

MEETING DATE: 01/28/13

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Closures of Steller Drive between Eastham Avenue and Hayden Avenue, Warner Drive between Eastham Avenue and Hayden Avenue, Hayden Avenue between Warner Drive and Steller Drive, and Eastham Avenue between Warner Drive and Eastham Avenue, for the Bicycle Special Event to be Hosted by the University of Southern California Cycling Team, on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

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Culver City Criterium and Bicycle Event
Temporary Traffic Control and Detour Plan Report
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1. Introduction

The University of Southern California Cycling Team (USC Cycling) discussed a proposal to host a criterium race and bicycle event, with PW/Engineering in July, 2012. A “criterium” is a bicycle lap race held on a short course and is typically held on closed city streets. The event is proposed to take place in the Hayden Tract business neighborhood. Such an event would require some street closures and detours in the Hayden Tract.

2. The Event and Road Closures

The Culver City Criterium and Bicycle Event would consist of several separate activities taking place in the Hayden Tract neighborhood on Sunday February 17, 2013. From 7:00am to 12:30pm, collegiate cyclists from all over California would race in a criterium event. A small bicycle exposition would take place in an unoccupied parking lot near the race. Food trucks would provide a gourmet lunch and USC Cycling will host a bicycle rodeo – an event that teaches children how to safely ride their bike – from 9:30am to 10:30am between races. Total time of road closure would be 6:00am to 1:00pm.

For the safety of the participants of the criterium race, full hard closure of the race course is necessary – cars would not be allowed to park within the race course. The closure will be accomplished in compliance with the CA MUTCD, under the approval and supervision of the PW/Engineering Division.

The course is a 0.6-mile loop of Hayden Ave, Warner Dr, Eastham Ave, and Steller Dr. Soft closures would be implemented on the portions of these streets not part of the race course, where local access is permitted but through traffic is prohibited.

3. Detour Plan

For the small volume of through traffic that travels from Higuera Street onto Hayden and Eastham on Sunday mornings, a detour will be furnished, in coordination with Culver City Police Department, that will route such light traffic onto Hayden Place and Hayden Avenue, where a U-turn will be permitted at the end of the raised medians, to minimize their inconvenience. Detour signage will be posted on Higuera St and National Blvd at Hayden Avenue-Place, and at Eastham Drive, and at Jefferson and Rodeo, per MUTCD specifications to direct motorists to this alternate route.

Through traffic on National Boulevard will not be allowed to turn onto Hayden Avenue and Eastham Drive, but local traffic will be permitted access to the segments that are not part of the race course.

4. Temporary Traffic Control Plan – Hard Closures

Hard closures will be implemented for the portions of Hayden Ave and Eastham Ave that are part of the race course, in addition to the entirety of Warner Dr and Steller Dr. Within the race course, no motorists or parked vehicles permitted during the event.

This hard closure will consist of type 2 barricades at all four intersections on the course with sign R11-2 "Road Closed" mounted on the barricade facing outward from the closure. A civilian volunteer with safety vest and radio will be positioned at each corner to help ensure the safety of race participants. In addition, vehicles will be parked perpendicular to the direction of travel at each closure point to secure the perimeter.

4.1. Soft Closures

Soft closures will be implemented on the portions of Hayden Ave and Eastham Ave that are not part of the race course. Local traffic will be allowed in and out of these segments, and parking will not be affected by the event. At the intersections of Hayden/National, Hayden/Higuera, Eastham/National and Eastham/Higuera, type 2 barricades will be placed across the street to limit motorist access. The center barricade will have a R11-4 "Road Closed to Through Traffic" sign in addition to any necessary detour signage.

Every soft closure point will have a civilian volunteer with safety vest and radio to help ensure the safety of race participants. Culver City Police Officers will also be stationed at locations determined by Culver City Police.

4.2. Other Signage

To ensure that road users have sufficient warning of these temporary traffic measures, sign SC-5 (CA) "Special Event Ahead" will be placed 500 feet in advance of any other traffic control measures mounted on a type 1 barricade and placed to the right of the edge of traveled way with 3 traffic cones in advance of each barricade per MUTCD specifications. Locations for this sign are National Blvd in both directions and Higuera St in both directions.

4.3. Parking Restrictions and Signage

Parking will not be permitted on the race course. 48-hours in advance, temporary no parking signs, per City of Culver City standard, will be placed around the course, and where necessary to facilitate traffic flow of the detour routes.

5. Public Notification

Notices were distributed to the whole of Hayden Tract business neighborhood on 10/29/12, advising of the proposed event, and asking for input. No input was received. Subsequently, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, a second notice was hand-delivered to the whole of Hayden Tract business neighborhood, advising that the event would be consider by the City Council on Monday, January 28, 2013, and inviting the public to give their input.



A Community Cycling Event May be Coming to Your Neighborhood

The USC Cycling Team is interested in hosting a community cycling event in the Hayden Tract.

This event would bring the Culver City community together for a day of cycling races, a bicycle rodeo, and healthy lifestyle exposition. Portions of Hayden Ave, Warner Dr, Eastham Dr, and Steller Dr may be closed for the event, which would be held on a Sunday in February 2013. You will be notified of a public hearing to discuss this event in the coming weeks.

Please contact us right away! We would like to hear any questions or concerns you may have about this event as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you to make this event a success for the Culver City community!



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A Community Cycling Event is Coming to Your Neighborhood on Sunday, February 17

The USC Cycling Team is hosting a community cycling event and collegiate race in the Hayden Tract.

This event will bring the Culver City community together for a day of collegiate cycling races, and a bicycle rodeo. Portions of Hayden Ave, Warner Dr, Eastham Dr, and Steller Dr will be closed for the event from 6:00am to 1:00pm. Detours will be available.

This event is on the agenda for the January 28th, 2013 City Council Meeting, held at City Hall, 9770 Culver Blvd, Culver City CA at 7:00pm. Please contact us and/or attend the council proceedings if you have any comments or concerns.

We look forward to working with you to make this event a success for the Culver City community!



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