

	Agenda Title:	Agenda Date:
	Mason Ave. Handicap Ramps	February 19, 2026
	Subject/Proposal/Request:	
	Construct three handicap ramps on Mason Avenue.	
Town of Cape Charles	Attachments:	For Council:
	Location photographs.	Action: X Information:
	Staff Contact(s):	Reviewed by:
	Bob Panek, Project Manager	Rick Keuroglan, Town Manager

Background:

At the Special Meeting of February 5, 2026, Council reviewed options for upgrading the electrical service for street lighting and tree lighting on Mason Avenue. Included were several corrective actions to make the electrical work less costly and improve pedestrian accessibility. This entailed reducing the size of the existing planting beds on the north side, constructing two ramps at the handicap parking spaces on the north side, and one ramp at the Strawberry Street crosswalk on the south side. Council asked that this work be packaged as a separate project and that VDOT be requested to fund the three handicap ramps.

Item Specifics:

Subsequently, Mayor Charney requested that construction of the three handicap ramps be brought back to Council for consideration to improve access for our handicapped residents and visitors in the near term. The ramps would be located close to the Library and the Palace Theatre on the north side, and at the west crosswalk to Strawberry Street Plaza on the south side (photos are attached). These are all popular, high-traffic destinations. The estimated construction cost is \$30,000.

Several potential funding sources are available. About \$3,800 remains after completion of the stump removal project. This would need to be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. Bids for the priority segments of the sidewalk infill project on Fig Street and Madison Avenue are expected to be less than the \$100,000 budgeted. Bids were due February 17. And, the full \$164,000 budgeted for the Mason Avenue electrical upgrade remains unexpended. The rough estimate for the Harbor Ave. to Bay Ave. work, including light poles and power pedestals is \$85,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council consider constructing the three handicap ramps this fiscal year.