



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert L. Vestal, Public Works Director
DATE: April 1, 2025
SUBJECT: Street Cut Moratorium Exception Request from Beaumont Unified School District

Description Beaumont Unified School District is requesting an exception to the Street Cut Moratorium and street repair requirements at Glen View High School and Palm Innovation Academy.

Background and Analysis:

On March 19, 2025, City staff met with Beaumont Unified School District (BUSD) to discuss two BUSD projects that are affected by the City's street cut moratorium ordinance.

Glen View High School

BUSD is constructing four classrooms on the existing campus. Construction is currently underway. The four classrooms require the installation of a two-inch water service occurring in Chestnut Avenue. Chestnut Avenue was rehabilitated in July 2021 and has approximately one year left under the moratorium.

Palm Innovation Academy

BUSD is constructing a new kitchen on the existing campus. Construction is anticipated in May 2025. The construction of a new kitchen requires the installation of a two-inch water service, occurring in Eighth Street. Eighth Street was rehabilitated in July 2021 and has approximately one year left under the moratorium.

Street Cut Moratorium

In Chapter 12.31.020 – Exceptions to Moratorium, the City of Beaumont Municipal Code (BMC) allows the City Engineer to grant an exception to the moratorium for:

- A. Emergencies which endanger life, or public health and safety.
- B. Work that is mandated by city, state or federal legislation.
- C. Service to buildings or properties where no other reasonable means of providing service exists.

The BUSD projects meet the requirements for an exception under BMC 12.31.020 (C) provision. Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) has provided written confirmation that no reasonable alternatives exist. Consequently, BUSD is requesting that the City Council authorize an exception to the street cut moratorium for Chestnut Avenue and Eighth Street.

Additionally, BUSD is requesting to modify the imposed conditions in the BMC Chapter 12.31 - Street Cut Moratorium; specifically, omit the requirement for a slurry seal top coat. A slurry seal is required along the entire project frontage, not just the repair limits. The slurry seal length for Chestnut Avenue and Eighth Street is 535 feet (11,770 sf) and 765 feet (16,830 sf), respectively. The rough magnitude of costs associated with the slurry seal is estimated to be ~\$6,000 to \$10,000.

The slurry seal requirement is intended to provide a watertight barrier between the old pavement and new pavement and provide a homogenous surface along the project frontage. Failure to apply a slurry seal or other seal will require additional City-led maintenance and the potential appearance for patchwork repairs.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost to develop this staff report is \$200.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Engineer to grant an exception to the street cut moratorium for Chestnut Avenue and Eight Street in association with water service connections for Glen View High School and Palm Innovation Academy; and,

Reject the request by BUSD to modify the imposed conditions identified in the BMC Chapter 12.31 - Street Cut Moratorium.

Attachments:

- A. Glen View High School Exhibit
- B. Palm Innovation Academy Exhibit