CITY OF SAINT PAUL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Street Detour Policy
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Background:
The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works frequently must re-route vehicular traffic on city streets due to construction projects, emergency excavations, utility work and other infrastructure improvements. The Department of Public Works places a high emphasis on neighborhood livability and know that neighborhood traffic conditions can have a significant impact.

Policy:
The goal of this policy is to utilize all options for detouring vehicular and other pedestrian traffic while keeping these detours simplified for users and maximize efficiency and disruption.

Procedure:

- All planned work (excavations or obstructions) that require detours or lane restrictions must be approved by Public Works prior to work starting.
- The Public Works Right of Way (ROW) department must be contacted for all permitting needs and traffic control plan approvals by calling 651-266-6151 or by email at PW-ROWpermits@ci.stpaul.mn.us
- A professional traffic control plan may be required depending on proposed work, locations, and impacted streets and or public right of way. These traffic control plans must comply with the latest version of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD).
- All traffic control signage must be monitored and maintained in safe and working order.
- The cost of producing the traffic control plan, the signage to be placed, permit fees and the temporary signs shall be the responsibility of the Permittee.
- Work cannot proceed without a Right of Way permit as required by City codes chapters 116 and 135 (Right of Way Ordinances). Public Works also reserves the right to restrict detours to weekends and non-rush hour times. The Department of Public Works may revise these provisions or revoke permission at any time.
- A copy of the obstruction permit must be placed in the front window, or other observable location of the business the entire time that the bike corral or alternate route is in place.
- Non-compliance with this policy shall result in enforcement actions according to City legislative code enforcement.
- Permittees must notify affected businesses of any detours and provide access to the public if needed.

  Exceptions to this policy will be made on a case-by-case basis due to emergencies and other time sensitive needs.

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