



**Agenda Item A.2**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: October 15, 2025**

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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Luz “Nina” Buelna, Public Works Director

**PREPARED BY:** Paul Medel, Public Works Manager

**SUBJECT:** Street Maintenance Division Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file a report regarding street tree maintenance activities during January through September 2025.

**DISCUSSION:**

Tree Maintenance

From October 2024 through June 30, 2025, the City of Goleta’s street tree maintenance contractor, West Coast Arborists (WCA), completed tree pruning in Zone 2. This area comprises almost 2,100 trees starting from west of Glen Annie Road, north of Calle Real, south of Cathedral Oaks, and west of U.S. Route 101. This area features an extensive number of older Shamel Ash trees and a Bottle Brush tree.

In July 2025, WCA began pruning Zones 4 and 5, which are located East of Los Carneros Road, West of Kellogg Avenue, and South of Calle Real, extending northward. These Zones comprise approximately 1,800 trees in Zone 4 and 1,100 trees in Zone 5, totaling approximately 2,900 trees. The focus is on starting to prune the larger trees, such as liquidambar, Chinese elms, and melaleuca trees. This work is essential as we head towards the winter months, when winter storms frequently cause downed branches and topple heavy trees. Reduction of the canopies and thinning of these trees is vital to protect the health and safety of our urban forest.

2025 Arterial Pavement Project

A total of 13 street trees along the 2025 Arterial Pavement Project corridor were removed due to health and safety concerns, as arborist evaluations found significant root damage and instability that posed risks to the public. The City will host a Tree Replanting Open House on October 28, 2025, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. at the Goleta Union School District Boardroom to engage residents in selecting appropriate replacement tree species that follow the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).

Public Works Street Division Crew

The Public Works Street Division has also been busy during the summer months and is now preparing for winter. The crew has conducted tree lifting and reductions that encroach on the City's sidewalks and bike paths. The crews have now started pruning back larger eucalyptus and other trees that encroach on City sidewalks and bike paths before the winter-month storms. The purchase of the Street Division trailer boom has been an asset to our City. City crews have been focusing on right-of-way infrastructure maintenance work, while the City's contractor has been concentrating on street tree pruning.

Approved By:



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Public Works Director