

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF DOUGLAS AVENUE (5TH STREET TO 6TH STREET) FOR LIBRARY GRAND REOPENING

BACKGROUND:

A special event has been planned to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Ames Public Library to the public. This event will take place on Sunday, September 14, and is scheduled between the hours of 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. During that time the section of Douglas Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street needs to be closed due to the high number of anticipated attendees.

Because this section of Douglas Avenue is designated as a CyRide route, the closure will require City Council approval. Staff from the Library, Public Works, and the City Manager's Office have been working with CyRide staff during the planning for this event in order to minimize impact on the City's bus system. Because of this closure, CyRide will use an alternate route during the event, which is the same process used for all special events that take place in the Downtown area.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the closure of Douglas Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street on Sunday, September 14 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM for the grand re-opening event at the Ames Public Library.
2. Direct staff to develop other alternatives.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Closing Douglas Avenue in front of the Library will ensure the safety of all those attending the grand re-opening celebration. It will also provide much needed space for the 300 plus who are anticipated to attend the event.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.