

2018 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

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DPW 18-02

TITLE Prohibit all automobile traffic on Murphy Avenue between Evelyn Avenue and Washington Avenue

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BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Public Works

Support Department(s): N/A

Sponsor(s):

Board/Commission: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

History:

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

City Council adopted updated South Murphy Avenue Sidewalk Use Regulations in 2010 to preserve and enhance the 100 block of South Murphy Avenue. The regulations include furnishings on the public right-of-way/sidewalks to offer the businesses the opportunity to utilize the sidewalks for outdoor dining.

This has allowed customers to enjoy outdoor dining but it has also meant that the sidewalks must accommodate the tables, pedestrian foot traffic, and access to and from parallel parking on the street.

This study will examine the closing of the 100 block of South Murphy to vehicular traffic with access provided to pedestrians and bicyclists. The results of the study will indicate the impact to all roadway users and could potentially lead to traffic access restrictions to the roadway segment.

What precipitated this study?

This study was proposed because of potential conflicts associated with pedestrians and the parking of vehicles on South Murphy Avenue. Vehicles enter and exit parking spaces adjacent to diners at tables on the sidewalks who are seated close to the parking spaces. In addition, pedestrians often navigate around tables on the narrow sidewalks and across the street through parked vehicles and vehicular traffic to access the restaurants and shops on the other side of the street.

South Murphy is regularly closed on Saturday mornings for the Farmers' Market and for summer music festivals. During those times, pedestrians can freely use the full

street including being able to enjoy additional table seating during the festival days.

Planned Completion Year: 2018

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Unknown

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$ Unknown

Funding Source: Unknown

Explanation of Cost:
N/A

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Unknown

Explanation: N/A

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