



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: ODOT US 20/OR 228 ADA Ramp Project Water Line Relocations

Preferred Agenda: February 1, 2022

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion ____ Roll Call ____ Other X

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: Goal 3.2: Community Safety

Attachments: Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement US 20/Oregon Route 228 Region2 ADA Curb Ramps
Plans for Proposed Main Street/22nd Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to inform the Council about recent developments with the ODOT US 20 / OR 228 ADA Curb Ramps project, which will incorporate pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Main Street (US 20) and 22nd Avenue.

Background/Context:

ODOT is methodically working to update ADA ramps to meet current guidelines throughout the state. Sweet home is next on the list, so to speak. Additionally, over the past several years, the City has dealt with several complaints and requests to make the intersection of Main Street and 22nd Avenue safer for pedestrians. Because this crossing is within the Main Street right-of-way, it is within ODOT's jurisdiction, and must comply with ODOT requirements. Staff has been working with ODOT to solidify designs. The pedestrian crossing will include an island ("pedestrian refuge") in the middle of Main Street, and a user-activated flashing beacon.

Recently, Councilor Sanchez worked with our state representatives, Representative Cate and Senator Girod, to obtain ARPA funding for this project. Because ODOT is already in the midst of a project in this area, to replace ADA ramps on Main Street, the desired pedestrian improvements have been added to that project. The ARPA funding for the 22nd Avenue pedestrian safety project from the state will pass through the City to ODOT to design and construct the improvements.

Recently, ODOT contacted the City and notified Staff that some water infrastructure within their US 20 and OR 228 rights-of-way would need to be moved in order to make way for the improved ADA ramps. Because we are the utility operating in another jurisdiction's right-of-way, we are required to move our infrastructure. This includes 7 or 8 hydrants, 2 mainline valves, 8

water meters, moving lines in some areas where they may conflict with storm drain infrastructure.

The timeline on this project puts this work within the next Fiscal Year.

The Challenge/Problem:

How does the City, as Water Utility, comply with the requirements of ODOT, the entity that has control over the US 20 and OR 228 rights-of-way?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for approving agreements with other governmental agencies, and for authorizing the work that will accomplish its goals.
- Sweet Home Residents – Residents deserve pedestrian crossings that are safe for both pedestrians and motorists.
- Sweet Home Staff – Staff work to address residents’ concerns and accomplish the Council’s goals.
- ODOT– ODOT has jurisdiction over any improvements made within the US 20 and OR 228 rights-of-way.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

It is still a bit early to know exactly how much the required improvements will cost, but Staff estimates it will be around \$150,000-\$200,000. There are multiple funding options for this work, which will need to be determined through the budget process.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes complying with the requirements of the roadway authority (ODOT) at a reasonable cost.

Options and Recommendation:

No action by the Council is needed at this time. Staff will continue to work with ODOT to ensure that the needed work is as cost-effective as possible. The costs of this project will need to be included in the next fiscal year budget.