



# Cottage Grove Safe Routes to Schools Project – Right-of-Way & Easement Information

**WHO:** You and the City of Cottage Grove

**WHAT:** In 2016, City Council directed City staff to install/repair/replace sidewalks, driveways and ADA accessible ramps at intersections to provide safe pedestrian travel for school children. The City is applying for the Oregon Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant, which would greatly reduce costs to all parties involved. Additionally, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act requires that cities move toward full compliance with ADA accessibility standards.

**WHERE:**



**WHY:** Preliminary design of the project has identified areas where the City of Cottage Grove may need to purchase right-of-way from some property owners in order to construct the proper facilities to meet ADA standards and City standards throughout the project area. A requirement of the grant mentioned above, is to make contact with property owners where more right-of-way is possibly needed.

**NEXT:** **The City will be hosting an open house on Monday, October 8, 2018, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 E Main St.**

## PROJECT DETAILS:

- 5 foot wide continuous sidewalk system
- ADA Compliance with Surface Standards: tripping, cross-slope, smoothness
- ADA Compliance at intersections, crosswalks
- ADA Compliant driveway approaches

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S):**

Q. WHAT IS RIGHT-OF-WAY?

A. According to City of Cottage Grove Municipal Code: 12.03.020 Public rights-of-way defined – "Public rights-of-way" include, but are not limited to, streets, roads, highways, bridges, alleys, **sidewalks**, trails, paths, public easements and all other public ways or areas, including the subsurface under and air space over these areas. (Ord. 2789 § 2, 1996)

Q. WHY WOULD THE CITY NEED TO GET MORE RIGHT-OF-WAY IF THERE IS ALREADY A SIDEWALK ON MY PROPERTY?

A. The City's goal is to create a continuous and ADA compliant accessible 5' wide sidewalk within the project area. To meet this standards, addition width will require more space on your property than was originally dedicated. Also, new standards for intersections require additional sidewalk area to allow for maneuverability and proper slope.

Q. WHEN WILL I KNOW IF THE CITY WILL NEED TO PURCHASE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

A. It is the goal of the City to have all surveying completed by the beginning of January 2019, which will allow the City to determine the full extent of right-of-way needed within the project area. After this determination, the City will contact each property owner to negotiate fair and just compensation for the right-of-way.

Q. WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE SIDEWALKS ON MY PROPERTY?

A. All sidewalks, driveways and intersections in the project route will be evaluated to determine if install/replacement is required for creating a continuous route to the standards listed above.

Q. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT?

A. The full project scope with photo descriptions of the project and proposed work can be found at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org)

Q. WHO DO I CONTACT TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

A. Please call Faye Stewart, Public Works & Development Director at 541-942-3349 or visit the office at 400 E Main St. Cottage Grove, OR 97424.