CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: May 2, 2022

Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Approval of Temporary Street Closures for Juneteenth Celebration,

July 4th Events, and the Solano Stroll

REPORT BY: Jeff Bond, Community Development Director

SUMMARY

The action before the Council is to authorize the closure of City streets for the Juneteenth Celebration, July 4th events, and the Solano Stroll.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve Resolution No. 2022-40, authorizing, for a period of three years, the closure of: (1) a portion of the 800 Block of Masonic Avenue for the City's Juneteenth Celebration; and (2) Buchanan Street west of I-80/I-580, and a portion of Hillside Avenue and Taft Street west of Cerrito Street for July 4th related traffic control; and (3) Solano Avenue between San Pablo Avenue and the eastern City limit for the Solano Stroll.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

California Vehicle Code section 21101 requires the City to approve by resolution the temporarily closure of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.

In addition to street closures to accommodate special events, it has been the City's practice during the evening hours of the annual July 4 holiday to prohibit motor vehicle access to Buchanan Street west of the I-80/580 freeway interchange and close Hillside Avenue. west of Cerrito Street. These closures help avoid traffic congestion and hazardous conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists caused by motor vehicle drivers trying to view the fireworks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No substantial financial impact.

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 2022-40