

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY ROAD CLOSURES FOR FOURTH OF JULY**

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the February 26, 2013 City Council meeting, the Council approved a series of road closures to facilitate the Fourth of July Parade. These closures included using Douglas Avenue as part of the parade route.

Douglas Avenue is currently under construction. The anticipated date for the road to open to traffic was originally June 15<sup>th</sup>, with full completion by July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Due to frequent rain, paving has begun later than anticipated. Staff feels it is likely the road will have enough paving complete by July 4<sup>th</sup> to be used as part of the parade route. However, it may be prudent to approve an alternate route in the event of a delay in completing paving before the Fourth of July.**

**After discussing this with parade organizers, staff is requesting administrative authority to make additional street closures if needed to facilitate the parade.** The closures would begin at 6:00 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> until the end of the parade at the following locations:

- Kellogg Avenue from Fifth Street to Sixth Street
- Sixth Street from Kellogg Avenue to Burnett Avenue
- Burnett Avenue from Fifth Street to Sixth Street

Because of the Independence Day holiday, no additional parking revenue would be lost. CyRide will not be operating on Sixth Street. Additionally, rerouting the parade would allow the 200 blocks of Main Street and Fifth Street to be opened for parking.

If administrative closure authority is granted by the City Council, staff would meet with parade organizers the week prior to the parade to determine if the alternate route is needed and advertise any changes to the public.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Granting staff administrative authority to make the additional street closures outlined above if needed to facilitate the Fourth of July Parade
2. Do not grant staff administrative authority to make additional closures, keeping the parade on the originally approved route.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff had anticipated the construction on Douglas Avenue to be closer to completion by this point. Although unlikely, it is possible that the roadway may not be completed in time for the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby granting staff administrative authority to make the additional street closures outlined above if needed to facilitate the Fourth of July Parade.