



SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: Public Works Department

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Department of Public Works**

City Manager Approval: _____

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TOPIC: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE COMMUNITY FAIR EVENT AND ONGOING MOBILE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN THE CANAL NEIGHBORHOOD

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 FROM 9 AM TO 7PM TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE'S COMMUNITY FAIR EVENT AND SATURDAYS IN JULY, 2022 FOR COVID-19 MOBILE VACCINATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution authorizing the closure of Alto Street on Saturday June 18, 2022 to support Canal Alliance's Community Fair Event and Saturdays in July 2022 for mobile Covid-19 vaccinations.

BACKGROUND:

Canal Alliance is a nonprofit champion of immigrants who are challenged by a lack of resources and an unfamiliar environment. Their mission statement reads "We believe everyone has the right to achieve their dreams. Because when we support immigrants, Marin becomes a place where everyone can live, learn, work, and succeed". In furtherance of their mission, Canal Alliance intends to host a Community Fair event where they will be engaging with other organizations including local business in hopes to build economic stability for the community.

The partial street closure on June 18th will allow people seeking information about opportunities to learn more in an outdoor setting relatively safe from Covid-19 infection. The closures on other Saturdays in July will allow Marin County's mobile vaccination unit to provide Covid-19 vaccinations to area residents. Other businesses on this short street support the Community Fair and 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:

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Disposition:

*“(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 June 18, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays in July from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Public walk-up access to businesses will be maintained during event hours. Staff also requests the City Council to ratify the City Manager’s emergency decision to approve the closure on Saturday June 4, 2022 to facilitate the Canal Alliance effort to vaccinate local residents on that date.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Canal Alliance is advertising the Community Fair event and mobile vaccinations through their public outreach network. Canal Alliance has also received the support of other nearby businesses for these closures.

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 the closure of Alto Street on Saturday June 18, 2022 to support Canal Alliance’s Community Fair event, and on Saturdays in July 2022 to support Covid-19 vaccinations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE'S COMMUNITY FAIR EVENT AND SATURDAYS IN JULY, 2022 FOR COVID-19 MOBILE VACCINATIONS

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance is a non-profit group advocating for the needs of the immigrant residents in San Rafael; and

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance, intends to host a Community Fair event where they will be engaging other organizations including local businesses in hopes to build economic stability for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance intends to host Covid-19 vaccinations sponsored by Marin County; and

WHEREAS, the Canal Alliance has requested that the City allow the temporary closure of a portion of Alto Street on Saturday June 18, 2022 and Saturdays in July 2022 to support their events; 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 June 18, 2022 from 9 am to 7 pm for the event, and on Saturdays in July 2022 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, under his authority as Director of Emergency Services during the existing state of local emergency, the City Manager approved the temporary closure of Alto Street on June 4, 2022 to support the community's vaccination 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 dates and times described above.
3. The decision of the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services to approve the temporary closure of Alto Street on June 4, 2022 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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 6th day of June 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Lindsay Lara, City Clerk