

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 7, 2007 AGENDA**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Authorization to Request Temporary Road Closure of Prince St. and Grant St. during North High School Student Dismissals	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to temporarily close Prince Street, between Lincoln Avenue and Sherman Street (South) and Grant Street, between Saratoga Avenue and Prince Street, for a period beginning 20 minutes prior to the dismissal bell and 40 minutes after the dismissal bell at North High School during the school year when school is in session.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Vision for 2021 identified *Unique Neighborhoods*. A supporting objective of this statement is *Top Quality Infrastructure Tailored to Each Neighborhood*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY07 General Fund budget provides fund for signage installation.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the July 24, 2007 Workshop. Staff recommends approval on the August 7, active agenda. Staff will observe the impact of this item and report back to Council with its findings in six months.

**BACKGROUND**

A neighborhood meeting was held on January 30, 2007, followed by a Parking & Traffic Commission meeting on May 9, 2007, to address bus on-street parking issues, intersection enforcement issues and the need for appropriate closure of both Prince Street and Grant Street adjacent to North High School. Staff has worked with school leaders and neighbors to determine what actions are required to resolve the parking, safety and vehicular access issues related to student dismissals for the Prince Street exit.

With literally hundreds of students exiting at one time, the placement of school buses is critical to maintaining both a safe exit for students as well as a clear passage for emergency vehicles. From discussions with the Parking & Traffic Commission, staff has determined that the most efficient alternate is a temporary road closure of both Prince Street and Grant Street adjacent to the school. The closure period will begin 20 minutes before the school bell rings and extend to 40 minutes after the bell to allow all students to safely vacate the immediate area around the school or to reach their school buses. In addition, *Local Traffic Only* signs will be installed to allow affected area residents to access their homes during this time.

Staff has worked with school leaders to direct the on-street placement of the school's 20 buses that are present on a daily basis. Staff will be installing reflectorized bus markers in the parkway to positively delineate the physical location of each bus regardless of weather conditions. The outcome will both keep buses parked away from the neighbors' residences on the east side and also keep the buses from parking within the Prince Street and Grant Street intersection.

Staff is completing one additional task which arose from the neighborhood meeting in January. Staff discovered that there are many scholastic groups within the state of Illinois that use North High School throughout the school year for programs beginning after 4:00p.m. and have no direction as to where to park their buses. Staff has determined on-street locations and is fabricating *Overflow Bus Parking* signs for placement on area streets around North High School and has also created an *Overflow Parking* map for the school to place on its web site. It is expected that these actions will inform and guide bus operators to a designated parking area and prevent them from parking in front of residences.

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**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**

**INITIATED:** Village Attorney      **DATE:** August 7, 2007  
(Name)

**RECOMMENDATION FROM:** Parking & Traffic Commission      **FILE REF:** #13-07  
(Board or Department)

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

- ☒ Ordinance  
☐ Resolution  
☐ Motion  
☐ Other

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

Motion to Adopt "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES", as presented.

**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of the attached ordinance will establish provisions for temporary road closures.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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# Temporary Road Closures

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by ~~shading~~/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

### **Section 1. That Section 14.4.01. is hereby added to read as follows:**

#### **14.4.01. Temporary Road Closures.**

The following roadways shall be closed on a temporary basis:

a. School Zones. To coincide with the afternoon dismissal of high school students, as described below:

Grant Street, Saratoga Avenue to Prince Street, shall be closed to through traffic from 20 minutes before and 40 minutes after high school dismissal, Mondays through Fridays, during the school year and on days when school is in session, but allow the passage of local traffic such that residents are permitted access to their own properties.

Prince Street, Lincoln Avenue to Sherman Street (South), shall be closed to through traffic from 20 minutes before and 40 minutes after high school dismissal, Mondays through Fridays, during the school year and on days when school is in session, but allow the passage of local traffic such that residents are permitted access to their own properties.

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk