

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

▶ **FILE #:** 11-A-14-SC **AGENDA ITEM #:** 5
 POSTPONEMENT(S): 11/13/14, 5/10/2018 **AGENDA DATE:** 6/14/2018

▶ **APPLICANT:** TREVOR HILL

TAX ID NUMBER: 94 L L 001 [View map on KGIS](#)
 JURISDICTION: Council District 1
 SECTOR PLAN: Central City
 GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)
 ZONING: C-3 (General Commercial)
 WATERSHED: Second Creek

▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Forest Ave
 ▶ **LOCATION:** Between eastern edge of Twelfth St. right-of-way and southwestern edge of World's Fair Park Dr. right-of-way

IS STREET:
 (1) IN USE?: Yes
 (2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** The City Engineering office suggested the closure.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: The Fire Department is objecting to the closure. The City Engineering Department is recommending only a partial closure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

▶ **POSTPONE to the July 14, 2018 MPC meeting, at the request of the applicant.**

The applicant is requesting postponement in order to continue to work toward some agreement from City agencies regarding the closure.

COMMENTS:

The City of Knoxville Engineering has no objections to the proposed closure, but is recommending that a 10 ft. wide portion along the southern boundary remains open as public right-of-way for pedestrian connectivity and maintenance thereof. In 2014, when this proposal was originally considered, there was opposition from several City agencies, and staff recommended denial. After the untabling at the May 10, 2018 MPC meeting, a new public notification was done, a new sign was posted and new letters were sent out to reviewing agencies. Staff has received an objection from the City Fire Department.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 7/17/2018 and 7/31/2018. 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.