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FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: March 13, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Request Road Closure for Training Burn

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Fire Department is requesting that Hershey Avenue between Ash Street and Green Street along with Green Street between Hershey Avenue and Mill Street be closed on March 25th from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. for a large scale training fire at the former Beach Lumber site on Hershey.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Fire Department has been afforded the opportunity to conduct a large scale live fire training event at the former Beach Lumber Company site on Hershey. This large training exercise will also include many of the county fire departments participating also.

This scheduled training burn and road closure request has been reviewed through the traffic committee. DNR notification has been made and asbestos abatement will have been remedied prior to the burn. The Fire Department will install door knockers to adjacent property owners that will be affected by the road closure and training fire. This event will also be broadcast through various forms of social media.

In order to provide for the utmost safety of the training participants and the public as a whole, the department is requesting the closure of Hershey between Ash and Green Street and Green Street between Hershey and Mill on March 25th.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

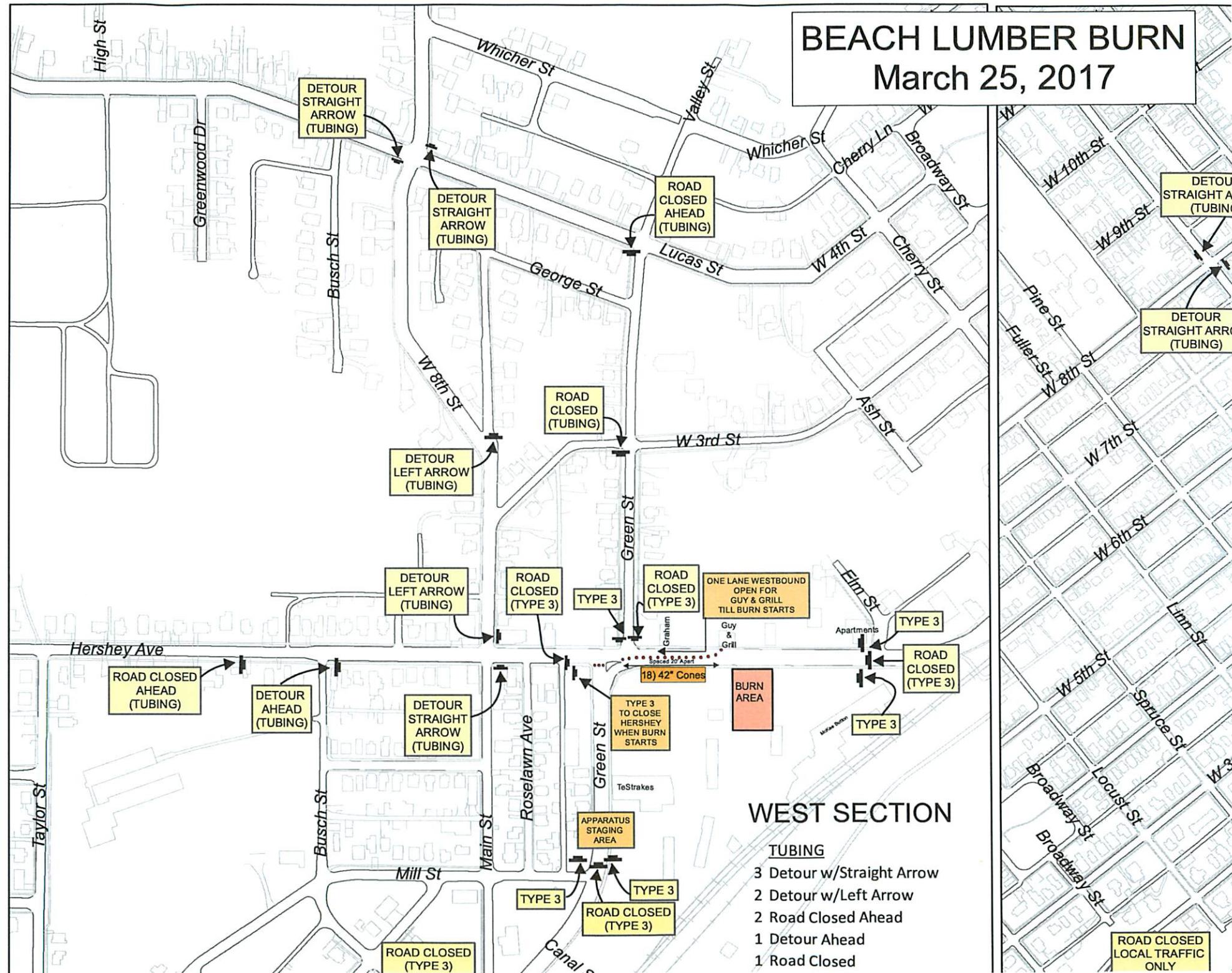
It is staff's recommendation that Hershey Avenue be closed on March 25th from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. in order to safely conduct a large scale training event at Beach Lumber. The alternate date for the burn will be April 1st.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Door Knockers
2. Traffic Control Plan

BEACH LUMBER BURN

March 25, 2017



CITY OF MUSCATINE NOTICE

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Access to Hershey Avenue between Ash and Green Streets will be restricted; however if you live between the closure you may enter and exit but be sure to let the police or fire department know where you live and limit visits from friends or family because they likely will not be permitted through.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Ewers at 563-263-9233.

In the event that weather conditions do not permit a burn on March 25th the backup date will be April 1st.

Thank you for your patience.

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