

# **Report to City Council**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Melissa Walker, Public Works Director/City Engineer

AGENDA DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRANDE VISTA DRIVE (REPORT OF: PUBLIC WORKS) (DISTRICT 4)

TITLE SUMMARY: Conduct a Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution 2025-xx, a

Resolution of the City of Moreno Valley, Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Grande Vista Drive, Located South of

Bonita Heights Drive

DISTRICT: District 4

#### Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to adopt Resolution 2025-XX, Authorizing the temporary closure of Grande Vista Drive south of Bonita Heights Drive.

#### **SUMMARY**

The following report recommends the temporary closure of Grande Vista Drive, located south of Bonita Heights Drive. Grande Vista Drive is a local street that ends in a cul-desac. Over the years the location has become popular for loitering and illegal activity. The City Council approved a temporary closure on December 5, 2023 for 18 months. The purpose of this report is to submit a second request for closure to that will expire in December 2026. Activities related to the road closure are funded by the existing operation budget and there is no impact to the General fund.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Grande Vista Drive is a residential collector with a posted speed limit of 25 mph. The street is approximately 2,500 feet long and serves as an entrance to three separate developments. At the top of the Grande Vista Drive cul-de-sac is a trailhead that connects with several hiking and mountain bike paths used by residents. However, the area is also where many unwanted activities (drugs, loud music, physical encounters, etc.) take place disrupting the neighborhood and presenting a safety concern for the residents nearby especially during late evening hours.

To address the loitering and unwanted activities, in March of 2022, the City placed temporary delineators and barricades to prevent motorist from congregating in the area. The City placed several wooden barricades and glue-downed type delineators to restrict vehicles from continuing southerly beyond Bonita Heights Drive. Despite the placement of these temporary barriers, individuals continue to remove them to gain access to the top of the cul-de-sac where they participate in the unwanted activities. Weekly maintenance of the barriers is required to keep the devices in place. This continued behavior has prompted board members of the Pacific Iris Moreno Valley Homeowner's Association (HOA) to reach out to the City seeking a more permanent solution.

After the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-87 on December 5, 2023, the City installed a high-visible reflective pipe gate to mitigate the unwanted activity. The installation of the reflective pipe gate has closed the travel way, while still providing pedestrian and bicyclist access to the trailhead.

The installation of the reflective piped gate is temporary. Per California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, the City has the authority to close the street for a period of 8 consecutive 18-month terms (144 months or 12 years). This will be the second official 18-month period and will expire in December 2026. Prior to the initial expiration date, a third public hearing and staff report will be presented to determine if the temporary closure should continue.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Approve and authorize the recommendations as presented in this report. This alternative will allow the street closure to move forward in a timely manner.
- 2. Do not approve the recommended actions as presented in this staff report. This alternative will deny the residents' request and allow the loitering and unwanted activities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Activities relating to the temporary road closure are funded by the existing operation budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

As a requirement, public notices of this action were installed at the location informing the public that this portion of Grande Vista Drive's cul-de-sac will be closed. The managers from both the Moreno Valley Ranch and Pacific Iris Moreno Valley Homeowner's

Association were informed of this action and were supportive of the reflective piped gate installation. In addition to the public notices, the HOA also distributed this information to their members who may be interested in this matter and were advised they can attend the meeting.

The proposed street closure plan was made available for public view on April 3, 2025, and a public hearing notice was published in Press Enterprise on March 23, 2025.

## PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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## CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Positive Environment: Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

Public Safety: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community, control the number and severity of fire and hazardous material incidents, and provide protection for citizens who live, work and visit the City of Moreno Valley.

## CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Economic Development
- 2. Public Safety
- 3. Library
- 4. Infrastructure
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life
- 6. Youth Programs
- Objective 2.1: Reduce crime, the fear of crime, and the perception of crime in the community.
- Objective 2.2: Engage the community in joint problem solving and crime prevention activities.

Objective 5.2: Promote the installation and maintenance of cost effective, low maintenance landscape, hardscape and other improvements which create a clean, inviting community.

# **Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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