Right-of-Way Closure for 140-feet of Sawyer Street between 50 and 52 Coxe Avenue

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Closure Request

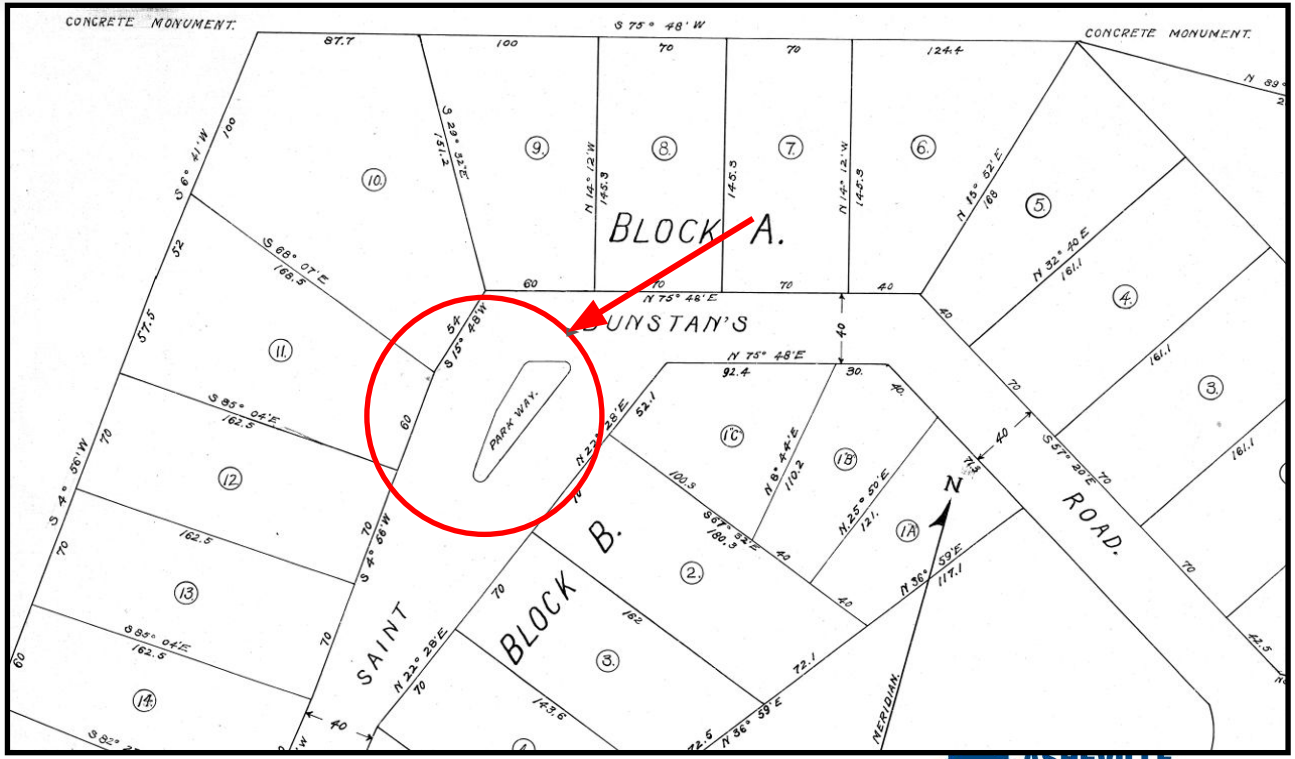
The request is to close a portion of unopened right-of-way on the western edge of Saint Dunstan's Road, between 159 and 183 Saint Dunstan's Road.

Susanne and Lane Godsey petitioned for the closure on behalf of themselves and the property owners adjacent to the right-of-way.

The closure will allow these homes to construct driveways that will connect to the legal public right-of-way of Saint Dunstan's Road.

Saint Dunstan's Road

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."



Proposed St. Dunstan's Right-of-Way Closure



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Portion of Saint Dunstan's Right-of-way Looking North (adjacent to 183 Saint Dunstan's)

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.



Saint Dunstan’s Right-of-Way Looking North





This excess unopened portion of the right-of-way has served as driveway access to the parcels/homes.

Until recently, the property owners were unaware that their properties did not legally access Saint Dunstan's Road.

Portion of Saint Dunstan's Right-of-way Looking North



The closure will allow the homeowners to construct driveways to access Saint Dunstan's.

Committee and Commission Recommendations

Historic Resources Commission - May 14, 2025 - approved certificate of appropriateness for proposed right-of-way closure (as it related to St. Dunstan's Historic District).

Technical Review Committee (TRC) - March 16, 2026, recommendation was to approve the closure.

Multimodal Commission - currently not meeting.

*not legally required to review closure requests.

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Proposed Motion

Motion to adopt a resolution 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.