

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

Agenda Date: September 21, 2009

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Temporary Street Closure on Key Route, Sunday, **October 11**, 10 AM – 2 PM

REPORT BY: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the closure of a three-block area of Key Route Boulevard between Solano Avenue and Thousand Oaks Boulevard from 10 AM –2 PM for the Albany Streets Event.

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. Key Route Blvd will provide a 3-block section of the City for people to walk, skate, bike, jog, hop scotch, yoga, picnic and people watch. Residents are invited to bring a game, host an activity or just come out and play in the street.

DISCUSSION

Due to the closure of Key Route between Solano and Thousand Oaks, through traffic may detour on Pomona, Masonic, and/or Spokane. 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None at this time. Since this is a city-sponsored event, staff recommends waiving the \$26.00 Encroachment Permit Fee.