

**From:** [Ken Adams](#)  
**To:** [citycouncil](#)  
**Subject:** 21-167 Version: 1  
**Date:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:33:07 AM

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Dear City Council & Mayor,

I would like to voice my support for 21-167 [Version: 1](#) on this coming City Council Agenda. I use both Winter and Union streets to bike commute from my home to my volunteer position at KMUZ-FM. It took me a while to discover this route as many other downtown streets are rather nerve racking to say the least for a bike rider.

Thank you Council member Stapelton.

Ken Adams  
1695 Chemeketa Street  
Salem 97301

**From:** [bamstutz@protonmail.com](mailto:bamstutz@protonmail.com)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Support for temporary street closure of Union Street and Winter Street  
**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 6:21:24 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to note my support for Council Stapleton's proposal to temporarily close certain streets to vehicular traffic on Saturdays, and thus to open those roads for safe pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-automotive purposes. I greatly enjoyed the street closures downtown last summer and found that it invigorated my appreciation for being downtown. I feel that the proposed temporary closures as proposed will continue and enhance those effects. I greatly look forward to being able to ride my bike down to the Saturday market, having it only for a few hours to enjoy clean air and safe streets with my wife, dog, and all other happy humans of this city.

I applaud this proposal, and strongly encourage the city council to support it.

Thank you,  
Brian Amstutz  
21st St NE

**From:** [noreply@cityofsalem.net](mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net) on behalf of [mbackoh@yahoo.com](mailto:mbackoh@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [citycouncil](mailto:citycouncil)  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 9:34:08 AM  
**Attachments:** [ATT00001.bin](#)

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Your Name	Mary Ann Baclawski
Your Email	mbackoh@yahoo.com
Your Phone	503-884-4192
Street	385 Forest Hills Way, NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I use the Union Street bridge when I ride my bike from West Salem to the Saturday Market. Please close that street to traffic to facilitate safe bike traffic then as suggested by Councilor Nordyke.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 4/26/2021.

**From:** [Roberta A](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Closing Streets for Bikers and Walkers on Saturdays  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 12:48:26 PM

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I support closing sections of streets on Saturdays to accommodate bikers and walkers in the Saturday Market neighborhoods.

Thank you for listening. Roberta Cade  
1321 Chemeketa St NE

**From:** [Diane Chavez](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 2:05:11 PM

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I support the motion to close certain downtown streets to provide a more bike/pedestrian friendly community. I am a grandparent who would like to bike with my grandchildren but currently do not feel safe doing so in downtown Salem.

This motion would be a step in the right direction toward making Salem a more pedestrian/bike friendly environment and supporting our local economy.

Sincerely,  
Diane Chavez  
370 19th ST NE  
ward 1

**From:** [Clair Clark](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Cc:** [Tom Andersen](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:24:01 AM

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Salem City Councilors and Mayor Bennett,

I support the motion brought forward by Councilor Stapleton for city staff to report to City Council on closing sections of Union St. and Winter St during the fair weather times of year.

This change would give residents an opportunity to walk or bike downtown in a safe, pleasant way one day a week. These closures are unlikely to impede traffic flow through the area since they aren't particularly busy streets.

These types of targeted street closures are an important step in promoting more active transportation in our city. Increasing active transportation is essential for Salem to reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals of net zero by 2050 and halfway there by 2035, since 53% of our city's emissions are from transportation.

Sincerely,

Clair Clark  
Ward 2

**From:** [Robert Cortright](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 10:56:57 AM

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Councillors

I strongly encourage you to approve Councillor Stapleton's motion directing staff to explore the feasibility of closing Union Street on Saturdays to provide improved bike and pedestrian access between Riverfront Park and Salem Saturday Market.

Creating a truly bicycle-friendly community is a series of small steps. A key step is to make it easy for interested but less experienced riders to take somewhat longer trips so they can build their skill and confidence cycling on city streets. Closing Union and Winter Streets to auto traffic would create an easy route for lots of folks to explore and try out cycling for longer trips, for example by riding from Wallace Marine Park or Minto-Brown Park through Riverfront Park to Saturday Market on the Capitol Mall.

Making cycling and walking in Salem safer and more convenient is also critical to meeting our greenhouse gas emission goals: state studies tell us we need to double or triple the share of trips made by walking and cycling. (They also show that increasing walking and cycling has additional benefits - such as improving public health and air quality.) Changing how we use city streets to make walking and cycling safe and convenient options for as many trips as possible and giving many of our citizens more opportunities to try cycling are important first steps to meeting these goals. Please take this step!

Bob Cortright

West Salem  
(Ward 8)

**From:** [Sarah Deumling](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEM 5 B  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:31:26 PM

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My name is Sarah Deumling and my house is at 2667 Orchard Heights Rd. NW.  
I think commissioner Stapleton's proposal to limit traffic on portions of Union and Winter streets to bike riders and pedestrians on summer weekend days is an overdue but fantastic start to making Salem a friendlier and safer city - the kind of city I would like to live in. It will be a total plus for those of us in West Salem who enjoy the market and would welcome the walk or bike ride. Please give thoughtful consideration to this fine proposal. If other cities can do such things I think we can too.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deumling



**From:** [Victor Dodier](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Re: City Council Agenda, Item 5.b. Motion by Councilor Stapleton regarding temporary closure of Union & Winter Streets  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:21:44 AM

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I am writing in support of Councilor Stapleton's motion regarding temporary closure of Union & Winter Streets on Saturdays in support of the Saturday Market.

A feasibility study by City staff is an excellent idea.

I believe that the City should better support bicycling and walking. Temporary street closure in support of the already family friendly Saturday Market would be, I think, a good way of accomplishing that purpose.

Victor Dodier

**From:** [Kirk Leonard](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Saturday street closures  
**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 11:14:24 PM

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Mayor Bennett and city councilors:

I strongly support Councilor Stapleton's proposal for May through October Saturday street closures to promote active transportation events and the Saturday Market.

Kirk Leonard  
Ward 2

**From:** [Janet Lorenzen](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 4:58:59 PM

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I am writing in support of Councilor Stapleton's upcoming motion (4/26/2021) to develop a plan to close portions of Winter and Union Streets on Saturdays to facilitate family-friendly biking and walking to the downtown Saturday Market. I think this is a terrific idea and a good compromise between not closing any streets vs. closing streets permanently.

Thank you,

Janet Lorenzen

Ward 3

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Willamette University was previously the Indian Manual Labor Training School in the 1840s and is on the land of the Kalapuya, represented today by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz. Support the climate goals of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians:

<http://atntribes.org/climatechange/>

**From:** [Barb Lowry](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Union Street closure for Saturday Market.  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 10:33:11 AM

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I think this is a terrible idea. Why would people walk or bike all that way, then buy stuff they have to cart home? I also believe that public city streets should never be blocked off except for occasional city wide events, and emergencies. Just another reason for me to avoid the downtown core. Barb Lowry

**From:** [Katja Meyer](#)  
**To:** [Virginia Stapleton](#); [Tom Andersen](#); [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 10:54:58 AM

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I am writing in support of examining the feasibility of closing Union and Winter Streets on Saturdays to expand pedestrian and bike access to the Saturday Market. This would be a great first step in making Salem a more family and bike-friendly city. It would also be a visible sign of the City's commitment to climate action (and hopefully, expanding the number of bike lanes would be part of the developing Climate Action Plan).

Katja Meyer

April 25, 2021

Dear City of Salem Mayor and Councilors,

My name is Angela Obery

I am a long-time resident of Salem and currently live in Ward 2.

I'd like to thank Councilor Stapleton for her motion "regarding temporary street closure of Union Street and Winter Street on Saturdays from May through October to benefit the area neighborhoods and the Saturday Market."

Studying the feasibility of this project is closely aligned with the ongoing community work of "[Our Salem Vision](#)." The act of opening these designated bike and pedestrian friendly sections of Union Street and Winter Street one day a week to people walking, biking, and skating would serve as living evidence of the draft vision statement: "Salem is a prosperous, equitable, sustainable city where everyone has access to affordable housing and safe transportation choices, local businesses are thriving, and where open spaces and the environment are valued and protected."

The motion also calls to mind the key indicators used in the document (Pg. 13) planning for Salem's growth. Of the 20 key indicators, this motion effectively links to nine of the indicators: *Affordability, Complete Neighborhoods, Proximity to Parks, Walk and Transit Friendliness, Bicycle and Pedestrian Use, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Air Pollution from Travel, Traffic and Pedestrian Crashes, and Active Transportation.*

Further review also shows that the motion connects to a great number of the goals proposed by the City as it seeks to build a more livable community for all. (Pg. 22-32)

*\*Complete Neighborhoods: Encourage housing that provides convenient access to jobs, services, and amenities that meets residents' daily needs.*

*\*Livability and Sustainability: Enhance Salem's neighborhoods to ensure that they are safe, welcoming, stable, sustainable, and attractive places to live.*

*\*Access and Livability: Promote a vibrant economy that increases access to jobs, goods, and services.*

*\*Design: Encourage commercial, mixed-use, and industrial development that creates safe, sustainable, attractive urban environments.*

*\*Opportunities: Provide a comprehensive network of parks and recreational facilities - and access to these amenities – to serve all ages, incomes, cultures and abilities.*

*\*Community and Culture: Develop and enhance parks as safe and welcoming public spaces that celebrate cultural heritage and diversity, reflect surrounding neighborhood identity, and provide for community gatherings.*

*\*Multipurpose: Consider parks as multipurpose infrastructure needed to maintain and improve the quality of life for all community members. Access and Connectivity Provide an interconnected network of recreational opportunities and increase safe and convenient access to them.*

*\*Environmental Protection: Protect and enhance the quality and function of Salem's natural resources, ecosystems, and environment.*

*\*Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and negatively impact the environment, public health, and community resiliency.*

*\*Recreation and Access: Promote and enhance the recreational and scenic qualities of the Willamette River and adjacent lands and increase access to these areas.*

*\*Complete Streets: Develop and maintain an integrated, equitable multimodal transportation network that promotes safe, convenient, efficient travel for every user and contributes directly to the health, economic vitality and quality of life of all residents, especially the most vulnerable, and the broader community. Include non-automobile modes of transportation, including bicycling, walking and public transportation, in all transportation planning and projects.*

*\*Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction: Pursue strategies and investments to reduce travel demand and support non-motorized transportation to help Salem pursue its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.*

*\*Local Connectivity: Provide an interconnected local street system that allows for dispersal of traffic, encourages a mix of travel modes, reduces the length of trips, and increases opportunities for people to walk and bike.*

*\*Bicycle System: Accommodate bicyclists of all ages and abilities by providing a well-connected system of on- and off-street bicycle facilities that will encourage increased ridership, safe bicycle travel, and active transportation and will support public health.*

*\*Pedestrian System: Accommodate pedestrians of all ages and abilities by providing a comprehensive system of connecting sidewalks, walkways, and trails that will encourage and increase safe pedestrian travel and active transportation to support public health.*

*\*Travel Demand Management: Employ strategies to reduce the demands placed on the current and future transportation system by decreasing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles as the dominant means of travel and ensuring that other modes are viable and convenient travel options.*

*\*Community Spaces and Culture: Foster development of community gathering spaces and other amenities that provide opportunities for people to socialize and celebrate together.*

*\*Public Facilities and Services: Provide accessible, high-quality public facilities and services to meet the needs of current and future generations and to promote quality of life.*

*\*Food: Increase access to healthy, fresh food.*

Councilor Stapleton's motion seems like a natural extension of the work already underway by the City of Salem. It moves beyond the theorizing, the grand plans, and mere words on paper. For a small window of time, this is where the "talk" has the opportunity to become "reality" for Salem. It's where 'what might help Salem a decade or more from now' moves to 'enhancing life for those living in Salem today'.

I urge you to support the motion.

Respectfully,  
Angela Obery

**From:** [Ray Quisenberry](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Saturday Street Closures proposal by Councilor Stapleton  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:55:04 PM

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To the Mayor and Councilors

I've read the proposed motion that Councilor Stapleton is planning to bring to the city council on Monday, regarding the closure of Union and Winter Streets in conjunction with the Saturday market, and I want to voice strong support for the idea. Giving priority to walking and biking on only two streets of a large street grid that covers 45 square miles, and for only one day a week in the summer, is a very small ask to make to provide some added safety and enjoyment for families who want to engage in active transportation on their way to the market. In addition, this plan would have the special benefit of eliminating the dangerous pedestrian/auto congestion I see at the intersection of Winter and Union every time I walk to the market. It's a 4 way stop, and too many drivers are weaving through the gaps between families as they nose across the intersection, while also trying to avoid getting struck by another vehicle. It's very dangerous for everyone involved.

I know of, and have been to cities around the world that create these pedestrian corridors in their city cores, and do so on a permanent basis. These areas of town are always vibrant, and always a highlight of the visit. I also strongly suspect that if we elect to close these two streets on Saturdays in the summer, as Councilor Stapleton will be suggesting, local vendors will see additional opportunities to engage with new customers along the route. In any event, It would be exciting to see what develops

I'm looking forward to listening to the discussion.

Ray Quisenberry  
Ward 1

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Jim Scheppke](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony on Agenda Item 5b  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:42:24 AM

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Dear Salem City Council:

I write in enthusiastic support of Councilor Stapleton's motion to study the feasibility of closing portions of Winter and Unions Streets on Saturdays this summer to encourage safe and enjoyable biking and walking to the Salem Saturday Market.

Other cities have been closing streets on weekends like this for years. I myself have witnessed this in Quito, Ecuador a decade ago! It's a wonderful thing. It will be good for families, good for the Saturday Market — it's a winner.

Thanks to Councilor Stapleton for bringing this great idea forward to the Council.

Jim Scheppke  
Ward 2

**From:** [Brett](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment Union St Closure  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 9:34:00 AM

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I am writing as a downtown Salem resident to say that I support Councilor Stapelton's proposal to close a portion of Union St to cars on Saturdays from May to October to increase accessibility to the Farmer's Market. I think that as a society we need to become less car oriented and invest in infrastructure that makes our city more safe and accessible to cyclists & pedestrians, and invest more in public transportation. I think the Farmer's Market is a wonderful part of our community, it makes it easier to support local businesses and farms, and provides a needed opportunity to get nutritious food, and even accepts food stamps so I would support any measure that increases accessibility to this weekly event in any way.

Sincerely,  
Brett Stoner-Osborne