

June 20, 2005

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Resolution to Close South 15th Street
Between West Forest Home Avenue
and West Burnham Street

Dear Honorable Members:

On July 7, 2004, the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 040254, which authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to implement the temporary closure of South 15th Street between West Forest Home Avenue and West Burnham Street on a trial basis to evaluate the impacts of the closure on pedestrian and vehicular traffic circulation in the area prior to the design and construction of a permanent closure. The closure was implemented at the request of Forest Home School due to traffic congestion and circulation problems related to closely spaced intersections on the street triangle created by the intersection of West Forest Home Avenue, West Burnham Street and South 15th Street. The congestion and circulation problems made it difficult for the school crossing guard to control traffic, and had made it difficult for school children to cross the street.

Following completion of a successful trial period, we recommend that this roadway closure be made permanent. We have therefore prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution, which authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to construct a permanent closure of South 15th Street from West Forest Home Avenue to West Burnham Street.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

c: Honorable James Witkowiak
12th Aldermanic District