



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Amendment to ODOT US 20/OR 228 ADA Ramp IGA

Preferred Agenda: December 13, 2022

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Reviewed By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

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

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: Goal 3.2: Community Safety

Attachments: Proposed Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement US 20/Oregon Route 228 Region2 ADA Curb Ramps
Original IGA

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to request Council approval of an Amendment to the City's existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ODOT for the construction of 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. In October, 2021, the City entered into an IGA with ODOT for their project to update ADA ramps on Hwy 20 (Main Street) and Hwy 228 (Holley Road). 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. When the IGA was approved, ODOT agreed to add a pedestrian crossing to this intersection to the existing ramp project. This addition is being funded by ARPA funds obtained by Councilor Sanchez through our state representatives, Representative Cate and Senator Girod, to obtain ARPA funding for this project. \$500,000 in ARPA funding for the 22nd Avenue pedestrian safety project from the state has already been received by the City and will be passed on to ODOT to pay for the improvements.

Because funding for this addition to ODOT's ramp project was not received when the original IGA was signed, an amendment to the original IGA is necessary. ODOT has supplied the proposed amendment, which City Staff have reviewed.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City amend its current IGA with ODOT for the construction, future maintenance, and electricity costs of a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Main Street and 22nd Avenue?

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 right-of-way.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The construction of the improvements will not require any City funding, however, under the proposed agreement, future maintenance and electricity will be a City responsibility. The City currently pays for street lighting along Main Street, and staff estimate that the flashing beacon will cost no more than a typical streetlight.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes an approved agreement with ODOT that will improve the safety of the Main Street and 22nd Avenue intersection for pedestrians.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – The agreement will not be approved, and ODOT will not complete the pedestrian crossing improvements at the Main Street/22nd Avenue intersection.
2. Approve the proposed Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement 34892 with ODOT as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign it – Approving the amendment as proposed will allow ODOT to move forward with the project, and complete construction on the new pedestrian crossing.
3. Approve the proposed Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement 34892 with ODOT with changes and authorize the City Manager to sign it – Approving the agreement with stated changes, if they are acceptable to ODOT, will move the project forward, and ODOT will complete construction of the new pedestrian crossing.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Motion to Approve the proposed Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement 34892 with ODOT as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign it.