

Agenda Item: 2.b

Meeting Date: September 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Jorie Peterson

Date: 2025-09-06

Subject: FY26 Special Event Road Closures - October 2025 through July 2026

Presenter(s): Jorie Peterson, Special Events Coordinator; and Danielle Edwards, Special Events Programmer

Staff Recommendation: Commission approval of the FY26 Blanket Special Event Road Closure List for October 2025 to July 2026.

Strategic Themes: Community Amenities

Boards & Committees: Community Redevelopment Agency, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Budget Impact: All road closure expenses incurred from privately conducted events shall be paid for by event promoters.

Past Action: The Blanket Special Event Road Closure List request is submitted annually as a streamlined operational practice, consolidating all closures for Commission approval at one time rather than individually. This approach secures advance authorization for the upcoming fiscal year's events.

Next Action: Staff will coordinate corresponding Special Event Road closures and related logistics.

Attachments: [Temporary Blanket Road Closure List 2025-2026.pdf](#)

Background: Several Special Events throughout the year, including private, co-sponsored, or City of Dunedin produced events require temporary road closures and must be approved annually by the City Commission. In some cases, closures involve portions of County or State roads, requiring additional permitting and approval from the appropriate jurisdictional agencies, such as Pinellas County or the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). These agencies may request confirmation of prior City Commission

approval to support their decision-making and ensure alignment.

All road closures are coordinated in consultation with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and the City of Dunedin Public Services Division's Traffic Section. No new events are being presented for approval at this time; however, two (2) items are highlighted and noted below:

- 1) Road closures involving detour routes along Skinner Boulevard will be contingent upon the FDOT construction schedule for the Skinner Boulevard Complete Streets Project; and
- 2) Details of the Mardi Gras Celebration proposed for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, are pending. Historically, the Dunedin Downtown Merchants' Association (DDMA) organized and conducted this event. Due to the recent dissolution of the DDMA, the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce has submitted an event proposal to City staff, which is currently under review and pending a final decision. In the interim, staff is including the same road closure plan utilized for the 2025 Mardi Gras Celebration. Should any changes become necessary once a decision is finalized, an updated plan will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approval of the attached FY26 Blanket Special Event Temporary Road Closure List for October 2025 to July 2026, as detailed herein.