

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 7/18/11

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Temporary Street Closure on Key Route “Alberrito Streets” Event

REPORT BY: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the closure of a two-block area of Key Route Boulevard from Thousand Oaks to the El Cerrito border from 12 –3 PM on Sunday, August 28, 2011, for the “Alberrito Streets” event. Closures will be placed on Key Route Boulevard at the intersections of Brighton and Thousand Oaks Avenue. The City of El Cerrito will be closing Ashbury beginning at A Street to the Albany boarder.

BACKGROUND

The Albany Master Fee Schedule requires an Encroachment Permit for any work or activity that occurs within the public-right-of-way. A specific reference in the Master fee Schedule states that, “*Group permits for special activities in the City r-o-w, (Solano Stroll, etc). Note: Permit requires Council approval.*”

Albany Streets is modeled after the popular San Francisco event called Sunday Streets. The purpose of Albany Streets is to create a safe, fun, car-free place for people to get out and get active in Albany. For August 28 event, we have teamed up with the City of El Cerrito to create “Alberrito Streets”. The event will feature Albany vs. El Cerrito tug-o-war and relay races, as well as, space to walk, skate, bike, jog, hop scotch, yoga, picnic and people watch. Albany residents encouraged to wear green or something with Albany on it.

DISCUSSION

Due to the closure of Key Route between Thousand Oaks (Albany) and A Street (El Cerrito), through traffic may detour on Thousand Oaks and use Pomona to reach El Cerrito. Residents on the affected streets will receive a notice regarding the closure at least a week in advance of the event. Staff will be posting the area for “No Parking” four to five days in advance of the event. Police official and Fire officials have been notified of the street closure.

Similarly, “Street Closed Ahead” signs will be placed on Brighton at the corners of Masonic, San Gabriel and Spokane; on Thousand Oaks at the corners of Pomona, Ramona and Carmel; on Key Route at Portland.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This event creates community and encourages residents to stay off the road and out of cars while enjoying a day in Albany.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Since this is a city-sponsored event, staff recommends waiving the \$26.00 Encroachment Permit Fee.