

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

12-0155R

RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF 61ST AVENUE EAST FROM THE NORTHERN LINE OF CONGDON BOULEVARD (MINNESOTA HIGHWAY 61) TO 125 FEET NORTHERLY.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council directs the public works & utilities department to physically close 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue East from the northern line of Congdon Boulevard (Minnesota Highway 61) to 125 feet northerly, the exact location and design to be determined by appropriate city personnel.

Approved:

  
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Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

Approved:

  
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Auditor

ENG CJV:jh 3/22/2012

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution orders the permanent closure of 61st Avenue East at Congdon Boulevard.

This closure was requested by MnDOT as part of the permitting process for construction of the Lakewalk through MnDOT rights of way and under Congdon Boulevard. The intersection of 61st Avenue East and Congdon Boulevard has been proposed for closure for some time due to poor visibility and high speeds on Congdon Boulevard. The addition of Lakewalk pedestrian traffic to the intersection makes closure necessary as part of the trail construction project. 61st Avenue East will remain open at Superior Street to allow access to the EPA building and to existing parking on 61st Avenue East. MnDOT will contribute \$75,000 in Highway Safety funds to the Lakewalk project to offset the costs of this closure.