



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Council Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of a Temporary Street Closure Permit Request from the Dripping Springs Lions Club to close portions of Mercer Street, College Street, San Marcos Street, and Old Fitzhugh Road on December 5, 2026 for the 2026 Christmas on Mercer event.**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks

Summary/Background: The 2026 Christmas on Mercer event is scheduled for December 5, 2026. This year's Traffic Control Plan (TCP) has been prepared to promote safety and convenience for the public and downtown businesses during the event.

Beginning at 5:00AM on December 5 the City will temporarily close portions of the downtown area to through-traffic for public safety: Mercer Street will close from Bluff Street up to and including Wells Fargo Bank. San Marcos Street will close from Mercer to Wallace Street. A portion of College Street will close between the rear parking lot entrance of Mazama Coffee up to Mercer Street. Old Fitzhugh Road will be closed to through-traffic at Ranch Road 12, and fully closed to event traffic from 101 Old Fitzhugh Rd., also known as the Stephenson lot, to Mercer Street.

The 2026 Christmas on Mercer TCP is based on previously successful plans utilized by the City for this event. The Lions Club has not made any changes to their planned layout for 2026. In 2025, the City placed additional safety barricades at 101 Old Fitzhugh Rd to secure The Stephenson construction project area. Completion was expected by the start of the 2026 COM event, however recent delays have altered the projected timeline.

Staff has provided two alternate TCP maps, one with additional barricades, and one without. The final layout would be contingent on the status of The Stephenson construction area at the time of the event.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the Temporary Street Closure request from the Lions Club for the 2026 Christmas on Mercer event, with final TCP map contingent on status of The Stephenson project at the time of the event.

Attachments: 2026 COM Road Closure Application.pdf
XMAS_TCP-2026.pdf, *repeat of 2024 plan, no additional barricades.*
XMAS_TCP-2025.pdf, *with additional barricades around The Stephenson.*

Next Steps/Schedule: Issue the Temporary Road Closure Permit and execute the event.