



DATE: June 5, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

VIA: Stefan Chatwin, City Manager

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: APPROVE STREET CLOSURES FOR FOSTER CITY FOURTH
OF JULY CELEBRATION 2023

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached resolution which would temporarily close portions of Shell Boulevard, E. Hillside Boulevard, Balclutha Drive, and Civic Center Drive to vehicular traffic on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for the Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fourth of July Celebration is one of the largest City sponsored special events coordinated through the Parks and Recreation Department. The City has organized a Fourth of July Celebration since 1978 and began incorporating fireworks into the Celebration in 1982. The Fourth of July Celebration is a highly recognized special event by Foster City residents and has grown to draw visitors from neighboring Peninsula communities as well. The following partial street closures for the annual Fourth of July Celebration will provide for the safety and security of the event. There is no change in the planned street closures from recent years.

- Shell Boulevard from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- Civic Center Drive from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM

- Balclutha Drive between the round-about and Shell Boulevard, and the exit onto Shell Boulevard from the South Service Road of the PJCC campus from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- E. Hillsdale Boulevard 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM

These closures are necessary to accommodate the large influx of people that will be coming to participate in the daytime festivities and view the evening fireworks display.

BACKGROUND

The Fourth of July Celebration is one of the largest City sponsored special events coordinated through the Parks and Recreation Department. The City has hosted Fourth of July Celebration since 1978 and began incorporating fireworks into the Celebration in 1982. The Fourth of July Celebration is a highly recognized special event by Foster City residents and has grown to include visitors from neighboring Peninsula communities as well.

Per Section 21101(e) of Division 11 of the California Vehicle Code, a city, by resolution, is allowed to close portions of public roadways to vehicular traffic to provide for the health and safety of its citizens. The Fourth of July Celebration brings a large influx of people and vehicles into Foster City. The City's traffic plan, as implemented in past years, calls for the closure of:

- Shell Boulevard from E. Hillsdale Boulevard to Bounty Drive from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM to protect pedestrians using the park
- The exit onto Shell Boulevard from Civic Center Drive and the PJCC South Service Road from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- Balclutha Drive west of the turnaround circle located in front of the PJCC from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM to ensure vehicles do not proceed westbound on the "one-way" portion of this street into the dead end that will result from the closure of Shell Boulevard
- E. Hillsdale Boulevard from Foster City Boulevard to Edgewater Boulevard from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM to handle the large crowds coming to watch the fireworks display

ANALYSIS

Approval of the attached resolution would allow the Police Department to close portions of Shell Boulevard, E. Hillsdale Boulevard, Balclutha Drive, and Civic Center Drive on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for the Annual Fourth of July Celebration. These closures are necessary to handle the large crowds expected for this event. The Foster City Police Department has reviewed the proposal for the event and recommends the

closure of these streets to ensure the safety of those attending the event. Temporary signs and traffic cones would be placed to ensure traffic control.

California Environmental Quality Act

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

Preparing for the street closure does require staff time from the Parks Division, however, the tasks are completed and included as part of the maintenance team's regular daily responsibilities leading up to the event

CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE/PRIORITY AREA

Public Safety/Social Equity

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Resolution