

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
May 19, 2026	5.e

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

FROM: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to Approve an Amendment for the Front Street Improvements Final Design Project

SUMMARY:

Council will consider approval of an amendment from David Evans and Associates for the Front Street Improvements Final Design Project. The project proposes improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Front Street between Cedar and Fir Avenue. The amendment will include design work for a boardwalk and overlook along the bayside of Front Street and regulatory permit processing.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council approve the Addendum Number 3 for David Evans and Associates for an amount not to exceed of \$325,401.

BACKGROUND:

Last October, the City Council awarded the Front Street Improvements Final Design project to David Evans and Associates (DEA). The project includes development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Front Street between Cedar and Fir Avenue. Since beginning final design, the project team has identified several design refinements as well as additional tasks that were not included in the original scope of work. These additional items include obtaining an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Crossing Order, securing regulatory agency permits, and completing boardwalk and overlook design. These items were intentionally excluded from the original scope because the extent of the required work was unknown at the start of design.

As design has progressed, the proposed traffic configuration at Fir Avenue has evolved from a one-way in/one-way out intersection to a one-way out intersection. This modification is expected to improve safety; however, ODOT has determined that a Crossing Order will be required as part of the approval process. In addition, the project team has met with several regulatory agencies regarding permitting requirements. The original intent was to rely on environmental and elevation data developed for adjacent projects, including the Coos Bay Village and Coos History Museum projects. However, that information places high water levels along Front Street, which is not accurate. As a result, new wetland delineations and related environmental analysis are required to establish updated and realistic high-water elevations.

The design has also evolved to include a boardwalk and overlook along the bayside of the corridor. These features are consistent with the Front Street Blueprint and existing boardwalk improvements located north and south of the project area. If incorporated into the final project, these elements will require additional geotechnical investigation and structural engineering design. Lastly, supplemental survey work is necessary to support the revised design and environmental permitting efforts.

Attached to this staff report is the proposed contract addendum. The document is identified as

Addendum No. 3. Addendum Nos. 1 and 2 were previously executed to address on-street and off-street parking analysis completed earlier this year. Those addendums did not increase the contract amount and only reallocated existing tasks. Approval of Addendum No. 3 would increase the total design contract from \$332,948 to \$657,989. If approved, final design is anticipated to be completed later this year, with construction bidding expected to occur in Spring 2027.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Funds for this addendum will come for the Downtown Capital Projects Fund 57, Front Street Improvements (57-940-530-3107).

ATTACHMENT(S):

- DEA Front Street Final Design Agreement
- DEA Amendment No 3 Front Street Design