

ITEM# 12  
DATE: 05-13-14

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CROSSING (DUFF AVENUE) TO FACILITATE REPAIRS**

**BACKGROUND:**

City staff was informed that during the month of May the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will be conducting minor maintenance activities to their at-grade railroad crossings along their east-west main line. The Municipal Code requires City Council to approve temporary closures of those streets that are classified as Arterials, or are active CyRide routes, which is the case with Duff Avenue. **The UPRR identified the weeks of May 19 and May 26 as potential dates to schedule the replacement of the crossing.**

Staff was informed that the repairs of the crossing would require less than one work-day (10:00 AM to 8:00 PM) per crossing to complete, during which Duff Avenue will need to be closed to vehicular traffic. Due to the heavy train traffic seen on the east-west main line, UPRR makes their best effort to coordinate repair work with the normal train deliveries that occur.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Delegate to staff the ability to administratively approve the closure of the Duff Avenue railroad crossing to facilitate the UPRR maintenance of the crossing.
2. Direct staff to work with UPRR in finding an alternate dates to conduct the repairs.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Recent experience with similar coordination efforts has resulted in the need for flexibility on the part of staff to be able to administratively change the date of the closure, as needed. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 and thereby delegating to staff the ability to administratively close the Duff Avenue railroad crossing to facilitate the UPRR maintenance during this time.**

**Staff will coordinate the placement of all appropriate temporary traffic control measures, and will also work with the City's Public Relations Officer to notify the public throughout the duration of the project.**