

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 17, 2024
TO: City Council
FROM: Darren Pytel, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Resolution Closing G St Reactivation Area to Vehicular Traffic

Recommendation

Approve a Resolution closing G St Reactivation project area to vehicular traffic.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact for this action.

Council Goal(s)

Objective 6: Stepping Up Economic Development Activities.

Commission Involvement

This item is coming directly to the City Council for consideration.

Background and Analysis

During the COVID pandemic, when restaurants and businesses had limited options for serving customers inside, the Police Chief closed a portion of G St between 2nd and 3rd Streets, pursuant to their authority under the Davis Municipal Code and the California Vehicle Code, to vehicular traffic so that businesses and sidewalks could be used for sales and customer service. Several of the adjacent businesses were then granted Temporary Use Permits so they could form patios and outdoor seating areas where food and/or alcohol was served subject to County and State law restrictions and licensing.

After the pandemic, the City initiated the G St Reactivation Project, which has now been approved by Council with construction getting underway in the coming days. Consistent with this direction, and in order to continue the vehicular traffic closure, Council must, by ordinance or resolution, now officially close the street pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1).

Pursuant to the Resolution, and the provisions of the Vehicle Code, the area closed for vehicular traffic will remain a “highway” and the entirety of the highway will be deemed a “sidewalk” from the outer edges of the existing sidewalks and everything in between including the existing “roadway”. This designation will not prevent the use of the area as intended by the G St Reactivation project.

Attachments

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 24-XXX, SERIES 2024

**RESOLUTION CLOSING G STREET REACTIVATION PROJECT AREA
TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the Police Chief issued a Street Use Permit pursuant to the Davis Municipal Code to close G Street to vehicular traffic between the north prolongation of the entrance to the City of Davis public parking commonly known as the South G Street Parking Lot to the south, and the southern prolongation of the south side of Third Street crossing G Street to the north; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized and approved the G Street Activation Project which requires the same portion of G Street to be closed to vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code requires the continued closure referenced above, to be authorized by an ordinance or resolution after Council determines the highway is no longer needed for vehicular traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The facts set forth in the Recitals, above, are true and correct.
2. G Street between the north prolongation of the entrance to the City of Davis public parking commonly known as the South G Street Parking Lot to the south, and the southern prolongation of the south side of Third Street crossing G Street to the north, is no longer needed or required for vehicular traffic.
3. Based on the findings set forth in Sections 1 and 2, above, the City Council hereby declares that G Street is hereby closed to vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1), between the north prolongation of the entrance to the City of Davis public parking commonly known as the South G Street Parking Lot to the south, and the southern prolongation of the south side of Third Street crossing G Street to the north.
4. The City Manager is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the street closure effected herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 27th day of August, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:

Josh Chapman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk