



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

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Dear Community Members:

Motorists receiving speeding tickets at the northbound intersection of Highway 99W and Tualatin-Sherwood Road expressed concern that northbound signage was inadequate to warn of a temporary speed limit change from 45 mph to 35 mph to protect road crews. Construction has been ongoing at the intersection since 2021 and is being carried out by Washington County with the support of ODOT and the City of Sherwood.

When the concerns reached the City, the City Attorney's office started a review. After review, the City Attorney asked the Sherwood Municipal Court judge to dismiss speed radar citations for northbound travel at the intersection between October 2 and December 8, 2023, so long as the citations were issued for less than 56mph. The judge granted the dismissal.

Speed radar at the intersection was reactivated October 2. It was brought to the City's attention that the County's contractor inadvertently installed speed limit signs in a manner that may have made it difficult for some drivers travelling northbound on HWY 99W to see. Signage was acceptable for southbound traffic. ODOT lifted the reduced speed limit December 8. Speed radar is working at the intersection.

The City views speed radar as an effective way to encourage compliance, keep citizens safe and preserve valuable police time.

The City values transparency, citizen input and the opportunity to do what's fair and right. We are proud of our community and our citizens. Thank you for making Sherwood a great place to work and live.

Next week, City staff will post answers to frequently asked questions.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Rosener
Mayor