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Subject: FW: Holiday Parade - COVID-19 Style
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How has the traffic been lately downtown? See below for specifics, but they are wanting to know if there has been an uptic in traffic using Innes due to the construction closures. I haven't noticed anything in the mornings, but I would greatly appreciate input on the evening traffic since you're the eyes of the city!
We are looking at a time frame of 1700 – 2100 for the actual "reverse parade" times. Main St will be expected to be closed (the same amount as for a normal parade) for the floats moving into position, then out at the end, so that's why they are extending the times of street closure – and extra hour at each end, just to be sure.
Thanks!

From: Couch, John P <jpcouch@ncdot.gov>
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Vickie,

My only concern with closing Innis and Main is the potential for crashes on I-85 during the current maintenance work that is going on. With the four southbound lanes being reduced to two lanes, the queuing is going past Innis Street and collisions are occurring which causes motorists to exist I-85 to find another route. Have you seen additional traffic in the downtown area due to this construction?

Mezak: Will the maintenance work be complete by the time of this event?

JP

From: Vickie Eddleman <VTrou@salisburync.gov>
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JP & Mezak,

There is a group organizing a holiday 'parade' with a new idea for November 25th. Since people are required to social distance, they have decided to make the parade entries stationary and have the audience drive through Main St (from E Franklin St to Horah St) to view the parade. I have attached their original submittal package they provided the City of Salisbury, in case you wish to review their comments. While their packet is not very easy to read, we have had numerous conversations with them to get a better idea of their intended footprint affecting the streets. Our Public Works Department will be handling the road closures to ensure they are handled properly. Since this is impacting Innes St and Main St for an extended period of time (4:00 pm – 10:00pm), I wanted to ensure NCDOT will be okay with this event and this traffic control plan. The closure on Innes St will be the same type used for the Cheerwine Festival, of an easily removable type, to plan for a major emergency. All intersections along Main St are being required to have nothing within the intersection, again for emergency purposes. The spectators/audience will be entering the parade by way of a staging area (parking lot) in the 100 block of E Franklin St. They will then drive from that point on N Main St until they exit the parade on S Main St at the intersection with Horah St. We will place all the signals from Kerr St to Horah St in a planned flash mode for the duration of the times requested for the event. Engineering, Public Works and Police have worked together to develop a detour plan that should be suitable for both commercial vehicles as well as passenger vehicles. The general idea of the detour paths is shown in the attached document "TisTheSeason-DetourRoutes." That map was how we began the planning for traffic control. The actual final design of the traffic control plan is attached (TisTheSeason-Detour-OversizeArchD). When printed on an 11x17, it is barely legible. The attachment was designed to be plotted for Oversized Arch D. The locations and number of floats, snow machines, light shows, etc, have not been finalized by the group asking for the permit from the City. I have included some conceptual ideas of what it could look like and features they would like to be able to include. Please do note that they would like to have a stationary hot air balloon or two. They have been asked to submit a more details plan of where the balloons will be placed, and other detailed information needed by our Fire & Police prior to allowance.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns. If not, please let us know if NCDOT has any hesitations or if you are okay with the request. Thank you for your time!

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