

DBR Left Turning Lane Issue

August 12, 2019 - Call to Washington State Department of Transportation Maintenance Facilities

- Standard length and width of a left-hand turning lane: **11' wide, 100' long with another 50' of taper.**

August 13, 2019 - Received call from Julie @ DOT. She indicated that DOT Engineer, John Tevis, @ 360 705-7460, will have the answers we are looking for. She has asked him to call me.

- WSDOT John Tevis called: He stated that if we found that the current turning lane is not 11' x 100' then call the traffic engineer, Steve Kim @ 360 357-2670. Steve will have to submit a project to fix the lane.
- It may be that our turn lane was designed for our needs and the standard was not used. However, after repaving, the left turn lane does not accommodate our needs and we want the lane width to return to how it was before the repave. The lane should accommodate large RV's and trucks.

August 13, 2019 - eMail from John Tevis, attached, provides a summary of our discussion. Also, email includes an exhibit that provides information regarding standards for width and length measurements for a left hand turning lane at an intersection.

August 14, 2019 - Current width and length of the left hand turn lane into DBR is: **Lane width = 8'2 and Lane Length = 100' with an approximate 50' taper.**

Through lanes width dimensions: Eastbound = 11'7, Westbound 11'

August 15, 2019 – Called Steve Kim. Left voice mail regarding our findings and asked him to please return my call as soon as possible.

- 08/15/19-Steve Kim returned my call. He asked if the turning lane was really only 8'2 wide. I confirmed that it is. He sounded very concerned and is sending out an engineer to measure and confirm our findings. He said he would call me soon and let us know when they have a plan to make it wider.
- 08/19/19-I will call Steve on Monday, August 19th, and ask for an update and to refer him to Jeri Nieberding for any further status updates or questions the WSDOT may have.
- 08/19/19 – Left message for Steve Kim to call me regarding status of the left turning lane.
- 8/20/19 – Steve Kim returned call: Staff was sent yesterday to measure the width of the lane. They reported 8'4 to Steve. Steve said that this was not regulation and they are moving forward to repair the width of the lane. He did not indicate when, but to be watching for it.