

2011 Council Study Issue

DPW 11-06 Closing Murphy Avenue to Automobile Traffic

Lead Department Public Works

History 1 year ago None 2 years ago None

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

The study would examine the logistics and costs of closing Murphy Avenue to vehicular traffic during certain hours of weekdays and/or on weekends. During these periods, Murphy Avenue would serve as a pedestrian mall with cyclists having to walk their bicycles. BPAC members believe that the study issue should also review the need for design changes, provision of additional bicycle parking, and maintenance accommodations. This study would require a comprehensive public consultation process including the Sunnyvale Downtown Association and Chamber of Commerce and the merchants along Murphy Avenue.

This study was proposed by Councilmember Griffith and co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Moylan at the council meeting of August 31, 2010.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Land use and Transportation Element C3.5 – Support a variety of transportation modes

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s) Griffith and Moylan

4. Staff effort required to conduct study Minor**5. Multiple Year Project?** No **Planned Completion Year** 2011**6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?**

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No
 Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes
 If so, which? Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

7. Briefly explain cost of study, including consultant hours, impacted budget program, required budget modifications, etc. and amounts if known.

A review of traffic circulation patterns within the area, and the effect of street closure of one of the network links would need to be investigated. This would have a minor impact on the Division of Transportation and Traffic, and emergency responders of the Department of Public Safety.

8. Briefly explain potential fiscal impact of implementing study results (consider capital and operating costs, as well as potential revenue).

Infrastructure is in place to allow closure.

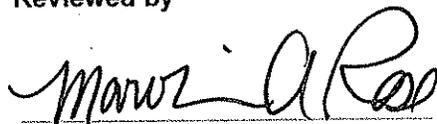
9. Staff Recommendation

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If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

Staff believes the City should defer to the Sunnyvale Downtown Association to make a determination of whether a Murphy Avenue closure is supported by merchants and property owners.

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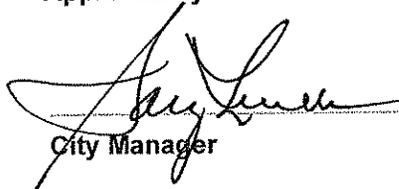


Department Director

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