



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	September 17, 2024
Agenda Item:	Starin Road Closure
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City received a request from the University to look at safety for pedestrians along Starin Road within the campus area. A solution the University proposes is to close Starin Road to vehicular traffic between Warhawk Drive and the Book Store (vacated Graham Ave) during certain hours of the weekdays while school is in session.

Further discussions took place at the September 10, 2024 Public Works meeting. In attendance were Chief Meyer, Chief Freeman, and Strand Associates. After discussion, the University is requesting to try a 2-week trial period to gather additional information. They would like to close Starin Road Monday – Friday, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm from October 7 – 18. The University would place Type III barricades in the morning and remove them each night. The opposite lane of travel would have staggered barricades to allow for emergency vehicle access if needed. Signs would be placed at Prairie Street and Warhawk Drive indicating the street is closed from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Chief Meyer indicated that from January 2019 till present, there were 46 accidents on Main Street between Prince Street and Prairie Street, 5 of which included a pedestrian. Chief Freeman indicated while they didn't respond to any pedestrian accidents on Main Street within Prairie and Prince Streets, they did respond to accidents in the general vicinity at Starin/Tratt intersection, Starin/Warhawk intersection, 400 block Prairie St, and the 600 block of Main Street since Jan 2023.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Unknown

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no recommendations at this time. Attached are questions/comments initially jotted down and subsequently shared with University personnel. The Police and Fire Department will also be present to help answer questions.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. UWW Request
2. Public Works Director Comments
3. DOT Traffic Count Map
4. Temporary Closure Map