



**SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

Department: Public Works Department

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City Manager Approval: 

**TOPIC: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO SUPPORT AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE CANAL COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTO STREET CLOSURE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 TO SUPPORT A CANAL COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPEN HOUSE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution authorizing Alto Street closure on Saturday, April 23, 2022 to support a Canal Community Based Transportation Plan open house.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City is working on a Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for the Canal neighborhood. Public input is a very important component of the plan. Part of the outreach process involves hosting an event to solicit feedback and hear about the challenges the residents experience. A consulting team convened to implement the CBTP is working to identify and document commonly used walking routes in the neighborhood with the goal of making recommendations to enhance the routes to improve public lighting and pedestrian safety and to control vehicle speeds.

The consultant team for the CBTP has requested that the City allow the closure of a portion of Alto Street, a one block street next to the Canal Alliance offices, on Saturday, April 23, 2022 to host an open house to document challenges and solicit feedback on proposed improvements from residents and others. The Alto Street closure would extend from Larkspur Street to mid-block. The event is scheduled to occur between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., which requires the street to be closed from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. that day to provide adequate time to install and remove closures and provide traffic control support.

The partial street closure will allow people to exhibit and view the ideas safely, in an open-air setting that facilitates public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other businesses on this short street support this effort and can access their properties from the Belvedere Street end of Alto Street during the event.

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FOR CITY CLERK ONLY

Council Meeting:

Disposition: Resolution

**ANALYSIS:**

Temporary road closures require that the City Council adopt a resolution finding that the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons using the road during the closing, per Vehicle Code section 21101(e) which states:

*“(e) Temporarily closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when, in the opinion of local authorities having jurisdiction or a public officer or employee that the local authority designates **by resolution**, the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.”*

Department of Public Works staff will support the street closure by providing closure signage and traffic control support. The Police Department and Fire Department may provide ancillary support as well.

**STREET TO BE CLOSED:**

Alto Street from its intersection with Larkspur Street to mid-block at approximately the entrance to the Johnson and Daly Moving Company warehouse entrance, on Saturday, April 23, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Public walk-up access to businesses will be maintained during event hours.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Voces del Canal will advertise the event and ensure that the public is aware and invited to participate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City will provide in-kind services, such as “no parking” signage and traffic control support and advice. Any cost associated with this support will be minimal.

**OPTIONS:**

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the temporary street closure, as recommended by staff.
2. Adopt the resolution with modifications.
3. Direct staff to return with more information.
4. Take no action.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution authorizing Alto Street closure on Saturday, April 23, 2022 to support a Canal Community Based Transportation Plan open house

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
ALTO STREET CLOSURE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 TO SUPPORT A  
CANAL COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPEN HOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, residents in the Canal area of San Rafael have expressed interest in enhancing the street lighting and identifying other safety improvements in their neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is working on a Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for the Canal neighborhood. Public input is a very important component of the plan. Part of the outreach process involves hosting an event to solicit feedback and hear about the challenges the residents experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant team for the CBTP has requested that the City allow the closure of a portion of Alto Street, a one block street next to the Canal Alliance offices, from Larkspur Street to mid-block, on Saturday, April 23, 2022 to host an open house to document challenges and solicit feedback on proposed improvements from residents and others; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing the request, City staff has determined and recommended that, in the interest of the safety and welfare of pedestrian and auto traffic, Alto Street should be temporarily closed to through traffic on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the event;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That all of the above findings are true and correct.
2. That, pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code section 21101(e), for the safety and protection of persons, both pedestrians and vehicle drivers, the City Council hereby authorizes the temporary closure of Alto Street for the date and time described above.

I, LINDSAY LARA, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers:

NOES: Councilmembers:

ABSENT: Councilmembers:

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Lindsay Lara, City Clerk