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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

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SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 4, 2001

On the June 4, 2001, Council agenda is a roll call authorizing temporary closure of a portion of Walnut Street from the west edge of the Hotel Fort Des Moines property to 12th Street for a period beginning June 15, 2001, and ending November 1, 2002.

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION TO
CLOSE A PORTION
OF WALNUT
STREET DURING
THE
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE ALLIED
GATEWAY CAMPUS

FISCAL IMPACT -

The proposed street closure has no fiscal impact on the general fund.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

BACKGROUND -

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (Craig A. Thomas, Vice President, Facility Services, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215) and their contractor, J. E. Dunn/Taylor Ball, A Joint Venture (Terry Dunn, CEO, J. E. Dunn Construction, 929 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64106; and Jack Taylor, CEO, Taylor Ball, 6100 Thornton Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50321), have requested that this portion of Walnut Street be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic to facilitate the construction of the Allied Gateway Campus buildings on the north side of Walnut Street and the parking garage that will be constructed simultaneously on the south side of the street.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, PE
CITY ENGINEER

This section of Walnut Street will be used as the central point for delivery and unloading of trucks hauling construction materials to both building sites. If this section of Walnut is closed, the contractor has proposed operating it as one-way eastbound, with all delivery trucks entering at 12th and Walnut, and exiting the east end of the construction site to 10th Street, where they would go north to Locust

and/or Grand Avenue.

With the heavy concentration of trucks and construction equipment in this area, it has also been requested that pedestrian access be closed through this section of Walnut Street, and pedestrians be rerouted to use Locust and/or Mulberry Streets. Since the existing buildings in this area have been demolished in preparation for the new construction, there is low pedestrian demand through this section.

Staff has reviewed this issue and recommends approval of the request to temporarily close Walnut Street to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from the west edge of the Hotel Fort Des Moines property to 12th Street for a period beginning June 15, 2001, and ending November 1, 2002.
