Palm Avenue

Tree Removal & Sidewalk Repair Plan
Sidewalk Repair Project

- Sidewalks, curbs and gutters are damaged due to street trees that have outgrown parkways
- Impacts of damaged hardscape
  - Tripping hazards on sidewalks
  - Inability for vehicles to park along curbs
  - Disrupted flow of run-off
  - Damage to private property
- Short-term solutions can impact tree health (i.e. root-pruning) and require recurring costs of ongoing maintenance (i.e. grinding sidewalks, replacing panels)
- FY 14/15 Budget includes $500,000 to repair damaged sidewalks, curbs and gutters
**Original Plan:** Removal of 5 Camphor trees (2 on north side of street and 3 on south side of street)

100 Block of West Palm Avenue
(Westbound from Main Street)
Modified Plan: Removal of 1 Camphor tree (Most Easterly tree on south side of street)

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(Westbound from Main Street)
Modified Plan Solutions

(1) Creative Sidewalk Solution on the Library Park Side to allow trees #2 and #3 enough room for roots to remain intact

(2) Work with property owners at 111 W. Palm Ave. to reduce tripping hazards on North side to keep trees #4 and #5
Tree #1

Reasons for Removal

- Severe Curb & Gutter Damage
- Severe Sidewalk Damage
- City Arborist Opinions
  - Root pruning would comprise tree stability
  - Relocation of sidewalk would entail subsequent tree removals and significant landscape modifications
  - Tree has been “topped” due to overhead utility lines and is in decline
Modified Plan

City Council Discussion & Questions