

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF WILSHIRE AVENUE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCLUDING BICYCLES, FROM MALDEN AVENUE TO HARBOR BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code, Division 11, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 21101(a), authorizes local authorities to close any highway to vehicular traffic when the legislative body determines the highway is no longer needed for vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, City Council directed staff to assess the feasibility of permanently closing Wilshire Avenue from Malden Avenue to Harbor Boulevard to expand and enhance the Walk-on-Wilshire Program, which temporarily closed a 200-foot segment west of Harbor Boulevard to create outdoor dining and community space.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fullerton has considered and reviewed its impacts, including feedback from stakeholders, businesses and the community.

WHEREAS, City Council considered the operational challenges raised by some businesses and property owners, including concerns about visibility, parking access, refuse collection, and delivery logistics, and acknowledges that solutions to these challenges can be implemented alongside the closure; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the findings of traffic impact studies, which indicate that diverted traffic can be accommodated on adjacent streets and that the closure will not significantly impact the surrounding roadway network; and

WHEREAS, staff coordinated with various agencies to discuss any potential issues with emergency vehicle access, utility and infrastructure access/maintenance, and refuse collection; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the identified segment of Wilshire Avenue is no longer needed for vehicular traffic and that its closure will provide long-term benefits to the community by fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment and supporting local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and set forth herein as findings as fact.
2. A rule is hereby adopted that a street can be closed to vehicle traffic by resolution if Council majority agree that adequate and satisfactory public notice and engagement, impact studies, and agency coordination was completed.

3. The City Council reviewed the feasibility assessment materials for closure of Wilshire Avenue between Malden Avenue to Harbor Boulevard and are of the opinion that based upon the facts and testimony presented the identified segment of Wilshire Avenue is no longer needed for vehicle traffic.
4. The City Manager or their designee is further directed to coordinate with affected businesses and property owners to mitigate operational impacts and to develop guidelines for ongoing use of the public space created by the closure.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 21, 2025.

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Fred Jung  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lucinda Williams, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date