



Historic Preservation Commission

Agenda

June 17, 2025

City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

414 E. First St

Hybrid Meeting

Hybrid: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89536547180>

Public Comment Registration: <https://bit.ly/nbgcomment>

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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Roll Call**
 - 3. Public Comments**
 - 4. Commission Business**
 - a. ODOT ADA Ramp Work and Historic Projects**
 - 5. Continued Business**
 - a. Work Plan Approval**
 - b. Training on Resource Inventory Project**
 - 6. Updates from Staff**
 - 7. Items from Commissioners**
 - 8. Adjournment**

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Memo

To: Historic Preservation Commission

From: Rachel Thomas

Date: June 17, 2025

Re: ODOT ADA Ramp Work and Historic Effects

On May 28, 2025, I had a meeting with Charlotte Helmer from ODOT about the effects of their ADA Curb ramp work on the historic structures and areas in Newberg. They have determined that the work will not have a significant impact on local historical resources but will have some impact. Due to this, ODOT is prepared to develop several Determinations of Eligibility to assist the city with its historic preservation efforts. In addition, they are prepared to make efforts to preserve whatever elements of local history are directly impacted by the work.

1. Determinations of Eligibility: As part of their work ODOT contractors will prepare research on several historic buildings in our city, and a larger portion of the downtown, to assess their eligibility to be considered historic resources at the local, state, and national level. This work will provide much of the research needed to jumpstart historic register updates and applications and progress on our goal of exploring a historic downtown designation.
2. Preservation of historic sidewalk features: ODOT has expressed that they are willing to preserve features in the effected sidewalk such as stamps, mail posts, and horse rings. They have asked for a preference from the commission on whether those items be moved in their entirety, reproduced, or a mixture of both as appropriate. In most situations, a move would be less than four feet and would allow for compliance with ADA needs.
3. Caution Curb Color: In some situations when the traditional "caution yellow" paint would disturb a historic area, ODOT can get permission to change the paint color to red or cast iron if needed. Should this be a desire of the historic preservation commission, this can be discussed, further action may need to be brought to council. It is the opinion of staff that this is unnecessary and that the caution yellow is still appropriate for use in the downtown.
4. Railroad and Red Electric Rails: ODOT would like to know what they city would like to occur when rails are encountered under sidewalks during this work. There are several areas where train spurs and or the red electric train tracks may be encountered in this work. The current city practice is to attempt to leave in place and work around the obstruction, mostly due to the cost of removal. How would the commission prefer this be

approached? Staff would recommend removing if possible, but sealing in place if removal is not feasible. We would ask that the sections of removed rails be given to the city to be used as they see fit.

Going forward, please expect to see representatives of ODOT reaching out through email and perhaps attending future meetings as this work begins. It is likely that the actual construction work will not begin in Newberg until 2026.