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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: April 23, 2018

Subject: **Approval of a Road Closure for State Farm Pedestrian Bridge Construction**

BACKGROUND

The approved development plans for State Farm's Park Center campus include a pedestrian bridge over Perimeter Center Parkway. The city council has previously granted an easement in the right of way for this bridge and the construction has been permitted. In preparation for construction of the bridge the general contractor for the project, Holder Construction, has asked the city to allow the bridge to be fabricated in the roadway and then lifted into its final position. This would require closing the two southbound lanes of Perimeter Center Parkway between Hammond Drive and Goldkist Drive and funneling traffic into one lane in each direction on the northbound side. The closure would be necessary from mid-June to early November of this year and during the construction the entire road would need to be closed on two weekends to set the bridge into place.

According to Holder the bridge cannot be constructed off site and brought in on trucks due to vertical clearance limitations and there is not enough available area on the State Farm site to construct the bridge. Public Works also asked Holder to consider Goldkist Drive as possible fabrication site but the roadway is not wide enough for the bridge, a crane and vehicular access. The proposed lane closures are similar to previous closures that occurred to construct the tunnel under Perimeter Center Parkway in this area which did not have a significant impact on traffic. Since that time the first State Farm building has opened and traffic has increased. However, the overall traffic impacts of the proposed closure are still expected to be minor.

Though lane closures do not typically require City Council, this request is presented for council's awareness and approval due to the duration and location of the closure as well as the fact that the need for the closure is not directly related to roadway construction. An illustration of the proposed sequence of bridge construction follows this memo.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of the requested lane closure.







