

**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

► **FILE #:** 12-B-18-SC

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 9

**AGENDA DATE:** 2/14/2019

► **APPLICANT:** UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TAX ID NUMBER:	108 F C 011	<a href="#">View map on KGIS</a>
JURISDICTION:	Council District 1	
SECTOR PLAN:	Central City	
GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)	
ZONING:	O-2 (Civic and Institutional) / I-3 (General Industrial)	

► **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Todd Helton Dr

► **LOCATION:** Between From intersection of Chamique Holdsclaw Dr. & Pat Head Summit St. and Volunteer Blvd.

IS STREET:

(1) IN USE?: Yes

(2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

► **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** The request is consistent with other ROW closures approved by MPC within the core of the campus. The street is within the defined institutional zone as outlined on the campus master plan. As with the ROW closure of the other section of Volunteer Blvd., the campus plans to develop an extensive streetscape project, by improving the road, sidewalks, lighting, seating , and initiate landscape enhancements. The improvements should be similar to the improvements already implemented along Volunteer Blvd. By transferring the remaining section of this street it provides an opportunity to expedite the project to ensure we can standardize the design guidelines. The street shall continue to be a major road through campus, which shall also serve the public and mass transit.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS:	No objections from any departments or utilities have been received by staff as of the date of this report.
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

► **RECOMMEND** postponement until the the February 14, 2019 MPC meeting, per applicants request.

Staff has not received any objections from reviewing departments or utilities.

**COMMENTS:**

If approved for closure, the right-of-way will be combined with the adjacent parcels. Having not received any objections to the closure, MPC staff recommends approval, as requested.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 1/15/2019 and 1/29/2019. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC

decision in the City.