

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council
FROM: Ron Moreno, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: October 28, 2025
SUBJECT: Receive and File Temporary Street Closures for 2025 Winterfest Events

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the temporary closure of certain streets for the following 2025 Winterfest Events:

HOLIDAY DECORATION INSTALLATION
SANTA’S ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
NEW YEAR’S EVE GRAPE DROP

BACKGROUND: Three special events are scheduled between November 2025 and January 2026 which necessitates the physical closure of all or portions of certain streets within the Old Town area and other streets throughout Temecula. These closures are necessary for event operation as well as to protect participants and viewers.

The three events and associated street closures are as follows:

- 1) HOLIDAY DECORATION INSTALLATION – November 14th & 17th, 2025

The Old Town Christmas Tree and holiday photo ops will be installed at the bottom of the Main Street ‘Y’ and surrounding area. The street closures necessary are as follows:

Main Street from the easterly driveway edge of 28636 Old Town Front Street to Mercedes Street	Friday, November 14 th & Monday November 17 th 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Street closures for the Holiday Decoration Installation are shown on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

2) SANTA’S ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE – December 4th & 5th, 2025

Santa’s Electric Light Parade will be held December 5, 2025. The annual Santa’s Electric Light Parade featuring marchers, floats, bands and equestrian units will travel south along Jefferson Avenue beginning at Del Rio Road, cross over Rancho California Road and continue south through Old Town with street closures as follows:

<p>Main Street between the easterly driveway edge of 28636 Old Town Front Street to Mercedes Street</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4 to 12:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5</p>
<p>Main Street from Old Town Front Street to Pujol Street</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 8:00 a.m. to midnight</p>
<p>Jefferson Avenue (southbound) between Overland Drive and Via Montezuma</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 4:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.</p>
<p>Del Rio Road between Via Montezuma and Jefferson Avenue</p> <p>Las Haciendas between Del Rio Road and Jefferson Avenue</p> <p>Calle Cortez between Del Rio Road and Jefferson Avenue</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Jefferson Avenue (southbound) between Via Montezuma and Rancho California Road</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p>

<p>Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Street from Mercedes Street to Murrieta Creek</p> <p>Old Town Front Street From Rancho California to Santiago Road</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Jefferson Avenue (northbound) between Rancho California Road and Overland Drive</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Old Town Front Street from Santiago Road to Harley Davidson</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Rancho California Road from Old Town Front Street to Diaz Road</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>First Street and Santiago Road from Pujol Street to C Street</p>	<p>Friday, December 5 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p>

Street closures for the Santa’s Electric Light Parade event are shown on Exhibits “A” and “B” attached hereto.

3) NEW YEAR’S EVE GRAPE DROP – December 31st, 2025 to January 1st, 2026

Live music, activities for kids and New Year’s countdown as we celebrate 2026 at the Civic Center with street closures as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">Main Street between the easterly driveway edge of 28636 Old Town Front Street to Mercedes Street</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mercedes Street from 3rd to 4th Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31 to 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Main Street between Old Town Front Street to Pujol Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, December 31 Approx. 8:40 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.</p>

Street closures for the New Year’s Eve Grape Drop event are shown on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Street closures are allowed by the California Vehicle Code upon approval by the local governing body for certain conditions. Under Vehicle Code Section 21101, “Regulation of Highways,” local authorities, for those highways under their jurisdiction, may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution for, among other instances, “temporary closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes, when, in the opinion of local authorities having jurisdiction, the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.”

Chapter 12.12 of the Temecula Municipal Code, Parades and Special Events, provides standards and procedures for special events on public streets, highways, sidewalks, or public right of way and authorizes the City Council or City Manager to temporarily close streets, or portions of streets, for these events.

FISCAL IMPACT: The costs of police services, as well as services provided by the City Public Works Maintenance Division (for providing, placing and retrieving of necessary warning and advisory devices), are appropriately budgeted within the City’s operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A – Winter Road Closures 2025
2. Exhibit B – Santa’s Electric Light Parade 2025