



Agenda Item A.2
Discussion Item
Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

TO: Chair and Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission

FROM: Charles W. Ebeling P.E., T.E., Director of Public Works

CONTACT: Paul Medel, Public Works Manager

SUBJECT: Street Maintenance Division Managers Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report regarding urban forest activities and initiatives in the Street Maintenance Division during the first quarter of 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Storm Damage

Winter rainstorms and wind events have affected street trees in the city parkway strips that the Public Works Street Division maintains. During these events, several large and small street trees have fallen due to wet and high wind conditions. To date, the Street Maintenance Division lost 21 street trees during three storm events since the beginning of 2023. Street Maintenance Division staff and contracted tree maintenance crews respond to downed trees and limbs to clear the public right of way and ensure safe access.

Public Right of Way Vegetation Maintenance

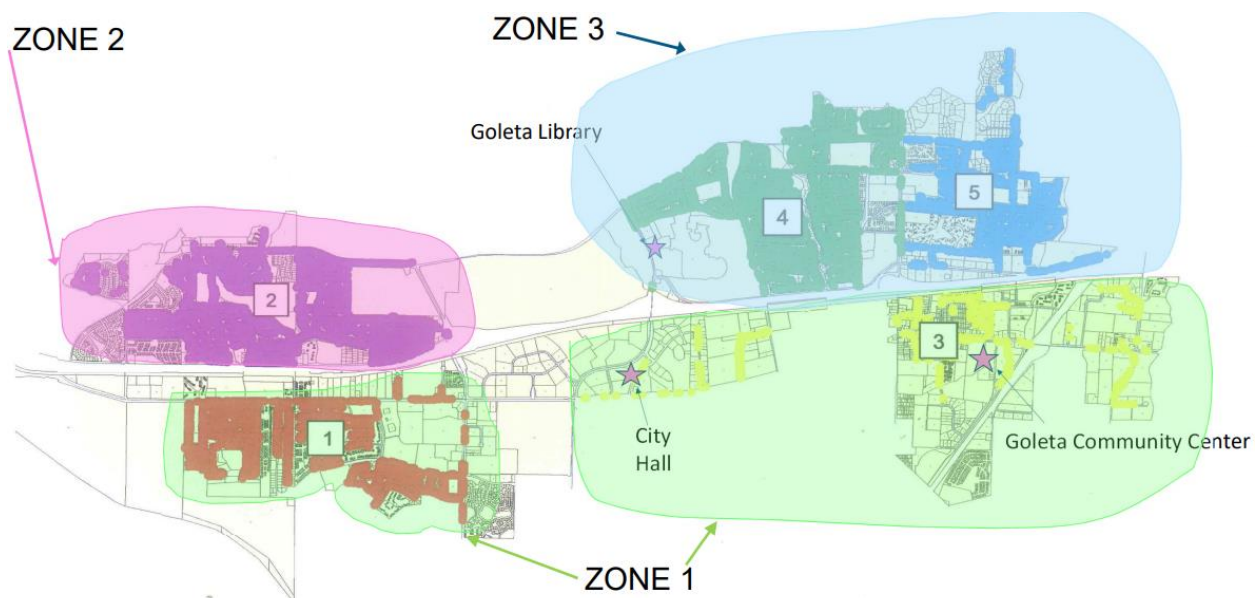
In September 2022, the Street Maintenance Division requested proposals from contractors for vegetation removal, tree lifting, and weed abatement along Calle Real Street, between Valdez Avenue and north of La Patera Lane, as well as poison oak removal, vegetation removal, and tree lifting along the Maria Ignacio Creek bike path that runs under Hollister Avenue. This work was successfully completed by Nick's Tree Care during the last two weeks of January 2023.

Old Town Goleta Tree Plantings

The Public Works Department is scheduled to complete its tree planting project for Hollister Avenue in Old Town Goleta in the coming month. The Public Tree Advisory Commission approved the proposed tree species in 2021. Chinese pistache, ginko, and “Marina” madrone are the approved species. This corridor has been an area in need of trees for many years and the addition of these trees will provide an aesthetic improvement.

Street Tree Maintenance

Trimming of street trees in Zone 1 (1,304 trees) was completed in the last quarter of 2022. The trimming of Zone 3 trees, which includes 694 trees, will take place in the coming months. The street tree inventory count will also be completed during this timeframe. This inventory will provide the Public Works Department with accurate counts of existing trees, allow for improved maintenance records, and identify tree well locations in the parkway that do not currently have trees.



Approved By:

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Charles W. Ebeling P.E., T.E., Director of Public Works