

ITEM: 14
DATE: 06-26-12

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 5TH STREET CLOSURE FOR REPAIR OF WATER VALVE

BACKGROUND:

With recent work in the Downtown area the Public Works Department has found a valve in need of repair at the intersection of 5th Street and Clark Ave. The repair of this water main will require the closure of 5th Street west of Clark Avenue to allow crews the ability to complete the repair. It is anticipated that the repair will take two days of closure to allow for the repair of the water valve and to replace the street.

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 5th Street.

With the large amount of special events in the Downtown area it will be important for staff to coordinate with those activities. **Therefore, it is recommended that City Council delegate to staff the ability to administratively close 5th Street west of Clark Avenue.** 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.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Delegate to staff the ability to administratively approve the closure of 5th Street west of Clark Avenue to repair a water valve.
2. Direct staff to find an alternate to conduct the repairs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By granting staff the ability to administratively close 5th Street, City Council would be facilitating the best possible coordination between the City and the Downtown for the repair. It will provide the flexibility needed to minimize the potential impacts to the citizens of Ames.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby delegating to staff the ability to administratively approve the closure of 5th Street west of Clark Avenue to repair a water valve