking:	In 8' - 9' bays
Curb and Gutter:	Yes, 6" vertical/barrier curb
Parkrow:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7' – 8' landscape parkrow shall be installed in residential areas. Street trees shall be planted in the parkrow in accordance with the Street Tree Standards in the Site Design and Use Standards. • 5' hardscape parkrows shall be used in commercial areas with on-street parking and where the street corridor has or will have a hardscape parkrow in place. Landscape parkrows may be appropriate in some commercial areas without on-street parking, or where the overall design concept for the street corridor includes a landscape parkrow. The minimum width of a landscaped parkrow in commercial areas shall be 7'. Street trees shall be planted in the parkrow in accordance with the Street Tree Standards in the Site Design and Use Standards.
Sidewalks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6' on both sides in residential areas. • 8' – 10' on both sides in commercial areas.



Neighborhood Collector

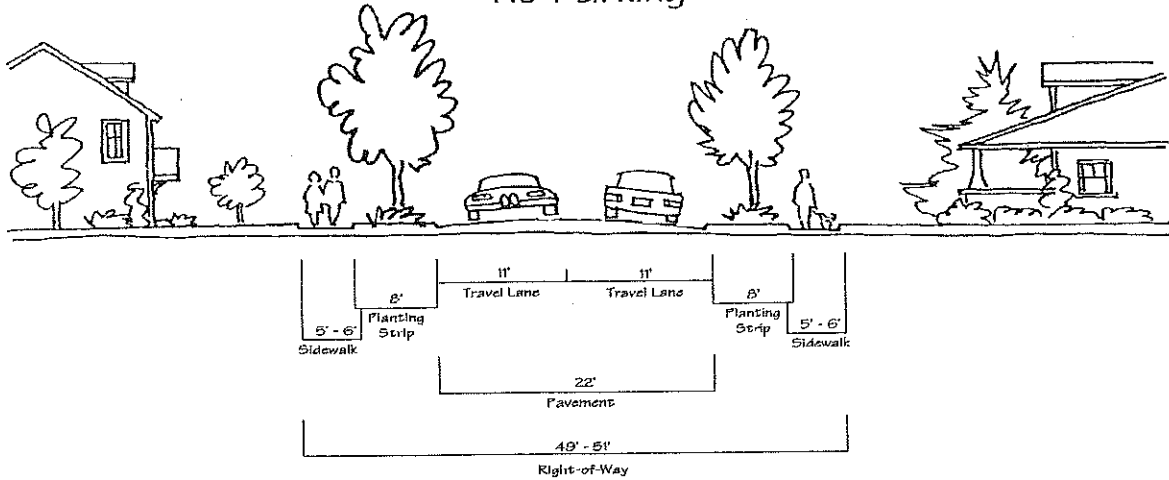
Neighborhood Collectors provide access to neighborhood cores and gather traffic from various parts of the neighborhood and distribute it to the major street system. Different configurations with several on-street parking options are provided for residential and commercial areas.

Residential Neighborhood Collector

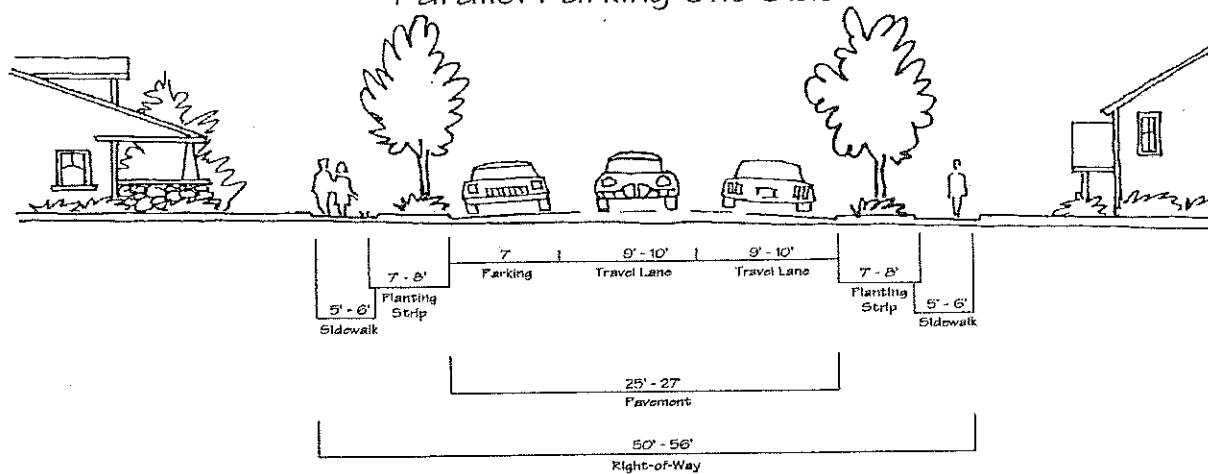
- Street Function:** Provide access in and out of the neighborhood.
- Connectivity:** Collects traffic from within residential areas and connects these areas with the major street network.
- Average Daily Traffic:** 1,500 to 5,000 motor vehicle trips per day
- Managed Speed:** 15 mph - 20 mph

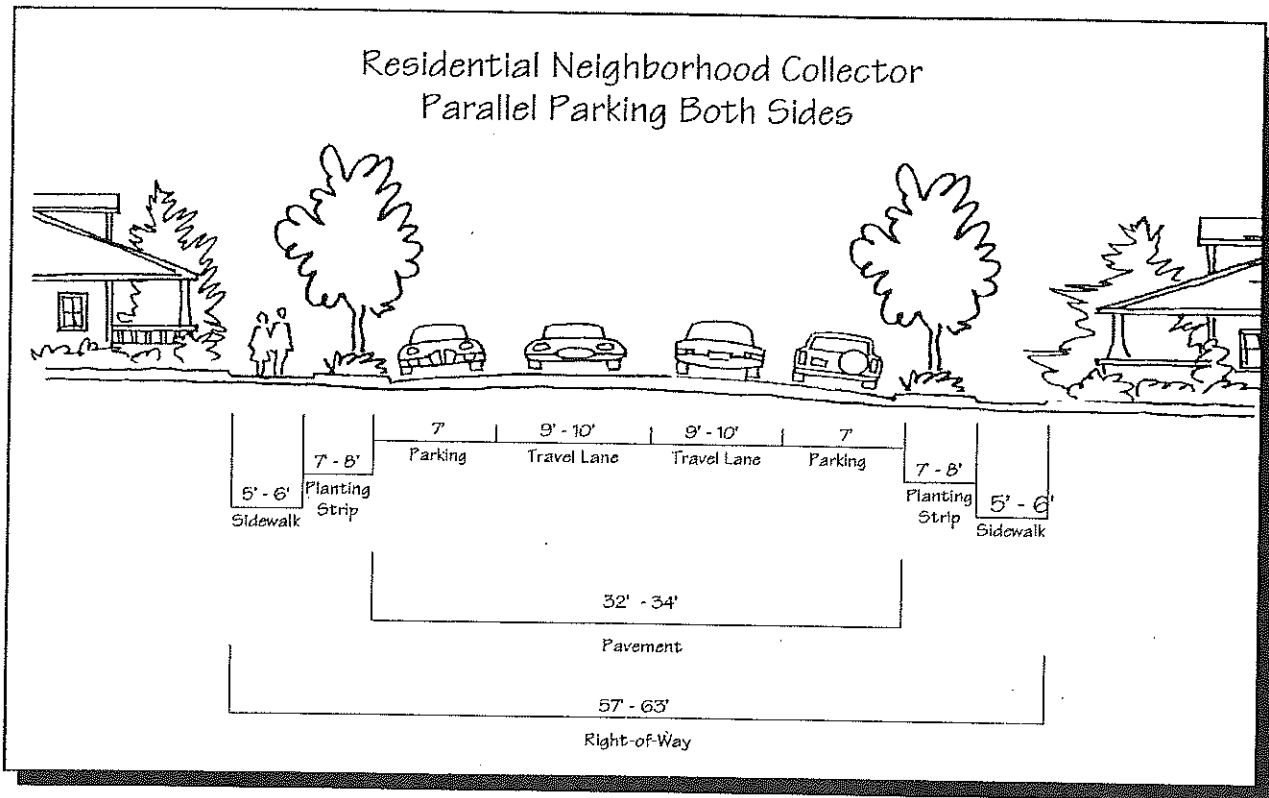
Right-of-Way Width:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49' - 51' for No On-Street Parking • 50' - 56' for Parking One Side • 57' - 63' for Parking Both Sides
Curb-to-Curb Width:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22' for No On-Street Parking • 25' - 27' for Parking One Side • 32' - 34' for Parking Both Sides
Motor Vehicle Travel Lanes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 11' travel lanes for No On-Street Parking • Two 9' - 10' travel lanes' for Parking One Side and Parking Both Sides
Bike Lanes:	Generally not needed on low volume/low travel speed streets. If motor vehicle trips per day exceed 3,000, and/or actual motor vehicle travel speeds exceed 25 mph, a bike lane shall be required.
Parking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 7' lane for Parking One Side • Two 7' lanes for Parking Both Sides <p>Parking may be provided in 7' bays rather than a continuous on-street parking lane.</p>
Curb and Gutter:	Yes, 6" vertical/barrier curb
Parkrow:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8' parkrow on both sides for No On-Street Parking • 7' - 8' parkrows on both sides for Parking One and Both Sides
Sidewalks:	5' - 6' on both sides, use 6' in high pedestrian volume areas with frequent 2-way foot traffic

Residential Neighborhood Collector No Parking



Residential Neighborhood Collector Parallel Parking One Side





Commercial Neighborhood Collector

Street Function: Provide access in and out of neighborhoods and to neighborhood core with shopping and services.

Connectivity: Collects traffic from within residential areas. Provides neighborhood shopping opportunities and connects these areas with the major street network.

Average Daily Traffic: 1,500 to 5,000 motor vehicle trips per day

Managed Speed: 15 mph - 20 mph

Right-of-Way Width:

- 55' - 65' for Parallel Parking One Side
- 63' - 73' for Parallel Parking Both Sides
- 65' - 74' for Diagonal Parking One Side
- 81' - 91' for Diagonal Parking Both Sides

Curb-to-Curb Width:

- 28' for Parallel Parking One Side
- 36' for Parallel Parking Both Sides
- 37' for Diagonal Parking One Side
- 54' for Diagonal Parking Both Sides

Motor Vehicle Travel Lanes:

Two 10' travel lanes

Bike Lanes:

Generally not needed on low volume/low travel speed streets. If motor vehicle trips per day exceed 3,000, and/or actual motor vehicle travel speeds exceed 25 mph, a bike lane may be needed.

Parking:

- One 8' lane for Parallel Parking One Side
- Two 8' lanes for Parallel Parking Both Sides
- One 17' lanes for Diagonal Parking One Side
- Two 17' lanes for Diagonal Parking Both Sides

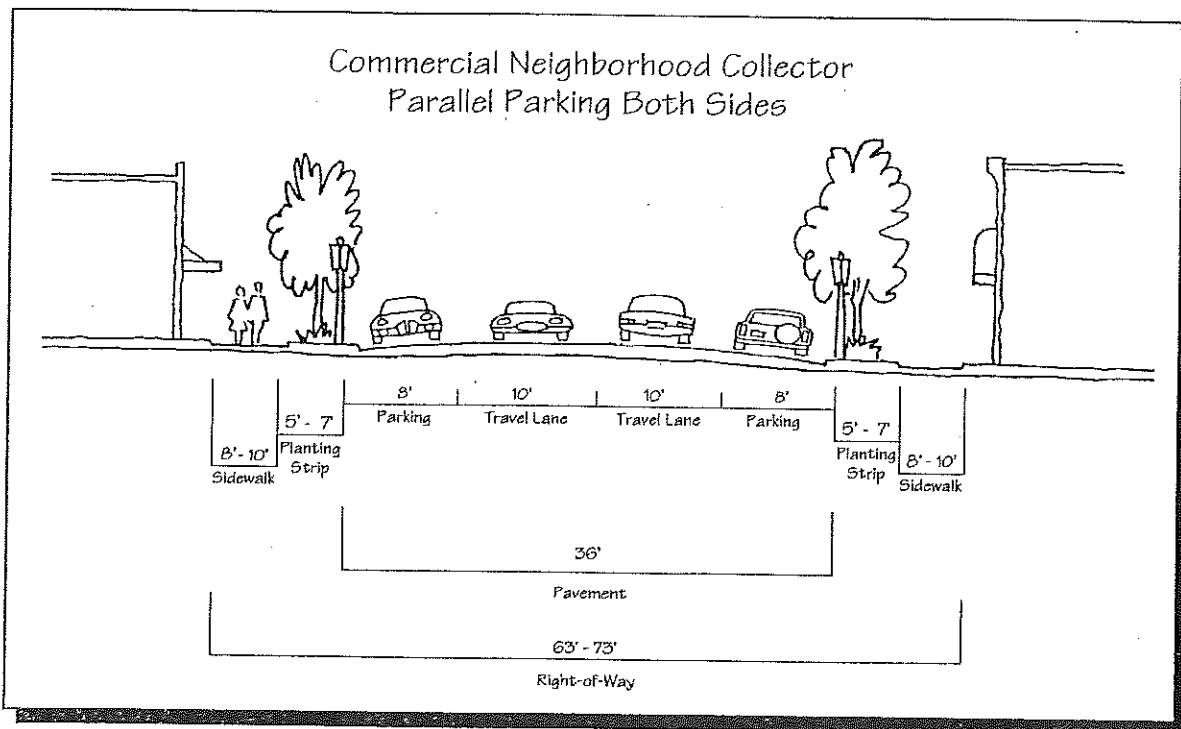
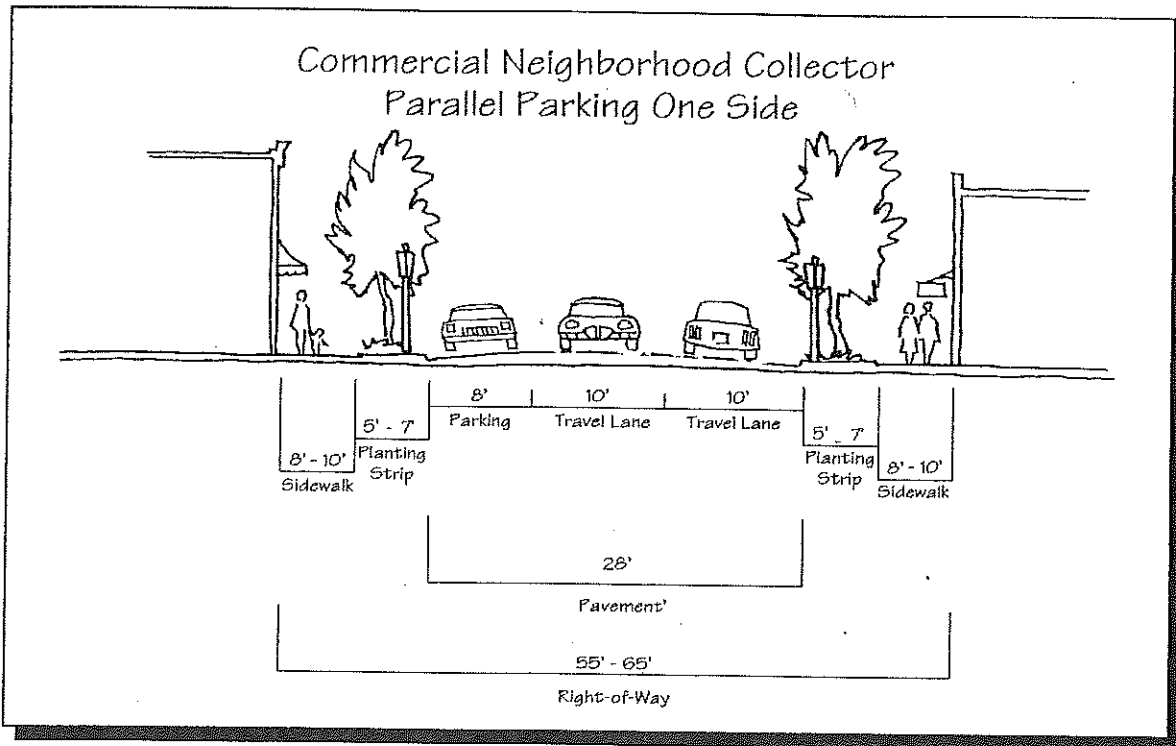
Parking may be provided in 7' bays rather than a continuous on-street parking lane.

Curb and Gutter: Yes, 6" vertical/barrier curb

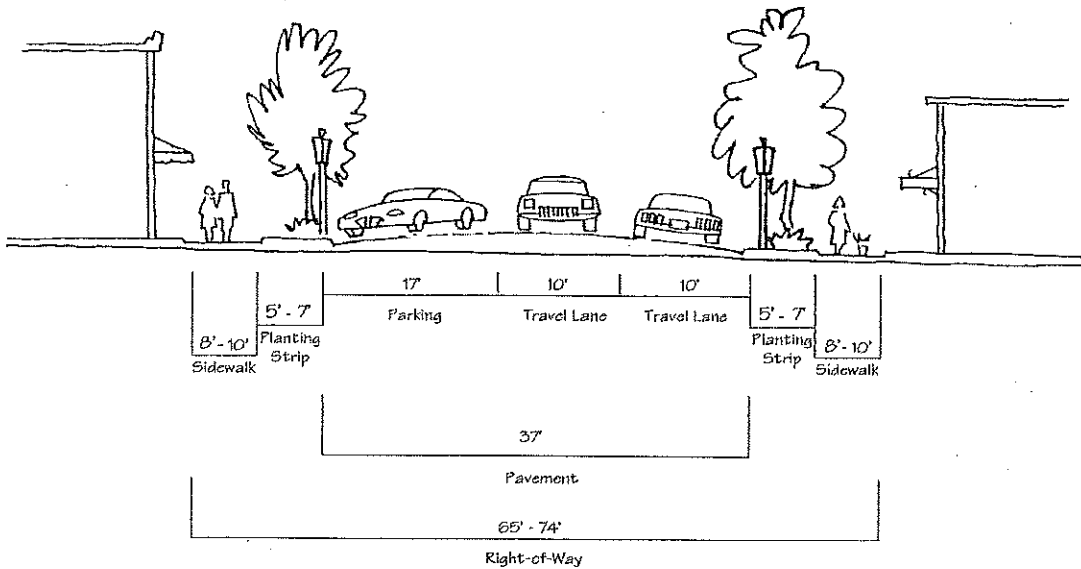
Parkrow:

5' hardscape parkrow shall be used in commercial areas with on-street parking and where the street corridor has or will have a hardscape parkrow in place. Landscape parkrows may be appropriate in some commercial areas without on-street parking, or where the overall design concept for the street corridor includes a landscape parkrow. The minimum width of a landscaped parkrow in commercial areas shall be 7'. Street trees shall be planted in the parkrow in accordance with the Street Tree Standards in the Site Design and Use Standards.

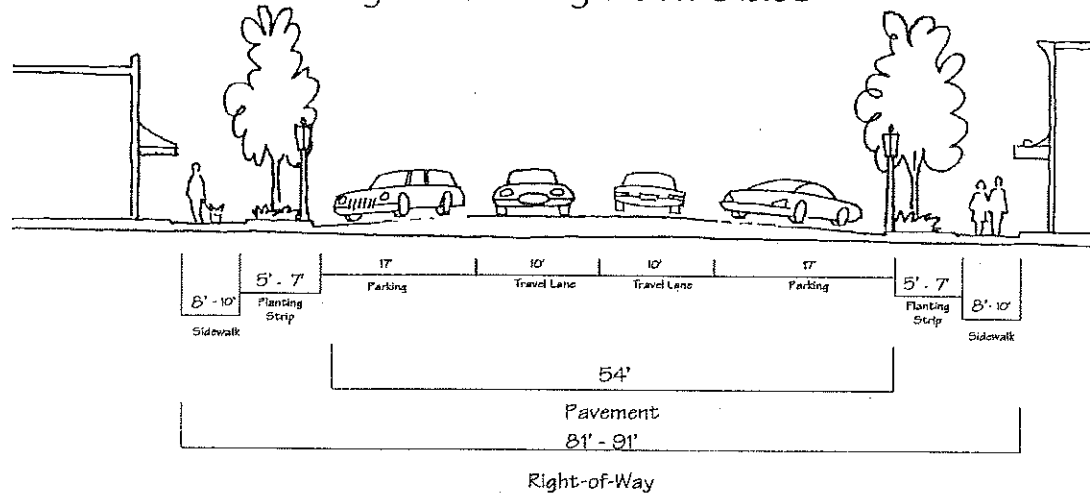
Sidewalks: 8' - 10' on both sides



Commercial Neighborhood Collector Angled Parking One Side



Commercial Neighborhood Collector Angled Parking Both Sides



Neighborhood Street

Neighborhood Streets provide access to individual residential units and neighborhood commercial areas. Different configurations with several on-street parking options are provided for residential and commercial areas.

Neighborhood Street: For use in the following single-family residential zones - WR (Woodland Residential), RR - 1 and RR - .5 (Low Density Residential, and R-1-3.5, R-1-5, R-1-7.5 and R-1-10 (Single-Family Residential) unless specifically noted.

Street Function: Provide access to individual residential units and commercial areas.

Connectivity: Connects to higher order streets.

Average Daily Traffic: 1,500 or less motor vehicle trips per day

Managed Speed: 10 mph - 20 mph

Right-of-Way Width:

- 47' - 51' for Parking One Side
- 50' - 57' for Parking Both Sides

Curb-to-Curb Width:

- 22' for Parking One Side
- 25' - 28' for Parking Both Sides

Motor Vehicle Travel Lanes:

- One 15' queuing lane for Parking One Side
- One 11' queuing lane for Parking Both Sides in the R-1 zone,
- One 14' queuing lane for Parking Both Sides in higher density residential areas (i.e. R-1-3.5, R-2 and R-3)

On local residential streets with adequate off-street parking, a single 14' wide traffic lane may be permitted for both directions of vehicle traffic. The single traffic lane is intended to create a "queuing street" such that when opposing vehicles meet, one of the vehicles must yield by pulling into a vacant portion of the adjacent parking lane. This queuing effect has been found to be an effective and safe method to reduce speeds and non-local traffic.

Bike Lanes: Generally not needed on low volume/low travel speed streets.

Parking:

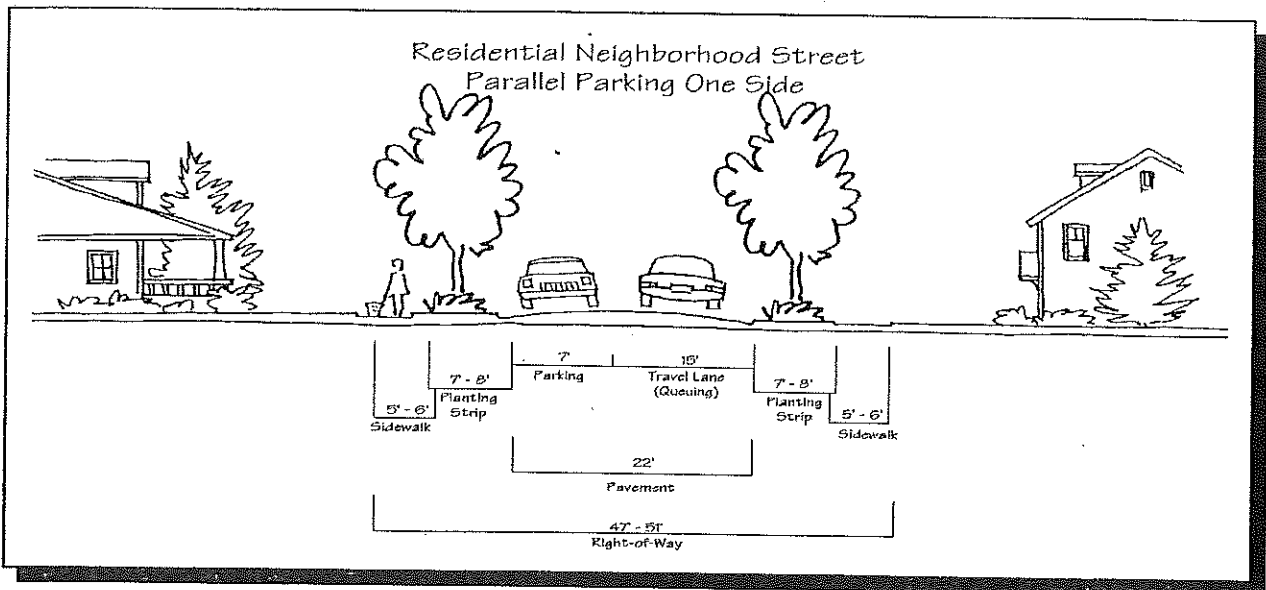
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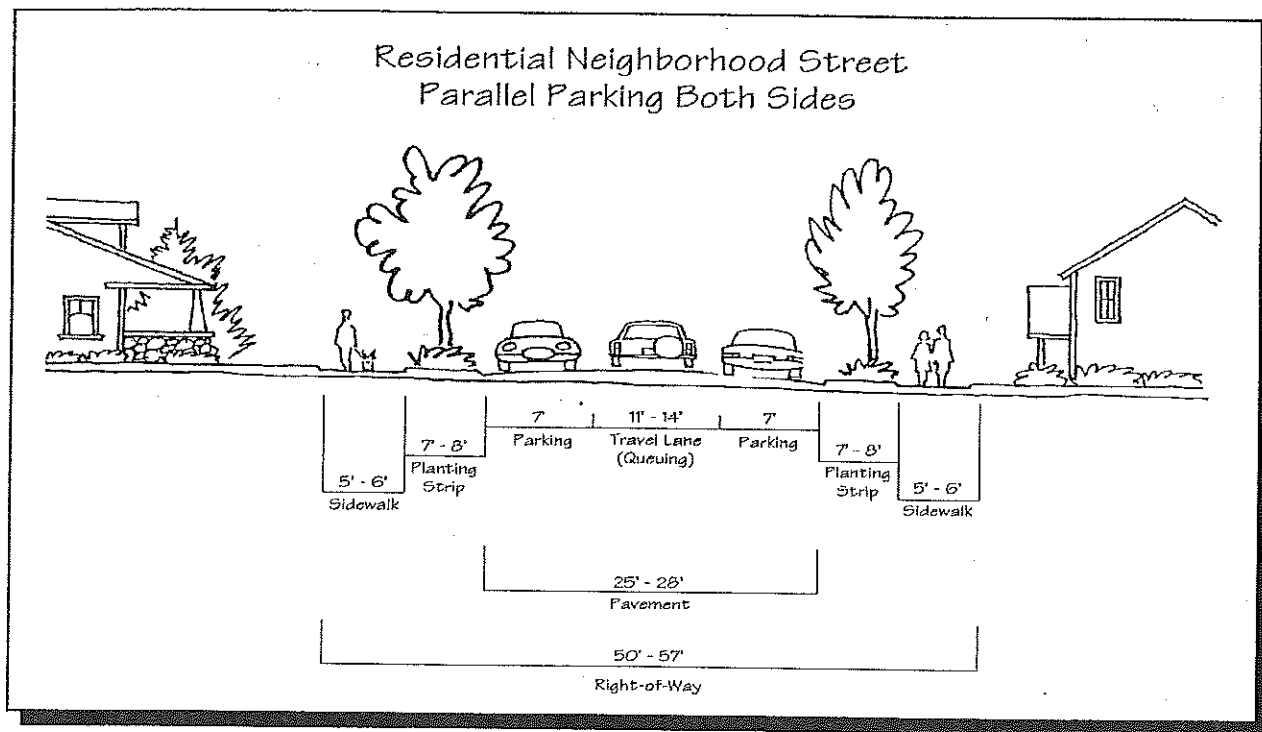
Parking may be provided in 7' bays rather than a continuous on-street parking lane.

Curb and Gutter: Yes, 6" vertical/barrier curb

- Parkrow:**
- 8' parkrow in residential areas on both sides for No On-Street Parking. Street trees shall be planted in the parkrow in accordance with the Street Tree Standards in the Site Design and Use Standards.
 - 7' - 8' parkrows in residential areas on both sides for Parking One and Both Sides. Street trees shall be planted in the parkrow in accordance with the Street Tree Standards in the Site Design and Use Standards.
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Sidewalks: 5' - 6' on both sides, use 6' in high pedestrian volume areas with frequent 2-way foot traffic





Alley

The alley is a semi-public neighborhood space that provides access via the rear of the property. The use of alleys eliminates the need for front yard driveways and provides the opportunity for a more positive front yard street scape, allows the street located adjacent to the front of properties to be designed using a narrow width with limited on-street parking, and creates the opportunity for the use of narrower lots to increase residential densities. Alleys are appropriate in all residential areas and in some commercial areas for business frontage. Alleys provide access and delivery depending on the circulation pattern of the area.

Street Function:	Provide rear yard access and delivery to individual residential and commercial properties, and an alternative utility placement area.
Connectivity:	Connects to all types of streets.
Average Daily Traffic:	Not applicable
Managed Speed:	Not applicable, motor vehicle travel speeds should be below 10 mph
Right-of-Way Width:	16'

Memo

CITY OF
ASHLAND

Date: June 24, 2010
From: James Olson
To: Transportation Commission Subcommittee
Re: PENDING TRAFFIC STUDY AT GRANDVIEW DR / SUNNYVIEW DR /
WRIGHTS CREEK DR AND ORCHARD ST

This communication was recently received from Dominick M. O'Connor and calls to attention several vision clearance problems and suggests the need for several stop or yield signs at various intersections.

This issue was received too late to enable staff to conduct the necessary analysis, but it will be considered at an upcoming meeting. Subcommittee members may wish to travel through these intersections to gain an insight into the potential problems pointed out by Mr. O'Connor.



Description of Complaint:

When driving down Sunnyview Drive and come to the corner of Grandview Drive there is a stop sign and all the properties involved block the view of oncoming traffic which dose not have to stop and causes a **GREAT RISK** for car accidents,

All the properties involved have bushes and trees that block the view of the oncoming traffic which is a accident waiting to happen.

I have included a road map and on the road map includes where the properties I am concerned about are located, all the stop signs, yield signs ECT.

I have also included pictures of the over grown trees and bushes that block the view of traffic,
And also pictures of other places in need of a stop or yield sign.

Such as the intersection of Orchard Street and Wrights Creek Drive.
The Four way intersection of Orchard Street and Sunnyview Drive
Also the one I am complaining about the intersection of Sunnyview Drive
Grandview Drive and Skycrest Drive with over grown bushes and trees.

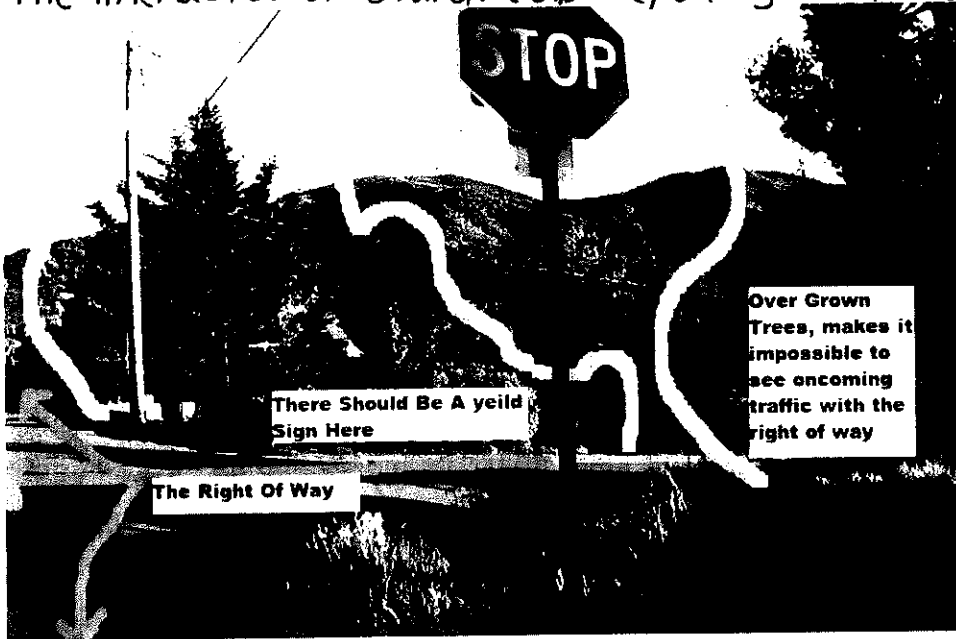
I truly hope you take this matter seriously.

Thank you,

Dominick M. O'Connor

(looking straight down sunnyview drive)

The intersection of Grandview Drive, Sunnyview Drive and Skycrest Drive



There is no safe way to go straight onto Sunnyview due to the completely blocked view of oncoming traffic due to overgrown bushes and trees, I believe that there should be a yield sign as you drive up Grandview Drive and approach Sunnyview Drive. it would also help if all the property owners would trim everything way down!

Grand View looking towards SKYCREST Drive



rare view
only...

As you can see people driving straight across Sunnyview can not see speeding traffic with the right of way. you would not even be able to see cars at the stop sign.

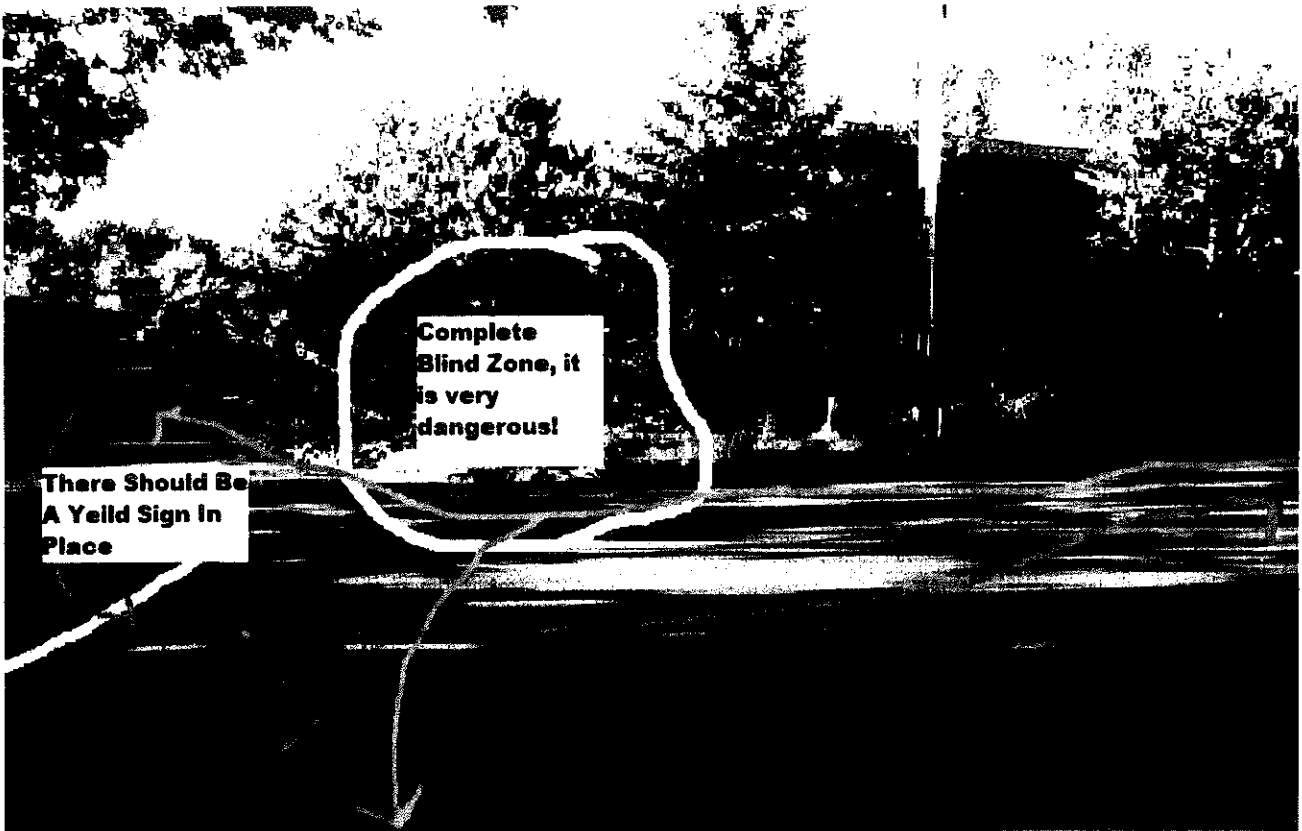
Thomas Baldwins property 391 Grandview Drive,



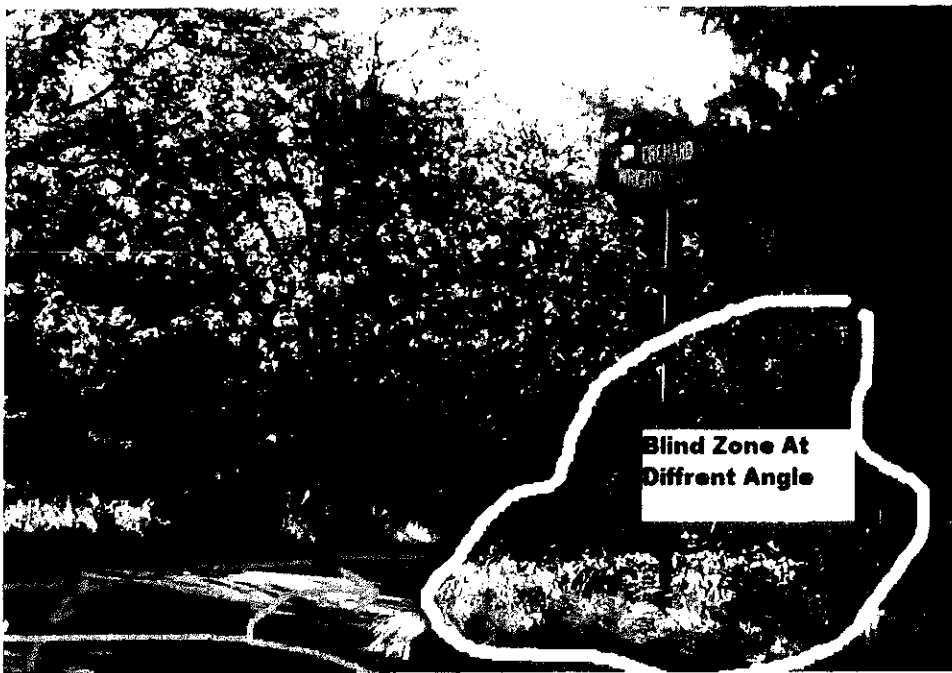
Over grown bushes and trees blocking the view of oncoming traffic with right of way.

This needs to be fixed soon, I almost got into a car accident because I did not have the view of the oncoming traffic.

The Corner of Orchard St, Wrights Creek DR.



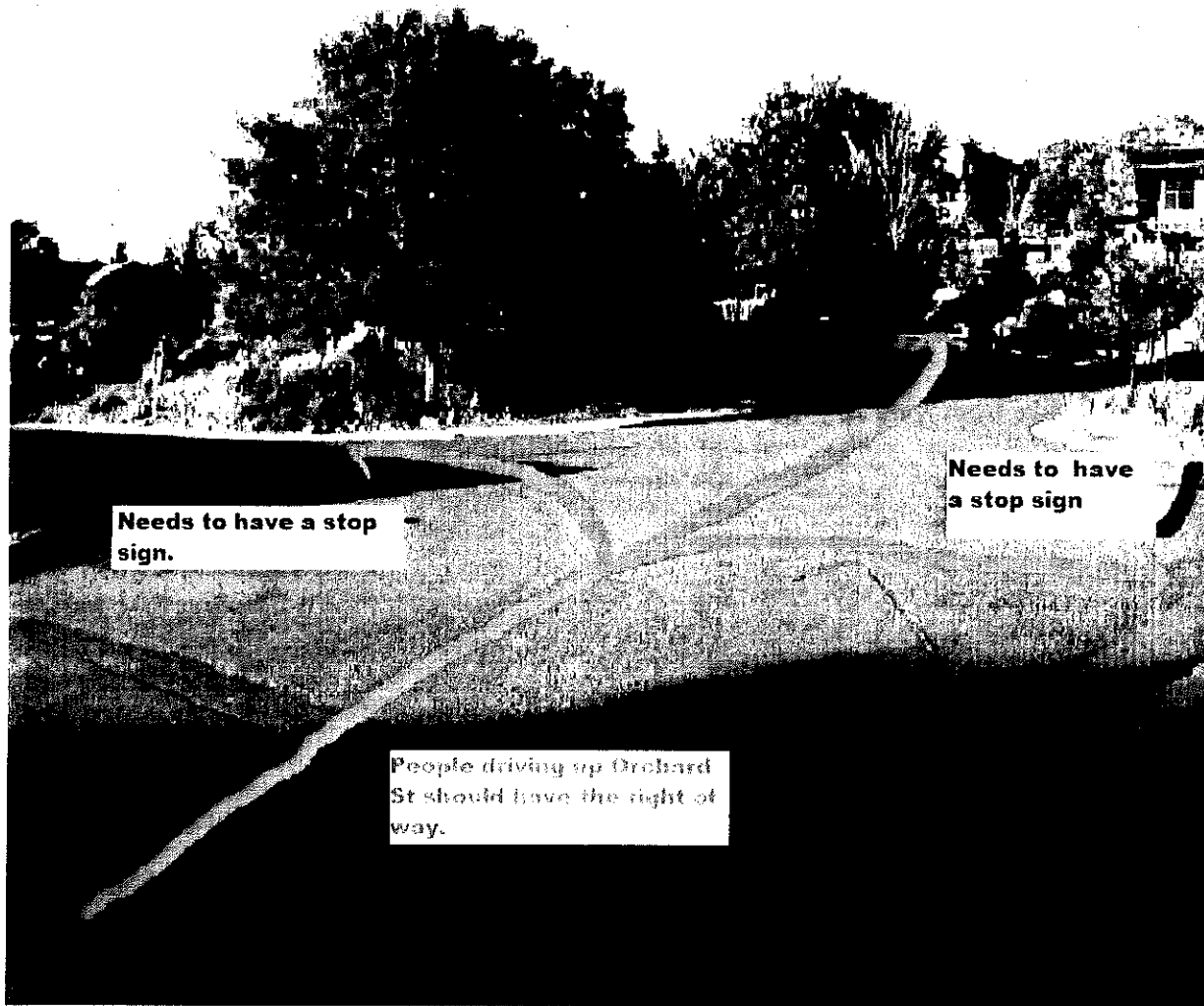
If just a yield sign is put in place there could be avoided accidents, since I live in this neighborhood I know all too well that people seem to speed around this corner and am always worried there will be an accident someday very soon.



As you can see at a different angle it is impossible to see oncoming traffic and to hastily drive at your own risk.

As I have said before I live in this neighborhood and people drive very fast, very fast, very fast, but would likely result with serious injuries.

● The intersection of Sunnyview, Orchard street ●



Ashland, Oregon, United States

