

INTRODUCED: November 9, 2015

AN ORDINANCE No. 2015-251-245

To close to vehicular travel a portion of Brook Road located between West Broad Street and North Adams Street for the purpose of creating an urban plaza as part of a public art project.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 14 2015 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That a portion of Brook Road between West Broad Street and North Adams Street be and is hereby closed to vehicular travel as a street of the City of Richmond, as shown and noted on a plan prepared by the Department of Public Works, designated as DPW Drawing No. N-28685, dated October 7, 2015, and entitled “Proposed Closing to Vehicular Travel Only a Portion of Public R/W Known as Brook Road Located between W Broad Street and N Adams Street,” a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, for the purpose of creating an urban plaza as part of a public art project; however, such closing shall not be effective until such time as the City issues the necessary permits pursuant to Chapter 90, Article II, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, for the construction of improvements to the urban plaza.

AYES:                     6              NOES:                     1              ABSTAIN:                 2        

ADOPTED:       DEC 14 2015       REJECTED:                                        STRICKEN:

§ 2. That the right-of-way area closed to vehicular travel by this ordinance shall not be deemed abandoned by the City, and the City shall retain all of its legal interests in such right-of-way area.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

OCT 14 2015
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Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

O&R REQUEST

DATE: October 14, 2015 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor (By Request)

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: John J. Buturla, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Emmanuel Adediran, Director
Department of Public Works

THROUGH: M.S. Khara, P.E., City Engineer
Department of Public Works

THROUGH: Brian Copple, Right of Way Manager
Department of Public Works

FROM: Marvin Anderson, Surveys Supt.
Department of Public Works

RE: PROPOSED CLOSING, TO VEHICULAR TRAVEL ONLY, OF A PORTION
OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS BROOK ROAD LOCATED
BETWEEN W BROAD STREET AND N ADAMS STREET

ORD. OR RES No. \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To close to vehicular travel only, a portion of public right of way shown enclosed with bold lines and hatched on a plan prepared by the Department of Public Works designated as DPW Dwg. No. N-28685 dated October 7, 2015 and entitled "PROPOSED CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAVEL ONLY, A PORTION OF PUBLIC R/W KNOWN AS BROOK ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN W BROAD STREET AND N ADAMS STREET" at such time that the City issues Work in Street Permits for the construction of improvements for the Plaza thereto.

REASON: Letter of request dated October 7, 2015, from Mark A. Olinger, Director, Department of Planning and Development Review, to close to vehicular travel only Brook Road between W Broad Street and N Adams Street. This closure will improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety in this area and make it possible to significantly enhance the creation of a public urban plaza as part of

a public art project at the northeast corner of the intersection of W Broad Street and N Adams Street which will include a statue to commemorate and honor the life and achievements of Maggie L. Walker.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Department of Public Works supports this proposed right-of-way closing to vehicular travel only, and requests that upon adoption by City Council, the closing to vehicular travel will take effect upon the City's issuance of Work in Streets Permits for the construction of improvements for the Plaza within the to-be-closed portion of right-of-way.

**BACKGROUND:** Resolution No. 2000-R86-94 was unanimously adopted by City Council on June 12, 2000. This resolution requested that the City Planning Commission and the Public Art Commission review the appropriateness of designating the intersection of Broad Street and Adams Street as the site for a statue to commemorate the life and achievements of Maggie L. Walker.

On November 22, 2010, City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 2010-R171-180. This resolution supported the erection of a statue honoring Maggie L. Walker and directed the City Attorney and the City Assessor to determine the ownership of the parcel at the intersection of Broad St, Adams St. and Brook Rd., and to determine what action the City must take to properly erect the statue on such parcel (DPW has determined that the parcel referenced here and shown on GIS records is not a separate parcel but is a part of the public right of way). This resolution included a statement that it was in the best interests "of the citizens of the City of Richmond that a statue honoring Mrs. Walker be erected in the Jackson Ward community, at the intersection of Broad Street, Adams Street, and Brook Road."

As shown by these resolutions there has been an ongoing interest to honor the life and accomplishments of Maggie L Walker at this location. The closure of this portion of Brook Road to vehicular travel will make it possible to significantly enhance the amenity package of the plaza (including, but not limited to: expanded sidewalk areas, additional landscaping, pedestrian-scale lighting, and other improvements to the public realm) to support the Maggie L. Walker statue, provide for improved safety, and provide much needed open space for the growing and diversifying Arts & Cultural District.

The closure of this portion of Brook Road to vehicular travel has the potential to improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety in the area by the elimination of two intersections (W Broad St & Brook Rd.; and N Adams St. & Brook Rd.) and their potential for crashes eliminating two pedestrian crossings of public streets. Also the reduction of intersections would reduce traffic congestion by lessening delays which would in turn improve air quality by reducing unnecessary stops.

Other reviewing administrative agencies offered no objections to the closing request.

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST:** None anticipated.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** None anticipated.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No amendment necessary at this time.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** None anticipated

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon Adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 9, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** December 14, 2015

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** None

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** Planning Commission

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Public Works; Law Department; Planning and Development Review; Public Utilities; Economic and Community Development; Assessor; Budget and Strategic Planning; Fire Department; Police Department, Mayor's Office, CAO's Office, Finance

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** 2000-R86-94, 2010-R171-180

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Applicant's request letter, DPW Dwg. No. N-28685

**STAFF:**

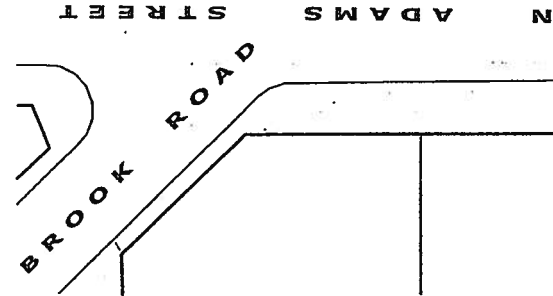
Prepared for Emmanuel O. Adediran

Prepared by Marvin Anderson

Research and Drawing Coordinated By: Jane Amory

Department of Public Works

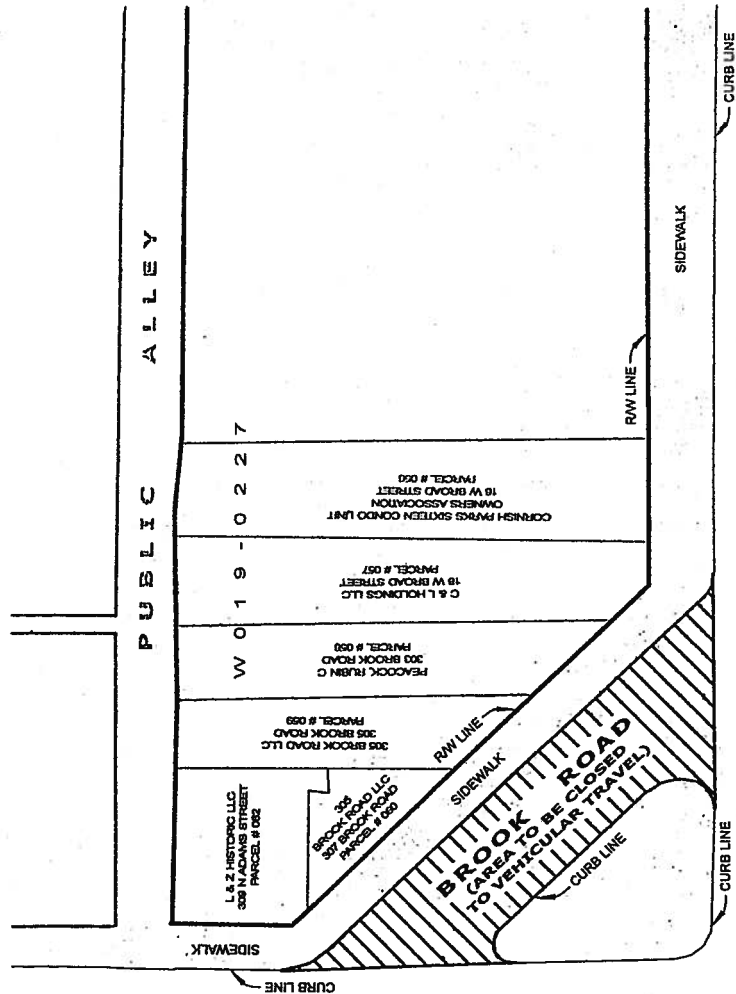
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VICINITY MAP  
NOT TO SCALE



**PURPOSE:**  
 1) THIS DRAWING IS A COMPILATION OF INFORMATION FROM US DETAILED RECORD SOURCES. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A CURRENT FIELD SURVEY.  
 2) THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED BY DRAW TO BE USED AS AN ILLUSTRATION FOR AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF BROOK ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAVEL.  
 3) RAW TO BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAVEL IS ENCLOSED WITH BOLD LINES AND HATCHING.



W B R O A D S T R E E T



Council District 2  
 Block No. W0190227

<b>NOTES:</b> 1. Property owners correct as of Oct 7, 2015 2. Ordinance 3. Adopted 4. Accepted	Drafting Technician <i>Adriana</i> Survey Superintendent <i>Tim W. Allen</i> Right of Way Manager <i>Tim W. Allen</i> City Engineer <i>Corey G. Smith</i>		PROPOSED CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAVEL ONLY A PORTION OF PUBLIC R/W KNOWN AS BROOK ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN W BROAD STREET AND N ADAMS STREET	REQUESTED BY: MARK OLLINGER, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND
			FIELD NOTE SCALE 1" = 20'	DATE 10/7/15
REVISIONS: B/L INW	Drawn by: JMA Checked by: MWA	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	Surveys Division, Room 600 City Hall 900 E Broad St, Richmond, Va 23219	




# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** October 7, 2015

**TO:** Emmanuel O. Adediran, Director  
Department of Public Works

**FROM:** Mark A. Olinger, Director  
Department of Planning and Development Review 

**Subject:** Closure of Brook Road between N. Adams and W. Broad Streets to Vehicular Travel

The Department of Planning & Development Review requests the closure of Brook Road, between N. Adams Street and W. Broad Street, to create an urban plaza as part of a public art project. The affected area is bounded by N. Adams to the west, W. Broad to the south, and Brook Road to the east (please see attachments).

The closure will permit the construction and maintenance of a statue as a memorial to Maggie L. Walker. Such work is fully consistent with, and builds on, the recommendations of Resolution 2010-R171-180, unanimously adopted by Council on November 22, 2010, which stated that it was in the best interests *"of the citizens of the City of Richmond that a statue honoring Mrs. Walker be erected in the Jackson Ward community, at the intersection of Broad Street, Adams Street, and Brook Road."*

The closure to vehicular travel will also make it possible to significantly enhance the amenity package (including, but not be limited to: expanded sidewalk areas, additional landscaping, pedestrian-scale lighting, replacement on-street parking, and other improvements to the public realm) to support the Maggie L. Walker statue, provide for improved safety, and provide much needed open space for the growing and diversifying Arts & Cultural District.

City staff have met with a number of the adjacent property owners and will continue to brief them on this project in an effort to secure their support of the closing of this street segment to vehicular traffic. The proposed closing of this portion of Brook Road has received extensive internal vetting by the Departments of Public Works, Public Utilities, Planning and Development Review, and the City Attorney's Office.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Thank you.

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c: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Christopher L. Beschler, DCAO-Operations  
Peter L. Downey, Interim DCAO-Economic Development & Planning  
Robert Steidel, Director of Public Utilities  
M. Khara, City Engineer, Department of Public Works  
Marvin W. Anderson, Surveys Superintendent, Department of Public Works  
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