

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE FOR LYNN AVENUE

BACKGROUND:

The owner of 111 Lynn Avenue (University Towers) needs to install a new water service line for fire protection to the property. Due to safety concerns and the location of the existing water main, a closure of Lynn Avenue is required. City policy requires City Council to approve street closures on arterials and CyRide routes. Lynn Avenue is currently part of CyRide's gold route.

Public Works will work with the owner and specified contractor to minimize the disruption to the traveling public and adjacent properties. There will also be coordination required to notify the public of the street closure.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a temporary street closure, as determined by Public Works, for the installation of a fire line to 111 Lynn Avenue.
2. Direct staff and the building owner to pursue alternate construction arrangements.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The installation of this fire line to University Towers is being done in conjunction with an ordinance approved by the City Council to increase fire safety in high rise buildings. The greater safety gained from these improvements outweighs inconvenience to the public during the construction process.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving a temporary street closure, as determined by Public Works staff, for the installation of a fire service line to 111 Lynn Avenue.

It is estimated that the street will need to be closed approximately three to five days. Staff will work with the contractor to, hopefully, accomplish the installation of the new water service line during the Thanksgiving break when there will be less traffic in the area.