



**TO:** Public Tree Advisory Commissioners

**SUBMITTED BY:** Luz "Nina" Buelna, Interim Public Works Director

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**SUBJECT:** Street Maintenance Division Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file a report regarding the Street Maintenance Division Report.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Goleta (City) has 5 zones of street trees that are maintained. Starting in July 2023, the Street Maintenance division focused on trimming trees at the Goleta Community Center, Rainbow School, and in targeted areas in zone 4 and zone 2. The Street Maintenance division began a work effort with West Coast Arborist that consisted of trimming approximately 360 Liquid Amber and an additional 40 Chinese Elm trees that were located in zone 4. This work effort was created to address the heavy growth that the Liquid Amber and Chinese Elm trees have accumulated over the past three years, resulting in a large number of limb and tree failures during the latter part of 2023 and early part of 2024.

Street Maintenance staff also addressed the larger Ash trees in zone 2 before the heavy winter rain events. Starting in July 2024, West Coast Arborist has started trimming the remainder of zone 2. Upon completion of zone 2, zones 4 and 5 will begin to complete the yearly trimming schedule.

During the February and March 2024 winter storms, the Street Maintenance division and City contractors responded to downed trees and fallen limbs. A total of 13 downed trees and 11 fallen limbs in the public right of way and two private large eucalyptus trees that blocked a road in the City were addressed as part of the winter storm response.