



CITY OF ST. HELENS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Jacob A. Graichen, AICP, City Planner
RE: Closure of Marshall Street/Columbia River Highway (US30) intersection discussion at August 4, 2021 work session
DATE: July 27, 2021

In May of this year, we received an inquiry from an owner of properties along Marshall Street about closing access to Marshall Street at the highway. The owner noted people driving the wrong way at elevated speeds and safety concerns.

The Marshall Street access at the highway is unusual as it is accessed from a right-hand turn lane (to turn onto Columbia Boulevard) with no egress onto the highway allowed. Despite this disallowance, people are doing it anyways (and a high speeds) according to the property owner.

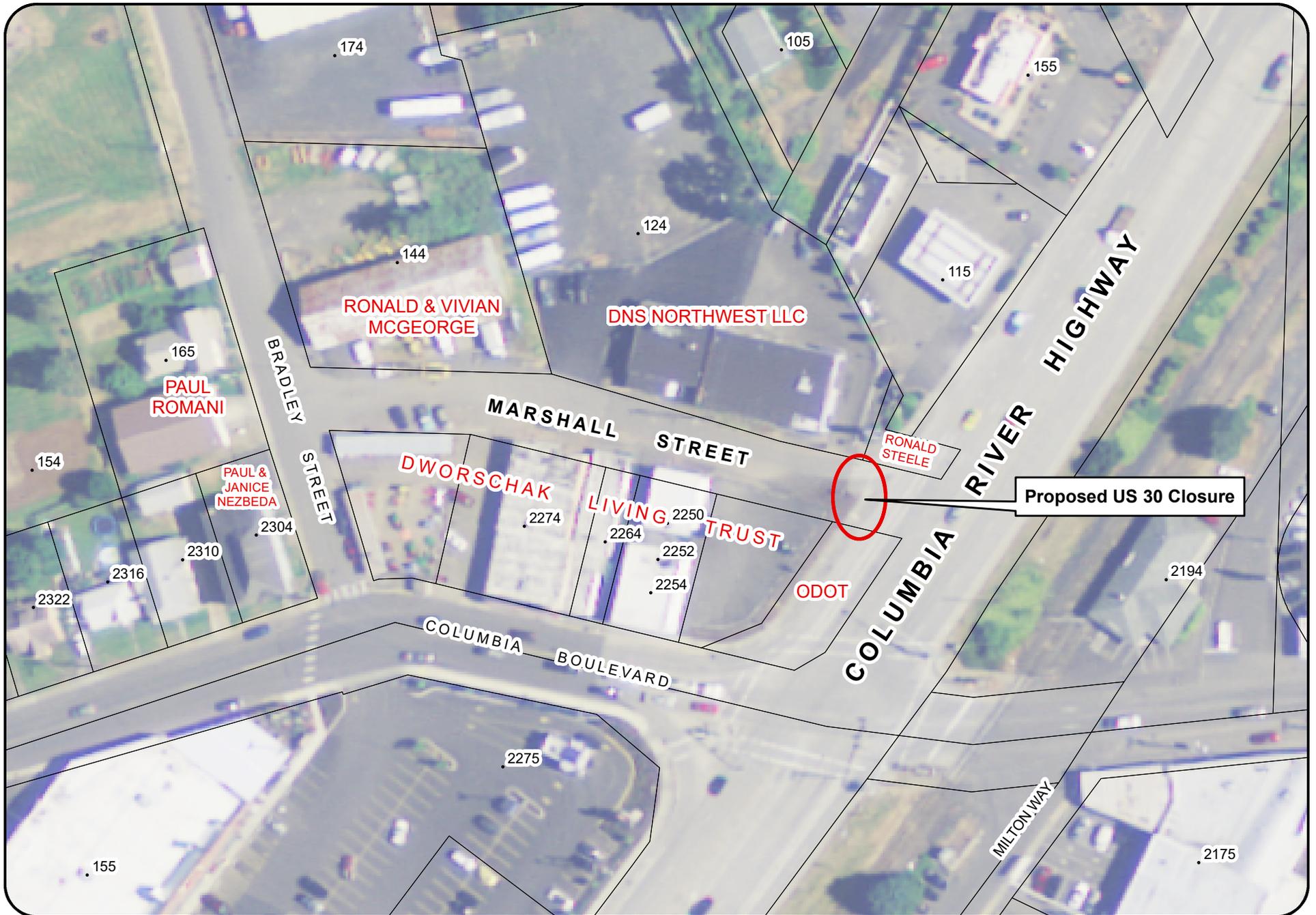
Since May, staff has contacted ODOT and the Fire Marshall. We would be dealing with ODOT Access Management who has funds for closing state jurisdiction accesses. It is possible ODOT would bear the cost of all improvements within the highway right-of-way. There is a permit process.

Staff reached out to the Fire Marshall because eliminating the highway access will turn Marshall Street into a dead-end about 330 feet long without a turnaround area. The Fire Marshall noted the hydrant at the corner of Bradley Street and Columbia Boulevard and that the closure would not hinder fire operations. The Fire Marshall encouraged use of removal barrier for emergency vehicle access.

- 1. At this point staff wants to ensure the Council has an appetite for this before pursuing this further.**
- 2. See attached map and photos.**
- 3. We hope to have property owner representation at the August 4, 2021 work session so you can hear their concern and reason for this request in their words.**

Marshall Street / US 30 Access

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Marshall Street Looking South



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Marshall Street Looking North



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Marshall Street Looking East



Marshall Street Looking East



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