



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


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**MEMORANDUM**

August 28, 2023

TO: Tiara McCray, Acting Chief  
Property Acquisition Section  
Division of Transportation Engineering

FROM: Rebecca Torma, Manager   
Development Review Team  
Transportation Policy

SUBJECT: AB786, Permanent Closure of Westbard Avenue at River Road

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed permanent closure of Westbard Avenue at River Road. The closure was reviewed in terms of the Development Review process. This permanent closure application was requested by the 5500 Westbard Avenue Block Civic Association, represented by Ben Mann.

Permanent Closure of roads are subject to County Code 49-62. This request seeks closure of the northwestern terminus of Westbard Avenue at River Road. The 2016 Westbard Sector Plan specifies that the road should be closed after completion of the realigned Westbard Avenue, projected to be in the Fall 2023. We recommend further study of traffic operations at Westbard Avenue at River Road once the realignment of Westbard Avenue is completed. The delay of the closure will help determine that the fire access, safety and operational alternatives are addressed.

Thank you for cooperation and assistance. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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