

**South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager**

Subject:

The City of South Portland is requesting the closure Carignan Avenue, McLean Street, Gerry Avenue, Wilson Street, Tremont Street, Union Street, Grandview Avenue and Sunset Avenue as needed as part of the Thornton Heights Sewer Separation Phase I Project. Passage requires majority vote.

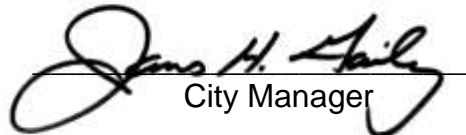
Position:

The City will begin the Thornton Heights Sewer Separation Phase I project. Part of this project includes sewer work on Carignan Avenue, McLean Street, Gerry Avenue, Wilson Street, Tremont Street, Union Street, Grandview Avenue and Sunset Avenue. These roadways are very narrow most of the utilities are going down the middle of the road. The contractor has requested the ability to close the roads to local traffic only. The road closures would be limited to the section of road where the work is being performed.

The residents, buses, and emergency vehicles will have multiple ways to get in and out. The Director of School Transportation and the Fire Department do not have any issues with the closures. By closing the roadways, it expedites the installation process and minimizes impacts to the public and the contractors.

Requested Action:

Council approval of road closures.


City Manager



Water Resource Protection

Date: April 2, 2014

To: James H. Gailey, City Manager
Patrick M. Cloutier, Water Resource Protection Director

From: Brad Weeks, Engineer

Subject: Road Closure Request
Thornton Heights Sewer Separation Phase 1
Bid #23-14

Scope:

As you know, we will be installing utilities on each of the streets in the neighborhood in Phase I. Those streets are as follows: Carignan, Mclean, Gerry, Wilson, Tremont, Union, Grandview, Sunset. Due to the narrow width of the roads and the fact most of the utilities are going down the middle of the road, the contractor has request the ability to close the roads to local traffic only. The road closures would be limited to the section of road where the work is being performed. The reality is with the narrow road widths there is no ability to maintain one lane of traffic once you have an excavator, dump truck, loader, pipe materials, and gravel in the work zone area. The convenience of the layout of this neighborhood does allow the residents, buses, and emergency vehicles multiple ways to get in and out. I have coordinated this request already with the Director of School Transportation and the Fire Department. As long as they know which section of the roads are closed they don't have a problem with the closures. Most importantly, the ability for the contractor to close the road down will greatly speed up the installation process which will minimize the impact to all.

Request:

We are requesting the ability to close roads to local traffic only as needed in the work zone area.