

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
January 20, 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 Initiate a Vacation for a Portion of South 1st Street

SUMMARY:

Council will consider initiating a vacation for a portion of S. 1st Street south of its intersection with Lockhart Avenue that terminates at the Coalbank Slough.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, initiate the process to begin a street vacation for the portion of South 1st Street between Lockhart Avenue and Coalbank Slough.

BACKGROUND:

The existing Waste Connections Transfer Station utilizes a portion of South 1st Street approximately 540 feet in length, located between Lockhart Avenue and Coalbank Slough (see attached exhibit). This segment of South 1st Street does not provide through access or broader vehicular connectivity for the general public. Waste Connections owns all six parcels that abut this portion of the public right-of-way.

Waste Connections is proposing upgrades to its transfer station facility and has requested that the City Council initiate the vacation of this portion of South 1st Street (see attached). The proposed vacation is necessary to accommodate a modernized facility design that improves internal circulation and enhances institutional controls in support of public safety and environmental stewardship. A formal request to initiate the street vacation, submitted by Waste Connections' consultant, is attached to this staff report.

If the Council is agreeable, a street vacation process can be initiated pursuant to Coos Bay Municipal Code Title 12.45. Council initiation of the vacation would provide an advantage by reducing the redevelopment and construction timeline for the upgraded transfer station. Upon initiation, affected property owners would be notified, and the Council would conduct a public hearing at a future meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Vacation Exhibit
- S 1st Street Vacation Initiation Request