

City of Newberg

Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chair Roger Kuhlman called the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026..

II. Roll Call

Present: Roger Kuhlman, Russell Johnson, Hunter Anderson, Natasha Luepke, James Keary, Wyle O'Neill, Steven Hardgrove, Andrew Miller Toby Linhart (Student), Derek Carmon (Ex-officio)

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

V. Staff Reports & General Information

a. Police

Captain Cameron Ferguson of the Newberg Dundee Police Department presented crash data and DUII statistics for the period beginning January 1, 2026. He noted that injury crashes were highlighted in the report, with approximately 75% being minor in nature. An IT-assisted mapping system is being developed to better visualize crash trends by location.

b. Reports On

Crash Data & DUII Statistics: Reported as noted above. Highlighted crashes are Newberg-specific injury incidents; many tagged to Newberg units occurred in the county.

NDPD Observed Traffic Issues: Captain Ferguson reported that neighborhood speeding complaints have increased with the arrival of spring. Radar trailer deployments and pole-mounted data collection units have been used across multiple neighborhoods, including the Oaks, the Greens, Dayton Avenue, and Villa Road. Data collected consistently shows speeds in the 25–30 mph range, not indicating a significant speeding problem beyond perception. Ongoing concerns persist at the Springbrook/Portland Road/Highway 219 corridor, particularly on Friday nights and weekends, where traffic blocking, red light running, and backup onto Highway 219 have been observed. NDPD continues to advocate for a red light and speed camera at Springbrook and Portland Road, as well as at Providence and Brutscher, but ODOT has declined, citing Newberg's classification as a lower-tier jurisdiction. Additional crash activity is being noted at Portland Road and Providence, where the speed limit drops from 55 to 45 mph.

A concern was also raised regarding the Winooski Road/Waste Management facility backup. The backup extends to Highway 219 and spills into the surrounding county road network. Captain Ferguson confirmed that jurisdiction on that stretch of Winooski lies with the county, and the matter has been referred to the Yamhill County Sheriff. It is anticipated that the planned Highway 18 Bypass realignment and signalization of the Winooski intersection will alleviate the issue in the future.

DUII Statistics: Included in the distributed report for the period beginning January 1, 2026.

c. Public Outreach – Traffic Safety Related

Engineering staff reported that the City's Interim Public Information Officer has been actively disseminating traffic safety messaging across social media and the city website. Topics posted in the last period included reminders to turn on headlights in the rain, road travel safety tips, speed changes on North Valley Road, red light camera and speed enforcement information, sidewalk responsibility, ODOT ADA updates, distracted driver awareness, and HB 2001 waterline replacement impacts on streets, among others. The Commission was again invited to submit specific messaging requests for distribution.

d. Engineering

Engineering staff Brett presented updates on the Traffic Safety Active Issues Log, Keller Associates work plan, and related data collection efforts.

e. Traffic Safety Active Issues Log

Staff reported the following status summary for 2026 to date:

- Items added since January 2026: 8
- Items completed since January 2026: 4
- Items Ongoing – Keller Study in Progress: 8
- Items Ongoing – On Work Plan for Keller Assistance: 9
- Items Ongoing – Speed Data Needed: 1
- Items noted as Received: 8

Staff noted that the majority of outstanding items relate to pedestrian crossings and speeding concerns, with a smaller number of stop sign requests and general traffic items. A new concern regarding Willakenzie Street in the Crestview Crossing area was received shortly before the meeting and will be added to the next iteration of the log.

f. Traffic Safety Issues Work Plan for Keller Assistance

Keller Associates is currently conducting engineering studies to review existing conditions and develop recommendations for the following locations:

- Mountainview at Alice Drive
- E Third at Center and E Third at Meridian Street
- N Villa at Laurel
- Villa at Haworth

g. GIS Analyst Traffic Related Data Collection

GIS staff continues to collect speed and free-flow traffic count data. Findings are consistent with NDPD observations, showing speeds generally within 25–30 mph, or lower, in areas of concern.

h. Fernwood at Brutscher – Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project

Capital Engineering, in cooperation with CPRD, is proceeding with a pedestrian crossing of Fernwood near Brutscher.

i. Keller Associates, Inc. Engineering Study – N Brutscher Street Adjacent to the Fairfield Inn at 900 N Brutscher Street

Following an initial engineering review, the City Manager has not directed Keller Associates to proceed further with this study.

VI. New Business

a. Presentation/Discussion by the Traffic Safety Commission Chair, Roger Kuhlman

Chair Kuhlman presented a summary of outreach he conducted with various city departments and stakeholders since the last meeting, including meetings with the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Department, and a conversation with the President of George Fox University. Key themes identified included: advocacy for red light and speed cameras; the need for timely traffic data reports; safety education initiatives; coordination with public outreach; review of the Active Issues Log; need to update the Transportation System Plan; school traffic concerns; crosswalk maintenance; restoration of a driver education program; and expanded speed data availability. Chair Kuhlman noted that a meeting with the new Public Works Director had not yet occurred due to scheduling conflicts. The Commission agreed to revisit and formalize a work plan at the July 2026 meeting.

b. May 2026 Summary Report to Newberg Traffic Safety Commission

Discussed in conjunction with Chair Kuhlman's presentation above.

VII. Old Business

a. Review of the 2025 Traffic Safety Commission Work Plan

Engineering staff provided an overview of the two-part work plan structure: (1) Operational Traffic Safety, encompassing the active issues log, police data collection, maintenance activities, and public outreach; and (2) Long-Range Planning, focused on policy recommendations to City Council, master plan reviews, and regulatory documents such as the parking change request form and stop sign policy. Staff noted that some policy documents may be outdated and could benefit from review. The Commission agreed to prioritize refinement of the work plan and development of a concrete action plan at the July 2026 meeting.

VIII. Staff Comments

Engineering staff announced that the City Manager will present on System Development Charges (SDCs) at the July 2026 meeting, in response to a request made at the January 2026 meeting.

IX. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Toby Linhart suggested that future meeting agendas include discussion of alternative transportation modes—such as cycling infrastructure—as a potential long-term solution to traffic and parking challenges. Engineering staff noted this topic would appropriately feed into the Transportation System Plan process, though the Commission may also make recommendations independently.

Commissioner Russell Johnson requested that red light and speed camera enforcement statistics from the Villa Road/Portland Road installation be presented at the next meeting. Captain Ferguson confirmed he would provide that data.

Councilor Carmon noted that Waste Management is scheduled to present to the City Council on May 18, 2026, and encouraged residents with strong concerns about the Winooski Road traffic backup to attend and provide public comment. The Councilor also indicated they would send an email to the Mayor in advance of that meeting to raise the issue.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Kuhlman adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026.

Attested By:

Roger Kuhlman

Roger Kuhlman (May 28, 2026 13:04:23 PDT)

Roger Kuhlman, Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission

Brett Musick

Brett Musick (May 28, 2026 10:48:46 PDT)

Brett Musick, Senior Engineer/Staff Liaison









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