

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-087

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner on Sunday, October 10, 2021

WHEREAS, Carolina Together (hereinafter, "Sponsor" or "Organizer") is sponsoring the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has requested permission for the use of the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant from 8:00 a.m. until midnight for preparation and staging of the area and for crowd control and overflow at the outdoor event to be held on Sunday, October 10, 2021, between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant and for patrons to consume beer and wine only at the event during the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of attendees, Organizer understands and agrees as follows:

1. Firearms shall be prohibited in the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, regardless of whether such firearm is carried openly or concealed, and regardless of whether the individual carrying on October 10, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until midnight such firearm is a valid concealed weapons permit holder.

2. The Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space along the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, and the Organizer shall ensure all entrance points into the permitted event area are posted with signage stating "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" that complies with the size and formatting requirements of section 23-31-235 of the South Carolina Code.

3. When publicizing the event in the community, the Organizer shall include the statement: "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" to ensure the public has prior notice of this restriction.

4. Organizer shall work with the City to develop a written plan and design a footprint of the event area that adheres to COVID-19 pandemic safety and social distancing protocols as published by the CDC and SCDHEC, and Organizer shall modify the plans and footprint as safety protocols published by the CDC and SCDHEC are updated.

5. The City may cancel the event at any time based upon public safety and/or public health concerns. The City shall not be financially responsible for any costs associated with the cancellation of the event.

6. Organizer shall display signs (physical and/or electronic) throughout the event area that discourage physical contact, such as hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, and high-fives during the event.

7. Organizer shall encourage all attendees of the event to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols to include, but not be limited to, wearing face masks, social distancing, and frequent washing of hands.

8. Organizer is required to provide portable restroom facilities at the event unless it can substantiate the sufficient availability of both ADA accessible and non-accessible facilities in the immediate area of the event site which will be available to the public during the event. Organizer is to provide a minimum of four (4) chemical or portable toilets and two (2) wash stations for every 250 people, or portion thereof who attends the event. Ten percent (10%) of these facilities shall be ADA accessible. This figure is based upon the maximum number of attendees at the event during peak time. The City of Columbia may determine the total number of required restroom facilities on a case-by-case basis. Organizer shall post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near the restroom without maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other people.

9. Organizer shall post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near food vendors and should encourage attendees to bring their own water. Alcohol, beer and/or wine shall be prohibited at the event without approval of a written resolution of City Council.

10. Organizer shall coordinate with food vendors to offer touchless payment options, if possible and available, or provide a tray for the exchange of payment to avoid hand-to-hand contact. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned after each customer and customers are encouraged to use their own pens.

11. At no cost to the City, Organizer shall be responsible for hiring no fewer than two (2) off-duty City of Columbia police officers during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 7th day of September, 2021, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and that the Sponsor shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages only within the event area is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VIP tents or VIP areas for the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages, other than beer or wine beverages only, within the event area are prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the clean-up of all trash and debris within the event area and shall place same in the roll carts provided by the City. Any overflow of trash and debris shall be placed in garbage bags with the top securely closed and placed beside the City roll carts. The number of roll carts needed for the event shall be determined by Organizer and the City's Solid Waste Division prior to the event and placed throughout the event area to ensure that trash and debris are well contained. Organizer shall return the roll carts and bagged trash and debris to the collection point designated by the City in a timely manner. If the Organizer has not opted to use City services to clean up the event area, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the event area, which the Organizer has failed to clean up, shall be billed to and paid by the Organizer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the event area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, golf carts (except police golf carts or ATVs), and horse-drawn carriages, is prohibited. All pets, including cats, dogs (except police K-9s), horses, birds, lizards, and snakes, are prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable drinking glasses and/or cups, large bags, and backpacks shall be prohibited inside the event area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated event date of Sunday, October 10, 2021 and time of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant that serves as the designated event area, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and the provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2, and 15-3, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, the designated event area of the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which beer and wine beverages only may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply to the possession or consumption of beer or wine within the designated event area. Possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated, and such containers provided by vendors for the sale of beer and wine may only be in plastic containers or cans.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the event organizer shall provide the names and cell phone numbers of a least two contact persons who can receive and address complaints during the event, including any set up and breakdown times. The cell phones shall remain on, with ringers and alerts functioning at all times during the event and during any set up and breakdown time.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that failure of the event Organizer to strictly comply with the time frames and other requirements and responsibilities set forth in this resolution may result in a denial of subsequent requests to allow the event.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Organizer reschedule the event for another date beyond one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event or inclement weather date, a request for a resolution of City Council approving the new date of the event shall be required.


Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Shealy



Mayor


Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:



City Attorney
Introduced: 9/7/2021
Final Reading: 9/7/2021



City Clerk

DATE OF REQUEST 7-20-2021

REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/ PHONE#/FAX#)

Stephanie Amaker
Carolina Together
s.amaker@carolinatogether.org
803-210-5550

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES ANTICIPATED: 1400

EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser)

Gervais Street Bridge Dinner

DATE(S) OF EVENTS: (multiple day can be on one request)

October 10, 2021

RAIN CONTINGENCY DATE: (Rescheduling due to inclement weather is allowed once within one week from the date of the originally scheduled event upon 24-hours written notice to the City, without a new request. The time of event operation shall remain the same.)

LOCATION OF EVENT (i.e., Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street)

Gervais Street Bridge

STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street; Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; Boyd Plaza)

Gervais Street Bridge from Alexander Street to Huger Street

HOURS FOR STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.) ALLOW TIME FOR SET UP/CLEAN UP

8:00am-12:00am

HOURS OF EVENT (i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)*

3:00pm-8:00pm

HOURS OF SERVICE OF BEER/WINE BEVERAGES ONLY (NO LIQUOR**) (Service should end one-half hour prior to end of event (i.e., event is 6-10 p.m., beer/wine service is 6-9:30 p.m.)*

3:00pm-7:30pm

DUE TO COVID-19 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE IN PLACE TO INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SAFETY PLAN/PROTOCOL WITH DRAWING DEPICTING CLEANING/SANITIZATION AREAS WITH YOUR SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FORM

Requests should be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax at least **NINETY (90) days in advance of the event** to allow for preparation and review of the Resolution and scheduling on Council's agenda. Requests may be sent by e-mail (shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov), fax (803-737-4250) or mailed to City Attorney's Office, ATTN: Shari Ardis, POB 667, Columbia, SC 29202. A draft Resolution will be prepared and forwarded for review to the event organizer, as well as to the City departments for coordination of City services and requirements (i.e., Police, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, etc.). Written approval from the neighborhood president and adjoining business/property owners must be provided before requests will be submitted to City Council. The event organizer is responsible for obtaining a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

***Outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of events to residential properties.**

****ONLY BEER AND WINE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON CITY PROPERTY. POSSESSION OF LIQUOR IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIP tents or VIP areas for possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages within the event area are PROHIBITED.**

NOTE: **This form should only be used for public events where beer and/or wine are to be sold and consumed on City property** (i.e., Main Street Latin Festival, St. Patrick's Festival, Vista Lights,, Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Festival, etc.).

This form **should not** be used to request use of City property for **private** events (birthday, retirement, anniversary parties, etc.) nor for sidewalk sales or neighborhood block parties. Requests for private events at City parks should be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests for sidewalk sales which exclude the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages should be made to the City Manager. Requests for street closings for private neighborhood block parties should be made to the Police Department Special Events and Public Safety. Possession, distribution and consumption of any type of alcoholic beverage at neighborhood block parties shall be restricted to private property and is prohibited on sidewalks, streets and parks.

- Fire Marshal George N. Adams, Jr., 803-545-3703; george.adams@columbiasc.gov
- Legal Department - Shari Ardis; 803-737-4242; shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
- Parking Services - Jessica Argoe; (803) 545-0287; jessica.argoe@columbiasc.gov - meter bagging
- Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3100; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov - park reservations
- Police Department Special Events - Sgt. Jennifer L. Jordan; (803) 545-3514; jennifer.jordan@columbiasc.gov - parade permit, police, safety protocol
- Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; brenda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing



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July 20, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Carolina Together seeks permission to close the Gervais Street Bridge on October 10, 2021 from 8am until midnight for the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner. The Gervais Street Bridge Dinner is an annual sunset fundraiser to benefit multiple local charity organizations. A set dinner menu catered by Southern Way Catering will be provided to guests on the Gervais Street Bridge. The event will feature a staged band in the center of the bridge during the event. The Gervais Street Bridge Dinner will begin hosting guests at 3pm and end promptly at 8pm. Carolina Together is asking permission to close the street at 8am and reopen at 12am to allow enough time for set up and breakdown of the event.

Carolina Together will ensure the safety of patrons, performers, and staff by adhering to the following safety protocols:

- Masks will be recommended for the event. If a guest arrives without a mask and requests one, we will provide.
- Temperature checks will be performed upon entry.
- Sanitizer stations will be located across the bridge and hand wash stations inside the food prep tents.
- Staggered arrival times as well as assigned seating. Check-in areas will be located at either end of the bridge, opening 30 minutes prior to the event to alleviate lines.
- Bar service will be provided in two locations, one at either end of the bridge to alleviate congestion and close proximity. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will only be served on the City of Columbia side of the bridge.
- Southern Way Catering servers will follow all hospitality safety guidelines and will be wearing masks and gloves when preparing food. All food will be prepared inside their restaurant then transported to the prep kitchens on site at either end of the bridge and served by their masked staff.
- Mobile restrooms will be available on site and will include hand washing stations as well as hand sanitizer.
- Carolina Together will offer a refund policy for those exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms to discourage those feeling sick from attending.

While the Covid-19 situation continues, Carolina Together strives to create a safe outdoor fundraiser for our community. This fundraiser is imperative to assist multiple local non-profits during their time in need. Proceeds raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, and donations will be dispersed among multiple Midland's charities. Patrons will enjoy an evening of fine dining and live entertainment on the Columbia region's most iconic landmark.

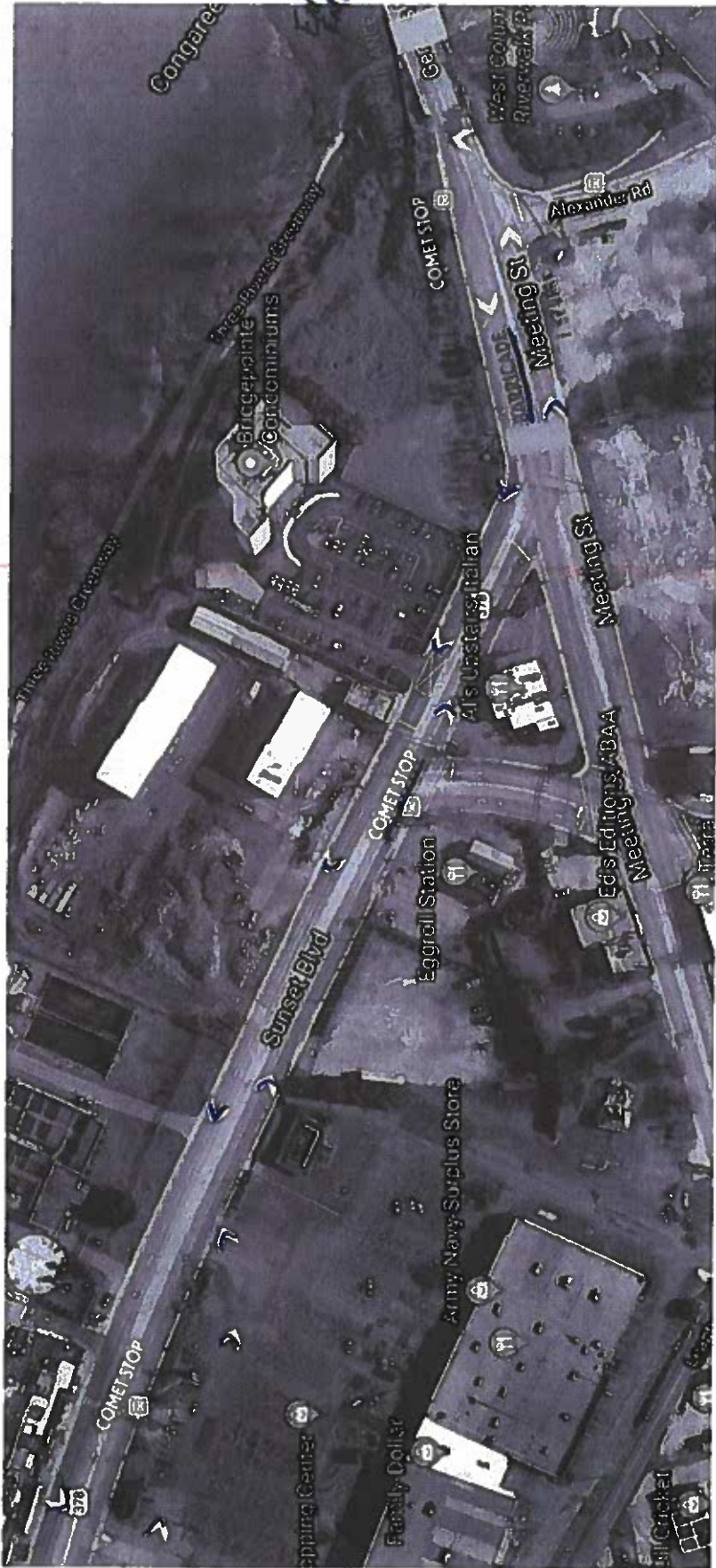
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Amaker".

Stephanie Amaker
Executive Director, Carolina Together

803 Meeting Street
West Columbia, SC 29169

East Track



July 29, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in reference to your desire to close the Gervais Street Bridge for your upcoming event. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has reviewed your submittal. Pending written notification from the City of Columbia indicating their participation in the traffic control and detour routes for the road closure, we offer no objection to the proposed use of the SCDOT maintained road(s) as indicated on the ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST form and supplemental documents.

Your signature on the enclosed form indicates you have read and agree to follow the procedures of the ROAD CLOSURE FOR PARADE, FESTIVALS, OR OTHER EVENTS AGREEMENT.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-6660 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this event.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Dickinson, P. E.
District Engineering Administrator

cc: County Resident Maintenance Engineer
South Carolina Department of Public Safety

SCDOT DISTRICT 1 ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Requestor Name	Stephanie Amaker		
Local agency, Organization, or Group	Carolina Together		
Mailing Address	803 Meeting Street West Columbia SC 29169		
Email Address	s.amaker@carolinatogether.org	Phone	803-210-5550

* If requester is not a local governmental agency, written authorization from a local governmental agency must be attached

Name of Event	Gervais Street Bridge Dinner
Detailed Description of Event	1440 person dinner on Gervais Street Bridge to raising funds that will benefit non profit organizations in Lexington and Richland Counties.

Sponsoring Organization or Group	Carolina Together		
Contact Name	Stephanie Amaker		
Mailing Address	803 Meeting Street West Columbia SC 29169		
Email Address	s.amaker@carolinatogether.org	Phone	803-210-5550

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Road Name/Route Number	Road Name/Route Number
ROAD CLOSURE REQUESTED for 8:00am-12:00am	
Gervais Street (bridge section)	
From Alexander St (WECCO) to Huger St (COLA)	

All requests must also include the following information:


- Written authorization by local authority (if requester is community organization or business)
- Written authorization by local law enforcement agency to provide traffic control (if requester is not law enforcement)
- Map highlighting proposed road closure or route and detour route
- Additional details of event

I have read and agree to follow the procedures of the ROAD CLOSURE FOR PARADE, FESTIVALS, OR OTHER EVENTS AGREEMENT.	<i>Stephanie Amaker</i>	7-15-2021
	Requester's Signature	Date

FOR SCDOT USE:

If accepted, SCDOT has NO objection to closing the SCDOT maintained roads above for this event in accordance with all submitted documents and maps.

County: Lexington	Date Received: 7/22/2021
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County Reviewer: <i>Marcena W. Reppenhausen</i>	Date: 7/27/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
County Maintenance: 	Date: 7/27/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
District Traffic: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 7/29/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
DEA: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 7/29/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*

*If rejected/revise, attach memo with explanation or revision:

SCDOT DISTRICT 1 ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

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County: <i>Richland</i>	Date Received: <i>7/22</i>
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County Reviewer: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>7/28</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
County Maintenance: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>7/29</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
District Traffic: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>7/29/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
DRA: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>7/29/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*

*If rejected/revise, attach memo with explanation or revision.



City of West Columbia

Bridging Past, Present and Future

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DENNIS K. TYNDALL

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: Sergeant Ronald Fair

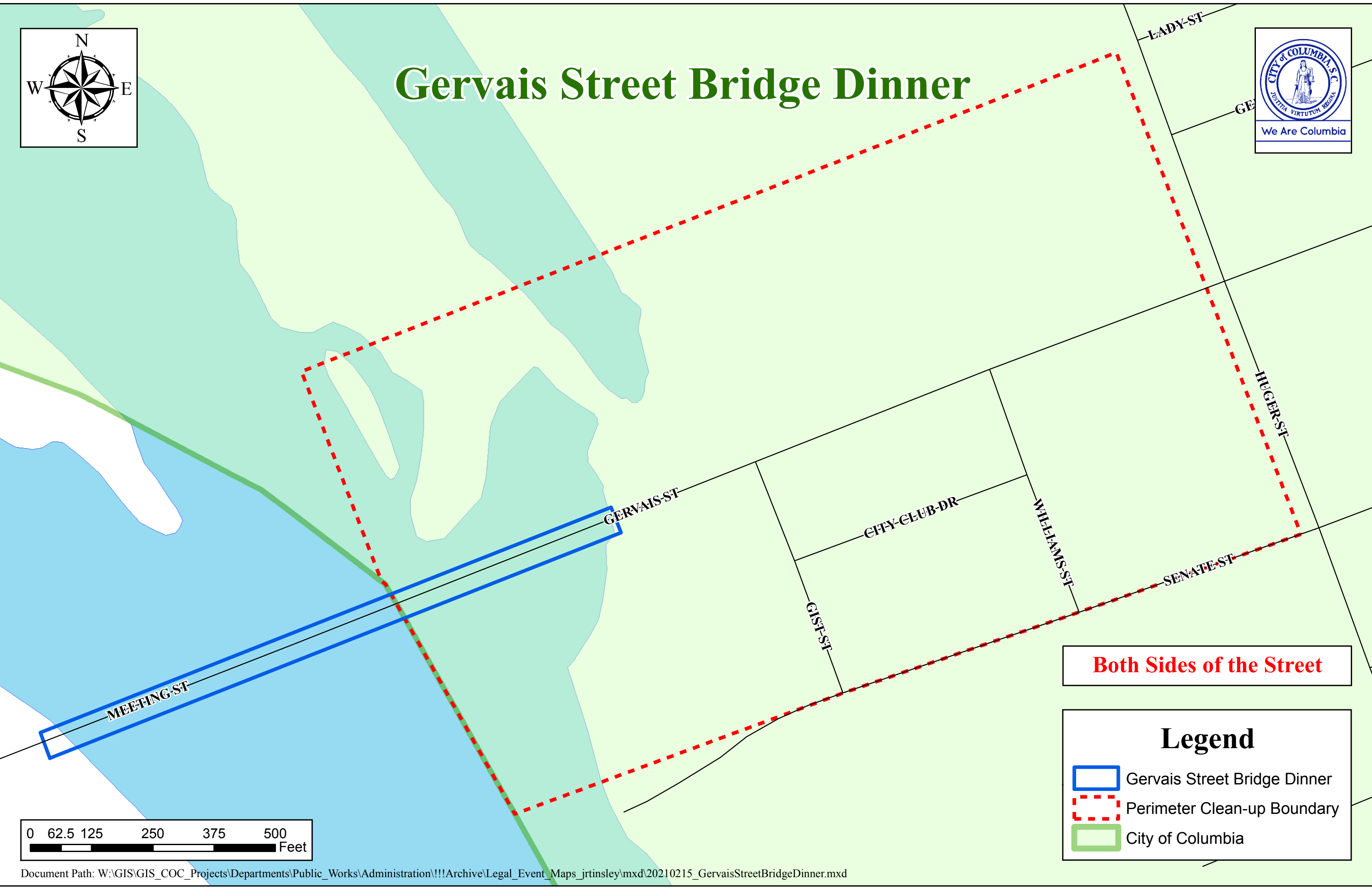
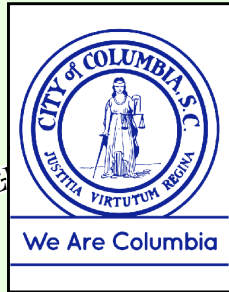
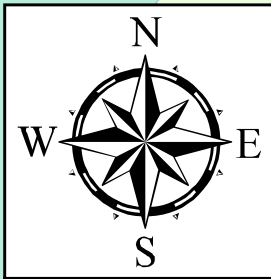
REF: D.O.T. AND THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

The West Columbia Police Department has received a request and will be a part of the following event for traffic control once the event has been approved.

2021 Fall Gervais Street Bridge Dinner: The event will take place on the Gervais Street Bridge on October 10, 2021 from 8:00 am to midnight.



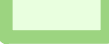
We will utilize two fire trucks at the entrance to the bridge along with traffic cones and barricades as needed on the connecting roads. We will have five uniformed police officers along the entrance to the bridge and connecting roads to ensure the safety of both participants and motorists. Contact me with any questions or concerns at 803-518-1066.

Gervais Street Bridge Dinner



Both Sides of the Street

Legend

-  Gervais Street Bridge Dinner
-  Perimeter Clean-up Boundary
-  City of Columbia

