



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Re: Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Sidewalk by The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, contractor for the University of Missouri, for the construction entrance for the new Thompson Center off of Veterans United Drive.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, contractor for the University of Missouri, to temporarily close the north sidewalk of Veterans United Drive for the construction entrance for the new Thompson Center between South Providence Road and State Farm Parkway from February 6, 2024 through December 16, 2024.

Discussion

The traffic impacts of Veterans United Drive between South Providence Road and State Farm Parkway from February 6, 2024 through December 16, 2024 include:

- Closure of the north sidewalk.

Staff authorized a 30-day right of way permit for the closure for the sidewalk beginning January 17, 2024. This was done after receiving confirmation that the University of Missouri would provide a traffic study for this area which incorporates their proposed work and the other development in this area, specifically Spring Brook Plats 1 and 2.

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, contractor for the University of Missouri, will be constructing the new Thompson Center. Staff has reviewed the attached traffic control plans and has no other issues regarding their temporary closure and construction entrance.

The University of Missouri and/or its contractor will be responsible for all signs and barricades necessary for the protection and convenience of the general public. The University of Missouri is exempt from any public inconvenience fee.

Public Works does have concerns regarding this location for permanent access. Staff has attached both Whiting-Turner's logistics plan and an access diagram prepared by Joe Levy, P.E., of David Mason & Associates. Mr. Levy is the Project Manager for the University of Missouri on the Thompson Center project. The proposed entrance is located between two future roundabouts. Public Works has attempted to make clear to the University of Missouri and its design and construction teams that this entrance will be limited to right in, right out traffic movements following the installation of the eastern roundabout.



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The City also has a street easement which is shown on the access diagram. This easement was provided by the former property owner prior to their sale to the University of Missouri. This street easement is intended to facilitate the construction of a roadway that connects Veterans United Parkway to the Providence outer roadway to the north. It was anticipated that this road would be built as this area develops. However, the City has no enforcement authority over the University of Missouri outside of the permit necessary for use of the City's right of way for this entrance. Staff has encouraged the University of Missouri to use the street easement for their permanent access to the Thompson Center. However, based on plans provided to date, that does not appear to be the University of Missouri's intended path forward.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None other than potential future traffic impacts and roadway improvements previously contemplated as developer related expenses.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
05/15/2023	B98-23 Accepting a conveyance for street purposes; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the closure of the north sidewalk along a portion of Veterans United Drive between South Providence Road and State Farm Parkway for the construction entrance for the new Thompson Center.