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## MEMORANDUM

Date: Monday, May 14, 2007

To: Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

From: Jason Vogan, City Engineer

Subject: Road Closure Permit for Sellers Avenue at the BNSF Railroad from May 16, 2007 through May 18, 2007

Approved and Forwarded to  
City Council

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**Bryan Montgomery, City Manager**

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### **Summary and Recommendation**

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad has requested to completely close Sellers Avenue to through traffic at the railroad crossing from May 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> to allow them to reconstruct the railroad crossing.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Resolution approving the Road Closure Permit with Special Conditions for Sellers Avenue.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Background and Analysis**

There is an existing at-grade railroad crossing on Sellers Avenue between Delta Road and Cypress Road at the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks. BNSF contacted City staff in late April indicating that the tracks in the vicinity of the crossing are damaged and they have slowed trains to 10 miles per hour in the area. To alleviate the situation they are proposing to reconstruct the railroad crossing, including new tracks, new concrete panels, and conform paving. The work will require closing Sellers Avenue to through traffic for a period of three days, which will essentially close Sellers between Delta Road and Cypress Road since there are no other through streets in that segment.

Staff has contacted both the County and the City of Brentwood to coordinate advance signage and outreach for the closure, and signs were installed on May 9<sup>th</sup> at both Delta

Road and Cypress road. Traffic will be detoured to Curlew Connex/Knightsen Avenue, which is the next closest north-south roadway.

The railroad has also indicated that the Knightsen Avenue crossing will be reconstructed in May. The County will be processing that road closure request, and staff will ensure that the detour plans are reviewed prior to the road being closed. Knightsen Avenue is a much less traveled route than Sellers, so the detour impacts should be minimal.

### **Conclusion**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Resolution authorizing the closure of Sellers Avenue between Delta Road and Cypress Road from May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Attachments**

- 1) Exhibit A, Detour Plan
- 2) Special Conditions
- 3) Resolution for Road Closure