

Request for evaluation regarding opening of 8th Avenue at Dollar Street, West Linn

1. 8th Avenue currently is closed at Dollar Street. It is desired that the barriers be removed, allowing traffic on 8th to be accessed from Dollar.
2. Rationale for this change includes:
 - a. Relief of congestion on Willamette Falls Drive created by automobiles travelling from the Dollar Street/Ostman Road neighborhood area to the Willamette Marketplace shops and restaurants.
 - b. Increase safety on Willamette Falls Drive (WFD) by sharply reducing left turn traffic onto WFD, particularly at rush hour times
 - c. Further ease access to Willamette Neighborhood areas by emergency vehicles travelling from the new Police Building and the TVF&R station on 8th Avenue
 - d. Recognition that the planned 4-way stop on WFD at 12 Street will likely add to the congestion of WFD
 - e. Recognition that new businesses in the Willamette Marketplace (particularly the new Ace Hardware) will suffer if traffic congestion onto 8th Avenue from streets stemming from WFD and the restricted turns planned from 10th Street discourage customers.
3. The anticipated cost should be low, requiring some sidewalk modification at Dollar and some curb or other separation of 8th Avenue from the apartments on 8th.