Suggestions for Improving Traffic and Pedestrian Safety in Stevenson
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION
Updated 8-19-14

1. Limit out-of-state truck traffic.
   *This is a State-wide issue that needs to be dealt with at the legislative level.*

2. Increase speed limit enforcement.
   *WSDOT believes this is probably one of the most effective changes we could make. The City of Stevenson contracts with the Skamania County Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement services. We are working with the Sheriff’s Office to explore ways to increase speed limit enforcement downtown. Nick to negotiate details in the next contract.*

3. Install stationary radar feedback signs (flashing radar speed limit signs) at both ends of town.
   *WSDOT gave preliminary approval, but then changed their mind and said “No”. They have now reversed their recent denial and have indicated these signs can be installed. Eric is working with WSDOT for final approval and an interlocal agreement for maintenance of the signs.*

4. Move the reduced-speed warning sign at the east end of town further away from the 25 mph zone. *The current standard is 1,200 feet. The spec changed several years ago and it’s possible that the location of this sign was not adjusted. WSDOT will look into and have it corrected. Eric contacting WSDOT for an update.*

5. Place hand-held yellow pedestrian crossing flags at both ends of crosswalks for pedestrian use when crossing streets. *WSDOT has seen them used elsewhere and believes they may help. Eric working on purchasing and installing flags and holders at main crossings.*

6. Paint “25 mph” on the pavement on 1st Street and 2nd Street.
   *Under review - Eric checking with WSDOT for 2nd Street requirements.*

7. Repaint the crosswalks on 2nd Street.
   *WSDOT responsibility - Eric will request WSDOT repaint them.*

8. Remove the stop sign on 1st Street at Russell Ave.
   *Under review – Nick to discuss with City Council.*
Suggestions for Improving SR 14 Traffic Through Downtown Stevenson

NO LONGER UNDER CONSIDERATION

Updated 8-11-14

1. Re-direct east-bound trucks onto 1st Street.
   WSDOT approval would be required to implement this change as part of SR 14, and they do not support making this change.

2. Lower the in-town speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph.
   WSDOT’s approval is required to reduce the speed limit on SR 14 and they do not support lowering the speed limit to 20 mph through Stevenson. (It does not meet their criteria for a 20 mph zone).

3. At the east end of town, move the 50 mph zone further east.
   WSDOT has specific criteria for setting speed limits in each area. They believe no change could be made to the existing speed zones until something in this area changes, such as Chinidere getting more fully built out.

4. Convert 1st and 2nd Streets to one-way streets.
   This change would require Legislative approval, but WSDOT supports it and would help us implement it. The actual design is yet to be determined but would likely include one lane of traffic in each direction with the added advantage of diagonal parking on one side of both streets (pending WSDOT approval). WSDOT expressed concern that one way streets with better visibility might cause traffic speed to increase.
   City Council decided against this option based on community feedback received.

5. Install “Pedestrian Crossing” warning signs in the center strip of mid-block crossings.
   Might get in the way of plowing. WSDOT has not seen them used enough to have an opinion on their effectiveness. Removed at Eric’s request – 2nd Street is already too tight.