

In regards to the requested Skyway Closure request for Skyway #14, 400 Sibley Street North, DSI provides the following:

- The March 26, 2021 SGAC recommendation (below).
- As of March 26, 2021, DSI had not received plans for construction related to the stated reason for the requested skyway closure.
- Online comments received by SGAC related to the requested skyway closure (attached)
- The following history related to other recent Skyway closures
 - 2018-2021 325 Cedar St – Skyway Hours Exception required during building’s conversion to residential per CAO interpretation. A variety of project overruns necessitated processing of multiple skyway hours exception applications and resolutions for partial skyway closure(s) throughout course of project. The final hours exception application for project received 6/17/20 was denied by Council 9/29/20 yet the corridor remained closed to the public until the internal corridor opened in January 2021 without criminal or civil penalty. Required public egress points to Cedar St remain locked to public for which property manager and developer have been informed of requirements by Building Official and I and Ch 140 enforcement action forthcoming. Small portion of condemned property remained open for pedestrian thoroughfare to InterContinental and Walsh & Gaertner for most of project’s duration. Safety and security concerns evident.
 - 2018 345 Cedar St – Skyway Hours Exception required during building’s conversion to residential per CAO interpretation. Portions of the property were completely closed partly due to concurrent closure of neighboring 325 Cedar St and a temporary plywood corridor was constructed to drastically reduce duration of closure(s) to public. Safety and security concerns evident in temporarily constructed and other remaining skyway corridor space.
 - 2017 Vertical Connection and skyway corridor extending from Skyway #44 along back of Saint Paul Athletic Club maintained by Capital City Plaza Ramp on behalf of City/HRA both administratively closed for limited number of days to replace flooring. Layers of communications according to the DSI policy at the time for construction closures preceded actual closure.
 - 2016/6-2019/12 Skyway space closure(s) associated with construction of Treasure Island Center such as escalator from Wells Fargo Place, Skyway 7 level down to former Macy’s atrium and Cedar St entry permitted administratively. DSI Licensing notified skyway stakeholders of pending closure and reviewed posting content. There was coordinated enforcement with Building Trades preceding the opening due to unexpected repairs to escalators necessary that prompted a civil matter between responsible parties. The 2013 Macy’s 411 Wabasha St N, Skyway Hours Exception is of note utilizing a “zero” hours requirement for an indefinite period preceding redevelopment of the building and citing concerns relevant to those of property owners/developers in recent skyway hours exception applications.
 - 2016/1/22-2017/3/31 333 Sibley St - Complete closure for renovation permitted administratively in conjunction with Building Trades permits for building’s conversion to residential. DSI Licensing notified skyway stakeholders of pending closure and reviewed posting content.

- 2014/5/22-6/6 & 2014/6/12-6/13 Pioneer-Endicott complete closure for renovation permitted administratively and a revised public pedestrian easement at property concurrently negotiated by City's Real Estate Office. Letter applicable to project and postings prompting the DSI closure review included. Building Trades' permit compliance core to skyway closure processes at time with Building Official to determine reasonability and enforce if overruns. DSI Licensing notified skyway stakeholders of pending closures and reviewed posting content.
- DSI recommends denial of the requested Skyway Hours Exception for Skyway #14, 400 Sibley Street North.

Thanks!!

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