




Agenda Item No: 5.j
Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: Public Works

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City Manager Approval: _____ 

TOPIC: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO SUPPORT VACCINATION EFFORTS IN THE CANAL NEIGHBORHOOD

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SATURDAY STREET CLOSURES TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE’S EFFORT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS ON SATURDAY MAY 7 AND SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt the Resolution authorizing Saturday street closures to support Canal Alliance’s effort to provide Covid-19 vaccinations on Saturday May 7, 2022 and Saturday May 21, 2022.

BACKGROUND:
Coronavirus (Covid-19) has had a dramatic impact on the residents of San Rafael and especially essential workers and other people that live in the Canal neighborhood. With vaccinations available, the Canal Alliance is seeking approval to conduct free vaccinations for this community. A similar effort in Spring and Summer of 2021 was very successful.

The Marin County Department of Public Health will help support the vaccination effort by providing a mobile vaccination unit and other logistical support. To effectively administer the Covid-19 vaccine, the Canal Alliance has requested approval to close a portion of Alto Street, a one block street next to the Canal Alliance offices, from Larkspur Street to mid-block, on the above mentioned Saturdays between 6:30 am and 3 pm. The partial street closure will allow people seeking vaccinations to drive or walk up to the medical professionals administering the vaccine. Other businesses on this short street support the vaccination effort and can access their properties from the Belvedere Street end of Alto Street.

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

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*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 May 7th and on Saturday May 21, 2022, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public walk-up access to businesses will be maintained during event hours.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Canal Alliance is advertising the opportunity to be vaccinated through their public outreach network. Canal Alliance has also received the support of other nearby businesses for this closure.

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 resolution.
2. Adopt resolution with modifications.
3. Direct staff to return with more information.
4. Take no action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the Resolution authorizing Saturday street closures to support Canal Alliance’s effort to provide Covid-19 vaccinations on Saturday May 7, 2022 and Saturday May 21, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SATURDAY STREET CLOSURES TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE'S EFFORT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS ON SATURDAY MAY 7 AND SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the Corona Virus (Covid-19) has had a dramatic impact on the residents of San Rafael and especially essential workers and other people that live in the Canal neighborhood of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance, with the support of the Marin County Department of Public Health, has the capability to administer Covid-19 vaccinations to nearby residents who wish to receive it: and

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance has requested that the City allow the temporary closure of a portion of Alto Street on Saturday May 7 and Saturday May 21, 2022 to support their vaccination; 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 in the Downtown area, Alto Street should be temporarily closed to through traffic on Saturday May 7 and Saturday May 21, 2022 from 6:30 am to 3 pm for scheduled vaccination efforts;

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 dates and times 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 2nd day of May 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Lindsay Lara, City Clerk