



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** July 26, 2011  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Uptown Art Fair Large Block Event – August 5 - 7, 2011

**Recommendation:**  
Approve Large Block Event Permit for the Uptown Art Fair.

**Previous Directives:**  
March 10, 2006 -- Passage of Ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of Code relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events, establishing a new "large block event" category, extending the hours allowed for block events, and clarifying amplified sound permit requirements for residential block events.

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**Approved by:**  

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**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Civil rights	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Financial Impact**  
No financial impact

**Community Impact**  
Neighborhood Notification: Applicant must adhere to all conditions of Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events  
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city  
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable  
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

### Background/Supporting Information

The Uptown Association/Uptown Art Fair has requested the closure of Hennepin Avenue South roadway from 28<sup>th</sup> Street West to 31<sup>st</sup> Street West. Cross traffic will be allowed at the following streets that cross Hennepin Avenue South, 28<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lagoon Avenue South, Lake Street West and 31<sup>st</sup> Street West.

Hennepin Avenue South would close at 9am on Friday August 5, 2011 until 10pm Sunday August 7, 2011. This event, because of its designation as a "Business District Large Block Event," needs Council approval per Chapter 455 of the City of Minneapolis Code of Ordinance.

Public Works agrees with allowing the closure of Hennepin Avenue South during this time as long as the applicant acquires the proper permits needed in order to hold the event. In addition, the applicant will be responsible for obtaining the proper signage needed for lane and sidewalk closures. The applicant is also responsible for hiring the proper amount of police officers for traffic control during the event.

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