

SR 14 Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Survey Results

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We received 175 responses to our survey as of today. A summary of the responses received for each question is as follows:

1. **The City has taken several actions to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in downtown Stevenson, including installing flashing radar feedback signs at both ends of town, adding pedestrian crossing flags, and working with the Sheriff's office for increased speed limit enforcement. Do you believe these actions have helped and are adequate, or should we do more?**
 - A. The City does not need to take further action on this issue - the actions already taken seem to be helping and are adequate. **17 votes, 10%**
 - B. The City does not need to take further action on this issue - traffic and pedestrian safety in Stevenson is no worse than in many other cities. **27 votes, 15%**
 - C. Traffic and Pedestrian safety on 2nd Street is still a problem that needs to be dealt with. **129 votes, 75%**

2. **If you believe traffic and pedestrian safety is still a problem that needs to be dealt with, please answer the remaining questions to help us find the best solutions.**

Are you in favor of allowing 1st Street to be used as an optional bypass route for east-bound trucks and cars that want to bypass the downtown area?

 - A. Yes, we should use 1st Street as an optional bypass route. **133 votes, 81%**
 - B. No, we should not use 1st Street as an optional bypass route. **32 votes, 19%**

3. **One of the suggestions for encouraging the use of 1st Street as a bypass route for trucks and through traffic is to remove the existing stop sign on 1st Street at Russell Avenue. Are you in favor of removing the stop sign on 1st Street at Russell Avenue to encourage trucks and through traffic to use 1st Street?**
 - A. Yes, I am in favor of removing the stop sign on 1st Street at Russell Avenue. **116 votes, 70%**
 - B. No, I am not in favor of removing the stop sign at Russell Avenue. **51 votes, 30%**

4. **If you have other ideas for improving traffic and pedestrian safety in downtown Stevenson, please write them here: (See attached pages).**

June 2015 Survey, Question #4 – If you have other ideas for improving traffic and pedestrian safety in downtown Stevenson, please write them here:

1. Reduce speed limit to 20 mph.
2. Every business on Second Street endorses the idea of sending east bound trucks onto First St.
3. Make 2nd street west bound and 1st street east bound, one way traffic each way, it's at least worth a try!
4. One way traffic on each road. East on 1st street and west on 2nd street. lets at least give it a try!
5. We should be contacting trucking associations and talking with them about educating drivers about first street--even with the STOP sign at Russell, there is less traffic for them, and the NO TRUCK PARKING signs should be removed on 1st street in order to encourage drivers to park and rest--surely the City should be able to put up a sign saying that there is a truck rest area (maybe max 2 hours) down on 1st! Also, get more weigh stations working on our side of the river if you want to keep trucks off 2nd street.
6. Many cities have installed Yellow Flashing Crosswalk lights/signs that are activated by pushing a button on either side of the road. 1st street is already an optional bypass and by encouraging cars/trucks to take that route will deter many potential customers from the shops and restaurants on Hwy 14. Removing the stop sign at Russell would lead to potentially deadly accidents, both auto/truck and pedestrian when we should be encouraging safe access to the waterfront. Sidewalks on Russell to Cascade are another liability for the city and should be repaired asap.
7. I think all east bound truck traffic should be sent onto 1st street. I have seen this done in California. its really quite simple. its called a truck route. oh wait, even Carson has one! and I see trucks use it everyday. I do not hear businesses there complaining. come on, its time to put real people and their quality of life first. I cant believe visitors enjoy truck after truck interrupting their views and conversations. this will impact their desire to come back in a negative way.
8. Install a stoplight/pedestrian traffic signal on 2nd and hwy 14. The bucket of flags is ridiculous.
9. Truck traffic sign directing trucks to 1st Street
10. It might help to have more of the speed flashers half way through town and on first street. After the stop sign people get moving quite fast heading east. They also travel pretty fast going west on 1st Street.
11. Replace the stop sign with light. Add lights to 2nd street at busiest spots, probably Columbia and or Rock Creek.
12. Keep Oregon trucks in Oregon. Continue to contact legislators for a congressional bi state fix.
13. Force WSP and SCSO enforce current laws for traffic on SR 14 and 2nd Street
14. Trucks should have a reduced speed of 20 miles per hour and we should have volunteers record how many trucks pass through town between 9-6 to establish a baseline for eastbound traveling and westbound traveling trucks
15. Please take a good look at the traffic on Russell and first street in regard to the traffic patterns involved with truck traffic trying to turn onto first street. traffic often backs up to first street from the railroad tracks while waiting for a train to pass. I also see some car try to go up the wrong way on Russell almost every day even with the stop signs. I am available to give you my perspective of traffic on south Russell and first street anytime. rick 4278097

16. Establish two hour parking on 2nd street. Make business employees park elsewhere.
17. Removing the stop sign and pushing trucks in that direction will create a speedway. We have the EMS and Fire Dept plus many of the tourist from the boat on 1st. Leave the stop sign and start writing tickets to the speeding trucks. Perhaps some speed bumps and a ton of tickets will discourage trucks from speeding through Stevenson.
18. Strategically placed speed bumps on 2nd and 1st streets or a roundabout would help.
19. Slow vehicles down by traffic control. Widen 2nd st. by removing corner kickouts. Discourage truck traffic from using SR14 through town.
20. Remove sidewalk kickouts on 2nd street. Hire law enforcement officer for Stevenson. Contact State officials to remove truck traffic from SR14. More law enforcement!!! More law enforcement!!! More law enforcement!!!.
21. I feel you need a stop on 2nd street as that would slow down traffic through town, like it used to be. If you don't have stops on both streets it turns into a race track. It should be mandatory that all trucks use 1st street. Trucks now travel way to fast through town.
22. Directing trucks onto 1st st does not resolve the problem. The city needs more stop signs to deter trucks! Quit enabling trucks traffic. Hire an enforcement cop who can write tickets. If bingen can do it, so can we. Hire a city administrator that lives in the county to avoid the appearance of indifference.
23. Get the truck traffic off of Highway 14 except for local deliveries. The cities & counties all along Hwy 14 should be working with the state to resolve this safety problem. Truck traffic on 1st st will not encourage new business to locate there. Put up more stop signs not less. This idiotic proposal was already previously decided!!!
24. Is not #2 already true?
25. through town speed limit should be 20 mph on 2nd and 25 on 1st ave
26. Raise speed limit on 1st street to 35 MPH after removing the stop sign.
27. Rent a cop! Police our streets. Pull some of these trucks over. Get Olympia to raise fuel taxes.
28. it would be foolish to remove a stop sign when clearly the real issue is enforcment. A stop sign that brings people to a halt for pedestrians is much more effective than a flag carried by a pedestrian. The issue of enforcement has not been resolved. Perhaps instead of removing one stop sign on 1st Street you might add a stop light on 2nd Street or maybe 2 or 3 stop signs.
29. Speed bumps, more flashing signs. I believe the 1st Street truck route is the best solution.
30. The speed feedback signs I think are a very good addition. I think taking the stop sign out on 1st street will cause traffic to "race" down that street even faster. Most vehicles that use 1st street destroy the 25 mph speed limit even WITH the stop sign. The pedestrian flags=waste of money. My observations this spring have been Oregon plated vehciles driving like hell through downtown! Consider lowering the speed limit even lower to 20mph, like a school zone. Going 20 would kinda suck, but it would help slow traffic down overall. The area between Andrew's Pizza and the crossing seems to be the "danger zone" for pedestrians. No crosswalk between A&J and the pharmacy, narrow roadway, mixed with a lot of pedestian traffic back and fourth across the street makes this stretch very dangerous when trying to get out of your car and cross the street. I think lowering the speed to 20 is the only way to get folks to truely low the heck down. Even the Oregon plates that don't seem to give a rip about pedestrian safety in this town. Not to say there aren't a far share of

WA plates that don't give a rip. Getting the Eastbound trucks to 1st street would be GREAT, but KEEP the stop sign. Boo-hoo that they have to stop.

31. I DO NOT SUPPORT 1st Street for ONLY Eastbound traffic, Require all commercial traffic use 1st St, except for local deliveries and buses. Make 1st Street a two way business bypass for east & west traffic. Add Stop Signs on 2nd St at Russell and the Chevron Station. Also put a Ped Xing sign at crosswalks in between. The ends of 2nd St would need to be redesigned to merge onto 1st St on exiting town at either end.
32. Make it mandatory for trucks to use first st, don't take out the stop sign as that will slow them down.
33. Make 1st and 2nd Streets one way.
34. encourage 2nd street business owners and employees to park on 1st street --
35. re #3:if stop sign is removed traffic will go faster. There are people who walk to/from river and boat, to/from post ofc. Let alone cars who get their mail and need to get onto First St.
36. Angle parking on Russell Ave. between Second St. and First St.
37. Roundabouts..
38. Most locals aren't using the flags. No flags are used in Hood River where traffic yields to pedestrians much more than what I've seen in Stevenson. Changing the mindset of the locals to yield to pedestrians is where focus should be.
39. 20 mph speed!!!!
40. No grown adult is going to use those silly flags. I would like to see flashing crosswalks. We have some lovely areas that we would like to sit in downtown, we can't with the truck traffic, just too loud and unsafe. Please, please do this by summer. Stevenson is so beautiful and we want to see our guests love it too, safely.
41. none
42. One way couplets
43. Traffic Light on Second & Russell
44. 1st Street should be one way Eastbound, 2nd St should be one way westbound
45. The issue is speed of the trucks. Making all trucks use First street will not slow them down, especially if the stop sign is removed. It will only move the hazard to another street and make it worse by putting all trucks there. Currently, there is mixed use of both roads. If we do anything more, it should be a sustainable fix (not reliant on police enforcement), such as the roundabout idea, or if all trucks were on First, there should be speed bumps, or the speed on 14 and First should be reduced to 15 mph. We must admit that we have businesses located on a major state highway--more thought needs to be given to where to locate a business by businesses. We also live next to a major railroad. These are choices we have made. We could choose to avoid them by locating further away. Maybe the city should look at expanding commercial zones if that would help, away from trains and trucks.
46. I have seen over the years pedestrians especially children trying to cross. I think push button flashers for pedestrians. Run by solar power
47. stop light at 2nd & Russell.

48. I feel safer crossing streets here than i do in other towns.
49. instead of yellow flags we should have yellow flashing lights at cross walks
50. Add a stop light to 2nd Street and Russle. Add full time enforcement with ticket taking cameras or dedicated city patrol.
51. put a signal light at the intersection of sr14 and Russell.
52. pedestrian overpass
53. Make 2nd and 1st one way's
54. Have 1 st and 2 nd streets as one way traffic routes
55. Move that speed radar when your coming into Stevenson from Carson farther back. Also, these stop light on high bridge are really ridiculous. And should be removed at night, and never come back
56. Semi trucks route on 1st, not through town
57. One way traffic east,one way traffic west.
58. 1st Street for both East and Westbound trucks.
59. Put in flashing lights, flashing light strips for pedestrian cross walks. People would push a button to activate it.
60. Make the couplet an actual couplet, with two lanes of westbound traffic on 2nd Street, and two lanes of eastbound traffic on 1st Street. While businesses on 2nd Street might initially be concerned about a loss of business, 1st Street will see growth. Any growth is good for the sustainability of our businesses in town. Right now it is currently IMPOSSIBLE to make a left turn off Russell onto 2nd Street at most times of day. Downtown parking prevents a clear view down the street to see oncoming traffic. It's just a mess.
61. The stop sign on 1st needs to stay because of all of the pedestrian traffic coming off the ships in the summer, as well as those walking down to the port area. Not to mention, removing the stop sign would make it extremely difficult in the summer/tourist season for vehicles to get off of Russell Avenue from the railroad tracks and post office. The few seconds it takes to stop there is necessary. As far as pedestrian safety, INSTALL PUSH BUTTON SIGNALS that will flash when a pedestrian is wanting to cross the street! Those flags are the most ridiculous things I have ever seen, what are we supposed to do, throw them at the people that refuse to stop?! Stand in the middle of the road waving them at the cars? Those flags don't make the lack of visibility for drivers trying to see pedestrians waiting to cross any better. A flashing signal will! When road work was being done, there were signs for through traffic trucks to take 1st avenue at the end of town. That worked well before.
62. why don't you do what Camas does and have super bright LED Flashing lights on all the pedestrian cross walks!!!
63. It is a numbers game. To many numbers of vehicles in a confined space. One idea I thought was elegant is expansion of the bypass to the main thru street. Install L ight system at the main intersection. Promote the "Old town" or old towne loop, as the side street that is pedestrian friendly.
64. Install a speed trap.

65. The bypass was paid for by the state to use as a thru street without stop signs, lights, etc.....USE IT THAT WAY
66. I think there should be traffic lights on 2nd. Maybe more than one. Getting out of the grocery store and across the street is hard for cars too. The tourist season is just going to make it worse. The road is too narrow. Can't see pedestrians standing between cars. Darn scary trying to get in or out of your car on the road. The only thing I can think of is one way traffic. When the road was narrowed to put bigger sidewalks, I thought the plan was to have one way roads. That would be less traffic at one time on 2nd.
67. Can Stevenson afford to hire our own traffic only safety officer?
68. Make 1st st. one way east & 2nd st. one way west
69. slow down traffic
70. Really promote and advertise to our trucking community that we no longer have a stop sign on first. That is just the stupidest stop sign ever. We don't have one on second so why have one on first?
71. It's very hard to see cars coming from the west at the bottom of the hill on Russell and second. I think the bushes impede the view of traffic for those wanting to go straight and continue on Russell to go to the post office. Cars and trucks do not go 25 through town!
72. Make First Street a truck friendly zone by allowing vendors with carts, trailers, kiosks or other small-scale businesses to sell food, coffee and other goods to truckers. Allow them to park on First overnight (without their engines running).
73. If the stop sign were removed on 1st at Russell, AND a blinking red light and stop were added to SR14 at Russell, the trucks would take 1st through town. (I say this realizing that WSDOT might not agree to do that, but I wish they would. It would make that whole intersection so much safer.)
74. Pulling out of Russell Ave onto 2nd Street needs fixed before someone is killed. We put cement blocks that no one can see around in a regular sized car. The bushes there get overgrown and you can't see around them. Parked car space is too close to the intersection so when you are pulling out of Russell Ave onto 2nd Street if there is a truck there and you're in a car you can not see. I have to pull out of there every day and I have to be almost into the center of the road before I can see. I have cars that pull up on my right side which makes it even harder. That is the main place in Stevenson I see the biggest issue first!!! Then by El Rio and Big River Grill. I suggest officers enforce the speed limit law to the truckers that come through town as well. Or drop the speed limit to 20.
75. Removing the stop sign because of a vocal minority is a stupid decision. Without the availability of signage on 2nd Street or SR14 how would truck traffic know to use First Street anyway. Stop cowering to the vocal few about this issue and move on to other important issues for the City of Stevenson
76. get rid of the vegetation on the corners so cars can see traffic coming from east and west
77. more clearly mark the pedestrian crossing at 2nd and Russell
78. As a regular driver in Stevenson, I think the radar feedback signs are excellent. As a regular pedestrian, I think the pedestrian flags are worthless. I would like to see tangible evidence that the Sheriff's office has increased enforcement; I don't believe it. If you can't "require" east-bound trucks to use 1st Street, can you at least put up a sign to "encourage" the activity?

79. You are paying 140,000 for police have them enforce traffic rules in town. or hire your own police dept. we are paying a lot for city on our property tax and you are not doing your job
80. Do not encourage eastbound tourists to skip over our local businesses.
81. Add a stoplight at the courthouse and have a bypass, and it will magically redirect the majority of the traffic.
82. Re-route trucks on first street and your problems are solved
83. Na
84. pedestrians seem to lack common sense, step out right into traffic, are they impaired?
85. increased speed patrols, still a lot of speeding semi's and cars going through.