

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 7, 2026	3.d

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Public Hearing for Consideration to Approve the Vacation of a Portion of South 1st Street – Would Require Enactment of Ordinance

SUMMARY:

The City Council, on behalf of the property owner Waste Connections, initiated a right of way vacation for a portion of South 1st Street, south of its intersection with Lockhart Avenue that terminates at the Coalbank Slough. Staff is requesting Council hold a public hearing and, after taking public comment/testimony, consider enactment of proposed ordinance to vacate the improved right of way.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, hold a public hearing to take comments, and if desired enact an ordinance providing for the vacation of South 1st Street between Lockhart Avenue and Coalbank Slough.

BACKGROUND:

On January 20, 2026, City Council, on behalf of the property owner Waste Connections, initiated a right of way vacation request for South 1st Street between Lockhart Avenue and Coalbank Slough. Waste Connections is proposing upgrades to their facility and the vacation of this portion of South 1st Street is necessary to accommodate a modernized facility design and improve circulation. Comments were sought from all City departments and staff is recommending approval with conditions. Comments were also solicited from local utilities companies; Pacific Power requested that acceptable access to their facilities is maintained, remaining utilities stated no objections. As the vacation is within 1,000 feet of the shoreline, the city is required to seek input from the International Port of Coos Bay. The Port Commission considered and approved the vacation application at their February 19, 2026 Commission meeting. At the writing of this staff report, City staff had received no public comments for or objections to the proposed vacation.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Ord S. 1st Street Vacation.pdf
- Posted_Notice
- Public Hearing Notice
- Exhibit Map