

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: STREET CLOSURE FOR UTILITY SERVICE INSTALLATION ON
WHEELER STREET (WALMART)**

BACKGROUND:

The contractor for the new Walmart at 3015 Grand Avenue intends to connect a new sanitary sewer service to the site just east of the intersection of Wheeler Street and Roy Key Avenue. In order to properly install these utility connections safely and as quickly as possible, the contractor has requested a closure of Wheeler Street. A map of the area is shown in Attachment A.

The Municipal Code requires that the City Council approve temporary closures of those streets that are classified as arterials or are active CyRide routes, which is the case with Wheeler Street (Blue Route #3).

Due to the locations of the utility connection, this work will require the closure of Wheeler Street for approximately three calendar days to safely accommodate the new sanitary service installation. The exact timing of the closure is unknown at this time, since on-site utilities are currently under construction and the schedule for the sanitary sewer service connection will be in early to mid October. Should the work be completed sooner than the total three day closure request, the street will be reopened to traffic at that time.

The contractor will deliver notification of the closure to the area residents and businesses providing information on the dates and duration of the closure. CyRide will re-route bus service during the street closure by continuing the route to the north from Roy Key Avenue to Bloomington Road, then south on Grand Avenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Delegate to staff the authority to administratively close Wheeler Street, as noted above, to facilitate the installation of the needed utility services.
2. Direct staff to work with the property owner to determine exact alternate dates to conduct the utility service installation.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By delegating the closure Wheeler Street, City Council would be facilitating the best possible coordination between the City and the Walmart utility contractor for this project, as well as providing the means to keep this major retail project on schedule.

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

Attachment A



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Wheeler Closure
Walmart Sanitary Sewer Connection



Scale: 1 in = 117 ft
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