

CITY OF COOS BAY TREE BOARD

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
March 25, 2026	3.c

TO: Chair Vandervelden & Board Members

FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

ISSUE: ODOT Tree Removal Request.

SUMMARY:

ODOT submitted a request to remove two trees located within the right-of-way along northbound US Highway 101 near Fir Avenue.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Board, approve the staff recommendation to remove two trees located within the right-of-way along US 101 near Fir Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested the removal of two trees located within the ODOT right-of-way along northbound US Highway 101 near the intersection of Fir Avenue. This request is associated with the upcoming ODOT US101/OR540 ADA Curb Ramp Project (K22570), which will construct and upgrade ADA-compliant curb ramps at multiple locations throughout the Coos Bay and North Bend area. The project includes replacing several existing ADA ramps and installing new ramps where they do not currently exist. One of the locations identified for improvement is near the intersection of Fir Avenue and US 101. At this location, ODOT will install an enhanced pedestrian crossing that will include ADA-compliant curb ramps, a continental-style crosswalk, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). The two trees proposed for removal are located near the intersection and, when fully leafed, create a visibility conflict between pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Staff supports the removal of these trees to improve sight distance and allow for the proposed pedestrian safety improvements.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- ODOT Fir Ave Tree Removal Request
- 101_Tree Removal_GIS Map.pdf
- ODOT Plans for Enhanced Crossing.pdf
- Picture Looking North.pdf
- Picture Looking South.pdf