



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

*ADMINISTRATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** William R. Gray, P. E., Public Works Director

**DATE:** April 22, 2004

**RE:** **Temporary closure of Church Street between Orchard Street and Coler Avenue**

**INTRODUCTION**

Carle Hospital for many months has been planning for a fifty million dollar addition to the Hospital located south of Church Street between Coler Avenue and Orchard Street. The proposed expansion to the north tower and a new west ancillary building include adding new private bed space rooms, expanding the neo-natal intensive care unit, increasing family support space, improving staffing efficiency, expanding the medical surgical unit, expanding the pediatric unit, and the obstetric area. The existing north tower will be raised an additional five stories, which is consistent with the City's and Carle's desire to develop and expand the hospital area more intensely (vertically) and to not expand the hospital horizontally.

To undertake a project of this magnitude requires a large construction staging area which include lay down areas for building materials, construction trailers, etc. in order to construct the project. Carle staff and the City have looked at various alternatives as to where this lay down/storage area can be. Areas that were considered and dismissed included using some of the existing homestead sites of Carle owned property north of Church Street and also use of the Crystal Lake Park. The best solution for constructing the hospital is to use the Church Street right-of-way immediately adjacent to the site, between Coler Avenue and Orchard Street. The temporary closure of Church Street will cause a slight rerouting of traffic to use Orchard Street and Fairview Avenue. This is seen as minor inconvenience compared to the hospital needs to allow for its construction and to not impinge further north with construction related activities.

A quid pro-quo for the City in exchange for this temporary closure for up to possibly three years includes the reconstruction of this one block of Church Street, a \$40,000 contribution to reconstruct Orchard Street between Church Street and Fairview Avenue, and a sidewalk along the east side of Orchard Street adjacent to Crystal Lake Park where

currently one does not exist. The City Capital Improvement Plan has identified these two streets for future repairs and reconstruction and with the scheduled completion of this hospital project, reconstruction of these two streets can occur in 2007.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

There are no fiscal impacts to the City. All street closures and preparation related costs will be borne by Carle.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that a resolution be approved Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Church Street between Orchard Street and Coler Avenue to Accommodate the Carle Hospital Construction.

WRG:tlh

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-04-011R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHURCH STREET  
(BETWEEN ORCHARD STREET AND COLER AVENUE) TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
CARLE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Carle Foundation Hospital is one of the largest employers in the City of Urbana, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Carle Foundation Hospital is scheduled to begin \$50,000,000.00 in improvements to their facility, which improvements include adding five stories to the north tower and an ancillary structure around the north tower; and

WHEREAS, such improvements are consistent with the Carle Master Plan, in keeping with the intensity of use and not adding to sprawl; and

WHEREAS, such proposed improvements are in a very limited space and where additional space is needed during the course of such large scale construction; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for such construction, consideration should be given to Carle Foundation Hospital to temporarily close Church Street between Orchard Street and Coler Avenue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

The Director of the City of Urbana Public Works Department is authorized to temporarily close Church Street between Orchard Street and Coler Avenue for a period of up to three years, pursuant to an agreement with Carle Foundation Hospital, in which Carle Foundation Hospital shall agree:

- (a) to reconstruct that block of street, in concrete, under the direction of the Public Works Department Director and in accordance with the standards of the City;

(b) to contribute \$40,000.00 towards the reconstruction of Orchard Street between Church Street and Fairview Avenue;

(c) to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Orchard Street where none currently exists; and

(d) to otherwise repair any other property, public or private, that has been damaged by the activities of Carle Foundation Hospital pursuant to the agreement, and to return it to its prior condition, in accordance with the standards of the City.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor