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SPECIAL SESSION

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DATE: August 7, 1997
TO: Keizer City Council
FROM: Karen and Wayne Trucke
6330 14th Ave N. E.
Keizer, Oregon 97303
RE: Stadium Traffic

The Gubser Neighborhood Association (GNA) requested a change in traffic flow from one-way to two-way traffic after games at the stadium. The following is important information on which this request was based.

The GNA includes Radiant Drive residents. Except for one resident, the Radiant Drive residents came to the GNA meetings with two concerns, access to their homes (for themselves and emergency vehicles) and safety.

The Radiant Drive residents stated that the main safety issue was the speed of the traffic leaving the game caused by the one-way pattern. They stated that the traffic before the game, which followed a two-way pattern, was not an issue. Mr. Sloan requested that the GNA support a change from one-way to two-way traffic after the game to slow the traffic down. After a motion was moved and seconded, the GNA unanimously voted to present the request to the Council. The GNA also felt that this proposal was a solution to safety concerns associated with the confusion of not knowing at what time the traffic pattern would change to one-way.

One Radiant Drive resident has requested at every committee, Council, and GNA meeting that Tepper Lane be opened. Because of this request at the GNA meeting immediately prior to the above decision, Wally Mull and the City Engineer did a review of GNA requests, including the feasibility of Tepper Lane Access. It was reported back to the GNA that Tepper Lane remain as currently defined. Thus the one resident brought the opening of Tepper Lane up again at the last City Council meeting, implying that no one is addressing her issue when, in fact, no one is agreeing with her issue to date. GNA meeting minutes indicate that this person did not vote against closing Tepper during the agreement with the Mayor. Also, due to this person's request, Councilor McGee has asked the Staff to again consider opening Tepper Lane to stadium traffic.

The following are our personal views regarding the negative impacts of opening Tepper Lane.

1. Speed was considered to be the main safety issue, but only after the game. Opening Tepper could cause heavy speeding traffic to not only be a new problem before the games on Radiant but also on Tepper, McLeod, 14th, and other neighborhood streets

where heavy speeding traffic for 800 plus residences is already a problem. This would greatly increase the probability of accidents and/or personal injuries.

3. Opening Tepper will not necessarily decrease backed up traffic. With traffic approaching from Tepper, the convergence of traffic at the South stadium gate may cause the same, if not greater, congestion. It will certainly eliminate the current smooth flow of alternately moving cars from Radiant to the left and right for gate entry.

4. As people search for ways into the stadium, hoping to beat waiting in line, the police will lose all control of traffic as it opens up the whole Gubser area to cars bearing down on Tepper/McLeod from residential streets running between 14th and McLeod. Again, this will open dangerous speeding traffic to an area of 800 plus homes vs. controlling the slower (but not stalled) traffic flow into the stadium for an area serving just 28 homes today.

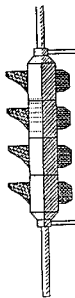
5. The above problems are all duplicated after the game if Tepper is opened, but, since games are usually in the evening, the impact is probably not as great. However, the GNA recommendation would reduce the after-game safety concerns of the Radiant area residents, so why introduce a new safety problem in the rest of the Gubser area, as well as not resolving the Radiant Drive problem.

6. Currently, pedestrian and bicycle traffic use Tepper. Opening Tepper will put this traffic at great risk.

7. Opening Tepper will negatively impact the ability of emergency vehicles and residents to travel to residences in the Radiant Drive area.

8. Councilor McGee stated that opening Tepper may not have been investigated due to politics. It may have been considered political at the time the GNA was approached to not oppose the stadium if Tepper was closed, but now it is a documented promise of fact. Furthermore, the Comprehensive Plan states that traffic will not be allowed to filter into the neighborhood from the CAC. To us, the decision to close Tepper simply reflects the City's compliance in following the Comprehensive Plan. We believe that the inclusion of the statement in the Comprehensive Plan and the decision to close Tepper in the first place are based on consideration of the negative impacts the traffic would have on safety and liveability of a vital Keizer neighborhood.

We urge the Council to carefully consider the issues of safety and access to the Radiant area by emergency vehicles and residents rather than personal agendas of one person wishing to move traffic to another area; or of persons desiring multiple and, what they believe would be, quicker access to the stadium.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 1997
TO: Wally Miller
FROM: DICK WOELK
PROJECT: Stadium Traffic Control
SUBJECT: Observations from field review

I have been to the stadium and have watched both the beginning and the end of the game conditions and have the following thoughts on how to improve the overall system:

First let me say that the Keizer Police Department is doing an excellent job overall but especially at the end of the game. Traffic flows easily and without much congestion.

I observed that before the game traffic continues to back up on Radiant Drive from the stadium clear to I-5. I believe this is due to the ticket takers at the parking lot and the low vehicle usage of the east gate.

I would recommend the following:

- 1) The ticket takers at the main gate on Radiant divert at least every third vehicle to the east gate. This can be done easily by the lead individual at the main gate.
- 2) Provide the attached map to all entrants to the game and have the game announcers read the attached announcement during the game.
- 3) Place the attached map in the newspaper.
- 4) Provide portable two-way traffic signs for placement along Radiant Drive to remind motorists that it is two way until the 9th inning.
- 5) I would recommend that Tepper Lane not be opened prior to the 9th inning.

Announcer (or something similar)

This is to remind game visitors that alternative routes to and from the Stadium are shown on the flyer handed out at the gate.

We would urge visitors to use these alternative access routes to reduce the congestion on Radiant Drive before and after the game.

If you have further questions please contact me at 503 859-3040.

cc:

**STADIUM
TRAFFIC
INFORMATION**

DATE: August 4, 1997
TO: Keizer City Council
FROM: Gubser Neighborhood Association
RE: Stadium Traffic

The Gubser Neighborhood Association has met many times in reference to the stadium traffic. We have spent many hours listening to each others concerns and recommendations. At our latest special meeting, Thursday, July 31, 1997, regarding problems associated with stadium traffic, we all agreed to the following recommendations as a solution to the present traffic problems.

The Gubser Neighborhood Association is presenting these recommendations, along with our rationale for them, and ask that the City Council act on them by directing staff to implement these recommendations as soon as possible, preferably by the next home game.

These are the recommendations of the Gubser Neighborhood Association:

1. KEEP RADIANT DRIVE TWO-WAY AT ALL TIMES. (Before, during, and after the games.)
2. HAVE THE OFFICER/GATE ATTENDANT AT THE SOUTH GATE ON RADIANT DRIVE DIVERT EVERY THIRD VEHICLE TO THE EAST GATE.
3. HAVE A SIGN AT THE SOUTH GATE POINTING TO THE EAST GATE STATING THAT THERE IS AN EAST GATE.
(It could be mounted on the fence at the South gate.)
(Both gates need to be labeled and indicated on maps.)
4. HAVE CORRECT COMPLETE MAPS OF THE AREA PREPARED. THE MAP SHOULD INCLUDE COMPLETE DIRECTIONS TO AND FROM THE STADIUM FOR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH ROUTES. THESE MAPS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALL ENTRANTS TO THE GAME PROVIDED TO THE NEWSPAPERS PROVIDED TO THE RADIO STATION(S), AND HAVE LARGE MAPS PLACED AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS AT THE STADIUM. SUCH AS: AT EACH ENTRANCE AND/OR AT EACH CONCESSION STAND.
5. HAVE ENTRANCE AND EXIT ROUTES ANNOUNCED AT THE GAMES AND ON THE RADIO, INCLUDING AND STRESSING THE FACT THAT RADIANT DRIVE IS A TWO-WAY STREET AT ALL TIMES.
6. KEEP THE USE OF TEPPER LANE AS IT IS PRESENTLY.
7. LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON RADIANT DRIVE TO 25 MPH.

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These are our recommendations and here is our rationale for each of these recommendations:

For recommendation number 1; Keep Radiant Drive TWO-WAY at ALL TIMES, the Gubser Neighborhood Association wants the council to know that this is our number one concern and recommendation.

The draft of the Keizer Ballfield Event Management Plan states as its purpose "to establish the process necessary for the safe and efficient movement of traffic to and from the ... stadium." In addition, it states that "Success often hinges on the ability of a system to change as necessary to achieve the safest and most efficient system possible." The Gubser Neighborhood Association believes that the current traffic plan is neither safe nor efficient and it's time for a change. By adopting and implementing our recommendation of keeping Radiant Drive TWO-WAY at ALL TIMES you guarantee consistency, thus promoting safety by eliminating the confusion now present.

Consistency is guaranteed, because there would be NO worry or questions as to when the traffic pattern would change, **IT WOULD NOT CHANGE**. Currently, Radiant Drive is changed from two-way to one-way any time from the 6th inning to the 9th inning (from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm). Many times this change takes place prior to the street signs being flipped. At every home game this year residents on Radiant Drive have observed traffic using the street as a one-way prior to the game (which it is not) and after the game prior to the signs being flipped. Under this present traffic pattern the residents of the Radiant Drive neighborhood do not know when, or if, they can go North on Radiant Drive. The Gubser Neighborhood Association, which includes the residents of the Radiant Drive area, are concerned for the safety of the residents and for the safety of anyone using Radiant Drive after a game has started.

This brings up the next point for keeping Radiant Drive TWO-WAY at ALL times, **SAFETY**. This recommendation will be safer than the present traffic pattern because you would not have drivers using Radiant Drive as a one-way prior to it being changed. Under the present traffic pattern drivers are confused and unsure of the pattern, they do not know when Radiant Drive is two-way or one-way. As stated before, drivers are using Radiant Drive as a one-way at all times, including going North on Radiant. By keeping Radiant Drive two-way at all times you would eliminate this confusion, thus making Radiant Drive safer for all drivers. This would also provide more safety for the residents, the police officers working traffic, and for pedestrians walking on Radiant Drive. In addition, emergency vehicles and residents will have

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an easier time getting into and out of the neighborhood, allowing them more flexibility in their choice of a route. Additionally, no one would be required to drive down Radiant Drive to change signs. We believe this will also encourage drivers to use the East gate or other alternate routes to get to and from the stadium.

To assist with this recommendation we believe additional two-way signs should be placed on Radiant Drive.

The Gubser Neighborhood Association is asking the City Council to approve a safe and consistent traffic pattern for the stadium and we believe that keeping Radiant Drive two-way at all times is the first important step to accomplish this.

Recommendation number two, to divert traffic from the South gate to the East gate, will help with traffic backup on Radiant Drive. It is being used to some extent with the present traffic plan, but those who are directing drivers to the East gate don't always get cooperation from the drivers. This is where recommendation number three, a sign pointing to the East gate and having the gates marked, would help. Many of the drivers going to the stadium do not even know there is a second gate into the parking lot and a sign would let them know.

Recommendations number four and five, those dealing with maps and announcements, will also help with the above recommendation to get people to use the East gate. Because of poor maps and directions that have appeared in the local papers, people driving to the stadium are confused about how to get there. Most believe that Radiant Drive is the only entrance/exit to the stadium. By having correct directions and maps it will be easier to encourage people to use alternate routes. By having these maps at the stadium and having the announcers give directions will also encourage drivers to use routes other than Radiant Drive. One 7th and 8th inning announcement about exiting the stadium emphasizes exiting on Radiant Drive and mentions as an after thought "Or you may travel NORTHBOUND by exiting the parking lot on the East side and turning left." There needs to be more directions announced about turning left and going northbound.

In addition, the announcers need to tell drivers to be courteous and considerate to the residents who live along the routes to and from the stadium. To please allow them to enter and exit their driveways.

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Recommendation number six is not a change in the present traffic pattern. The Gubser Neighborhood Association wants to keep Tepper Lane traffic as is; that is, to put road closed signs at the intersection of Radiant Drive and Tepper Lane and on Tepper Lane, west of the rail road tracks. Allow only emergency vehicles, Radiant Drive residents, and their visitors to use Tepper Lane east bound to get to residences in the Radiant Drive area.

The last recommendation, number seven, is to lower the speed limit on Radiant to 25 mph. Because Radiant Drive is a narrow street and has three sharp curves, lowering the speed limit will make it a safer street. If this is something the city council does not usually initiate, the Gubser Neighborhood Association is willing to undertake whatever steps are necessary to get this done.

In closing, let me again state that these recommendations come from the Gubser Neighborhood Association and we are asking that the City Council act on them by directing staff to implement these recommendations as soon as possible.

Thank You.

Attachments: Sample Announcement
Routes

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The following announcement, or one similar to it, should be used by the game announcers and the radio announcers. It should be read many times during the game, for example, at the start of the game, after the 2nd inning, after the 4th inning, after the 7th inning, after the 8th inning, and at the end of the game.

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT

Fans, we have a very important traffic safety advisory for all traffic leaving the stadium, for those who may have to leave early and for post game traffic. A major change in traffic has been made to Radiant Drive: **Radiant Drive is a TWO-WAY street after the game!** That is, Radiant Drive is a two-way street at all times, before the game, as it always was, during the game, and after the game. **RADIANT DRIVE IS A TWO-WAY STREET BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE GAME. IT WILL REMAIN TWO-WAY AT ALL TIMES.**

(The following should be added to the announcements at the end of the 7th, 8th, and 9th innings.)

To assist you in exiting the stadium and in returning to your next game, maps have been provided to all vehicles. If you did not get a map, please ask for one at the ticket booth (or some location within the ballpark). There is also a large map posted outside the entrances to the park. **REMEMBER, RADIANT DRIVE IS A TWO-WAY STREET AT ALL TIMES.**

At the end of the 7th, 8th, and 9th innings, in addition to reading the above announcement, it should be emphasized that there are two gates out of the parking lot. The announcers also need to include a request for drivers to be courteous and considerate to the neighborhood residents.

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ENTRANCE ROUTES TO THE STADIUM
IN ADDITION TO RADIANT DRIVE

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM I-5:

Use Brooks Exit No. 263. Take Brooklake Road West to River Road, South to Quinaby or Perkins Road, East to 35th Avenue, South to Stadium.

OR

From the Brooks Exit No. 263. Take Brooklake Road East to Highway 99 (Portland Road), South to Quinaby or Perkins Road, West to 35th Avenue, South to Stadium.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM I-5:

Continue North on I-5 to the Brooks Exit No. 263 and follow same directions as Southbound traffic from I-5.

OR

Use Chemawa Road/Keizer Exit, Go East to Highway 99 (Portland Road), North to Perkins Road, West to 35th Avenue, South to Stadium.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM RIVER ROAD:

North on River Road to Perkins Road, East to 35th Avenue, South to Stadium.

EXIT ROUTES FROM STADIUM:

Reverse of above routes.

NOTE: The above routes would be placed on the maps. If the routes are going to be announced at the games, they should be rewritten so that they can be understood by someone listening to them.

To: Wally Mull City of Keizer

End of 7th Inning

Fans, we have a traffic advisory for post game traffic. Prior to the end of the game, Radiant Dr. will be 2 way traffic. **AFTER THE GAME TONIGHT** Radiant Drive will be one way traffic LEAVING the Stadium parking lot until Lockhaven. ALL Fans going South should drive directly down Radiant to Lockhaven. If you want to gain access to Interstate 5 you should be in the LEFT lane as you leave the Stadium Parking Lot and in the RIGHT lane if you are going to Keizer. Or you may travel NORTHBOUND by exiting the parking lot on the East side and turning left. We appreciate your understanding and working with us to expedite the traffic.

Middle of the 8th Inning

Fans, we have a traffic advisory for post game traffic. Prior to the end of the game, Radiant Dr. will be 2 way traffic. **AFTER THE GAME TONIGHT** Radiant Drive will be one way traffic LEAVING the Stadium parking lot until Lockhaven. ALL Fans going South should drive directly down Radiant to Lockhaven. If you want to gain access to Interstate 5 you should be in the LEFT lane as you leave the Stadium Parking Lot and in the RIGHT lane if you are going to Keizer. Or you may travel NORTHBOUND by exiting the parking lot on the East side and turning left. We appreciate your understanding and working with us to expedite the traffic.

Top of the 9th Inning

Fans the Volcanoes Gift Shop will remain open for about 15 minutes following the game. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to purchase a keepsake from tonight's game or some popular Volcanoes apparel.

End of Game Final Line Score _____ Winning Pitcher _____
Save _____ Losing Pitcher _____
Tonight's Attendance _____ Time of Game _____

Thank you for attending tonight's game. Drive home safely, buckle up and don't drink & drive.

*after 8th
inning*

SALEM - KEIZER VOLCANOES STADIUM

EAST ENTRANCE / EXIT

⇒ **SOUTHBOUND I-5**

Take the Brooklake Exit 263; go west to River Road; south to Quinaby Road; east to 35th Avenue; south to the east stadium entrance.

⇒ **NORTHBOUND I-5**

Take the Chemawa Road Exit 260; go east to Portland Road; north to Perkins Road; west to 35th Avenue; south to the east stadium entrance.

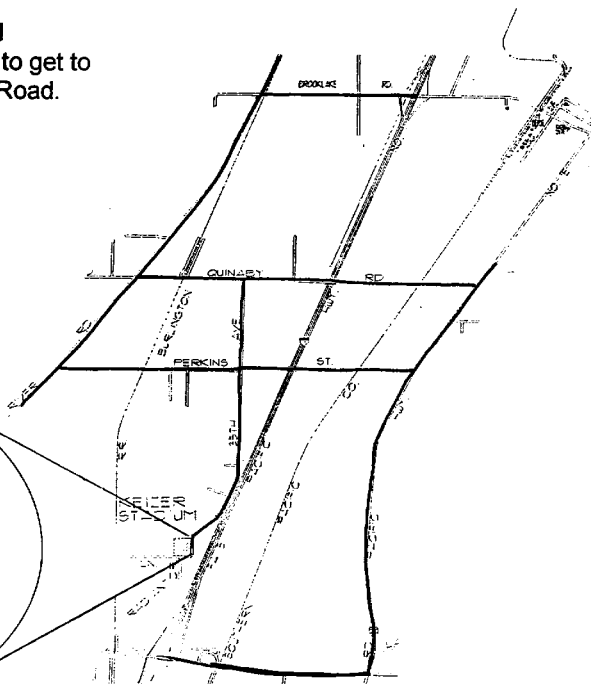
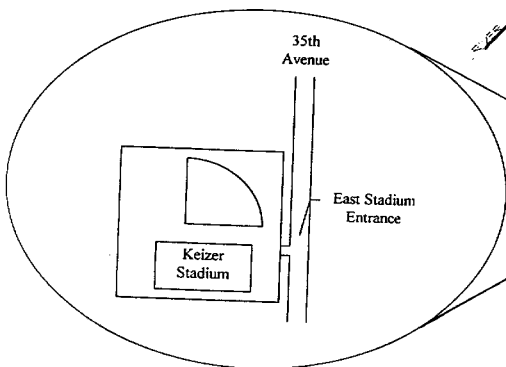
⇒ **NORTHBOUND RIVER ROAD**

Turn east on Perkins Road to 35th Avenue; turn south to the east stadium exit.

⇒ **LEAVING THE STADIUM**

Use the east stadium exit to get to points north, I-5, or River Road.

Map prepared by the
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TO: KEIZER CITY COUNCIL,
WALLY MULL & JOHN MORGAN

8/8/97

FROM: BETH DANIELL (463-1134)
GUBSER AREA I REP.

RE: LABISH DITCH

JUST A QUICK GUBSER REMINDER FOR
MONDAY'S WORK SESSION:

- THE '96 + '97 FLOODS BROUGHT WATER
WITHIN 5' OF SEVERAL HOMES ON
ROCK CRYSTAL, AMY CT. & ROCKLEDGE CT.
- A BERM ACROSS THE PARK NEXT TO THE
WETLANDS COULD CAUSE A FLOODWAY BACK-UP
ENDANGERING THESE HOMES.
- THE RELATIVE ELEVATIONS OF THESE HOMES
TO THE BERM MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED
IN THE ORIGINAL LABISH DITCH PROPOSAL.

PLEASE KEEP THESE FACTS IN MIND AS YOU
REVIEW THE NEW PLAN MON. NIGHT?

MANY THANKS!