City Council Agenda Item Request

Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office**: March 3, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Transportation Assistant Director

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** April 14, 2026, to set a public hearing; May 12 2026, for public hearing and vote.

4. **Subject:** Closure of a portion of unopened right-of-way on the western edge of Saint Dunstan's Road, between 159 Saint Dunstan's Road and 183 Saint Dunstan's Road.

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution of intent to permanently close a portion of unopened right-of-way on the western edge of Saint Dunstan's Road, between 159 Saint Dunstan's Road and 183 Saint Dunstan's Road, and to set a public hearing for May 12 2026.

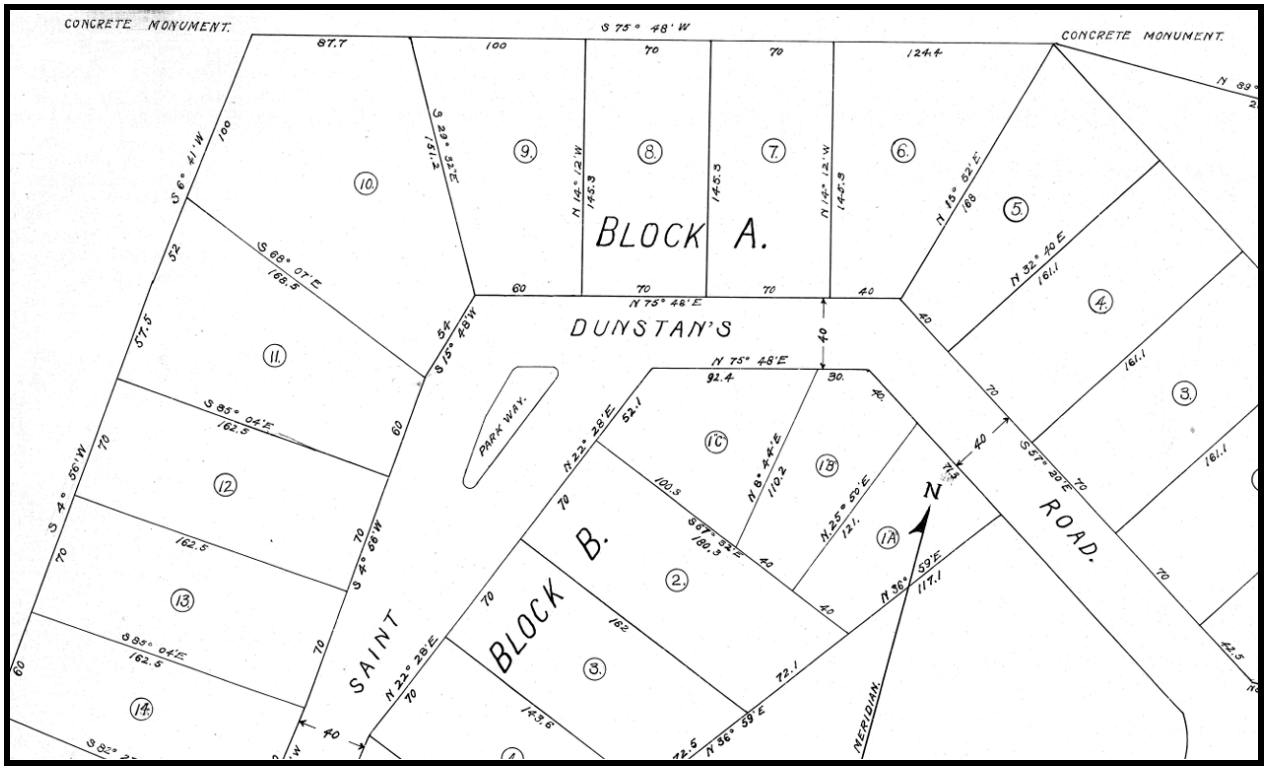
6. **Note if time-sensitive, and why:** Yes. Applicant(s) wish to proceed.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** There are no fiscal impacts associated with the right-of-way closure.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** N/A

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**
   Technical Review Committee - March 16th - reviewed and forwarded for Council.
   Multimodal Transportation Commission - is not currently meeting.

10. **Identify Key issues:**
    - Susanne Godsey petitioned for this closure on behalf of herself and the property owners adjacent to the area requested to be closed on Saint Dunstan's.
    - When Saint Dunstan's Road was originally platted in 1922, the roadway included a widened area in the northwest corner and a small triangular shaped island referred to on the plat as a "parkway," as seen in the image below.
    - The "parkway" island was constructed and a portion of it remains today, however the roadway area shown in the original plat on the west side of the island does not appear to have ever been constructed and has never been maintained by the City as part of Saint Dunstan's Road.
    - Instead, this excess unopened right-of-way area has served as driveway access to the parcels/homes there, and until recently the property owners were unaware that their properties did not access Saint Dunstan's Road.
    - Therefore, this action is seeking to close the excess unopened right-of-way and divide the area among the parcels seeking the closure, allowing them to construct driveways accessing Saint Dunstan's.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BLOCK A.
DUNSTAN'S
PARK WAY.
BLOCK B.
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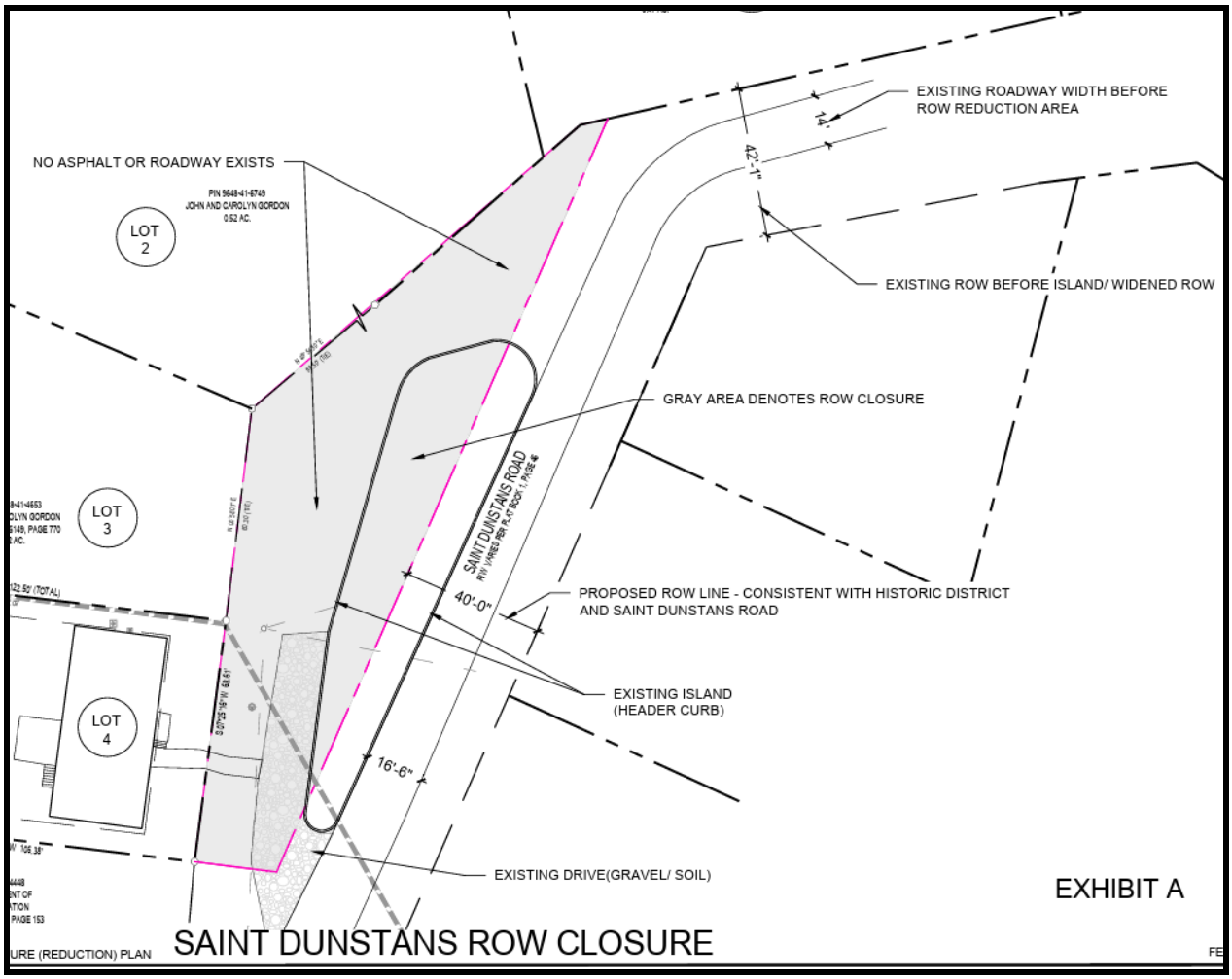
EXISTING ROADWAY WIDTH BEFORE ROW REDUCTION AREA
NO ASPHALT OR ROADWAY EXISTS
PIN 9648-41-6749
JOHN AND CAROLYN GORDON
0.52 AC.
LOT 2
LOT 3
LOT 4
EXISTING ROW BEFORE ISLAND/ WIDENED ROW
GRAY AREA DENOTES ROW CLOSURE
SAINT DUNSTANS ROAD
RW VARIES PER PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 46
PROPOSED ROW LINE - CONSISTENT WITH HISTORIC DISTRICT AND SAINT DUNSTANS ROAD
40'-0"
EXISTING ISLAND (HEADER CURB)
16'-6"
EXISTING DRIVE(GRAVEL/ SOIL)
42'-1"
14'
EXHIBIT A
SAINT DUNSTANS ROW CLOSURE
URE (REDUCTION) PLAN






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Asheville, North Carolina
Google Street View
May 2019 See more dates
Share
Saint Dunstans Rd
Asheville Habitat for Humanity ReStore
Google Maps


183 Saint Dunstans Rd
Asheville, North Carolina
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