

# City of Afton

Dave Engstrom, Mayor

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August 15, 2005

Dear Property Owners:

The City of Afton is considering a limited access temporary road closure of Putnam on or around September 1, 2005.

The city has been conducting a number of meetings to solicit public comment and to coordinate a possible closure with the sheriff's department, fire department, school district, and Washington County.

During the trial period, the city is considering relocating the bus stop to the corner of Putnam and Quant. The city would like to receive your comments on this, prior to asking the school district to accommodate this request. Please submit your comments and/or concerns to me by August 22.

Also, should you have any other questions or comments relating to the proposed closure, please feel free to contact me at 436-8957 or write to me at [administrator@cityofafton.net](mailto:administrator@cityofafton.net).

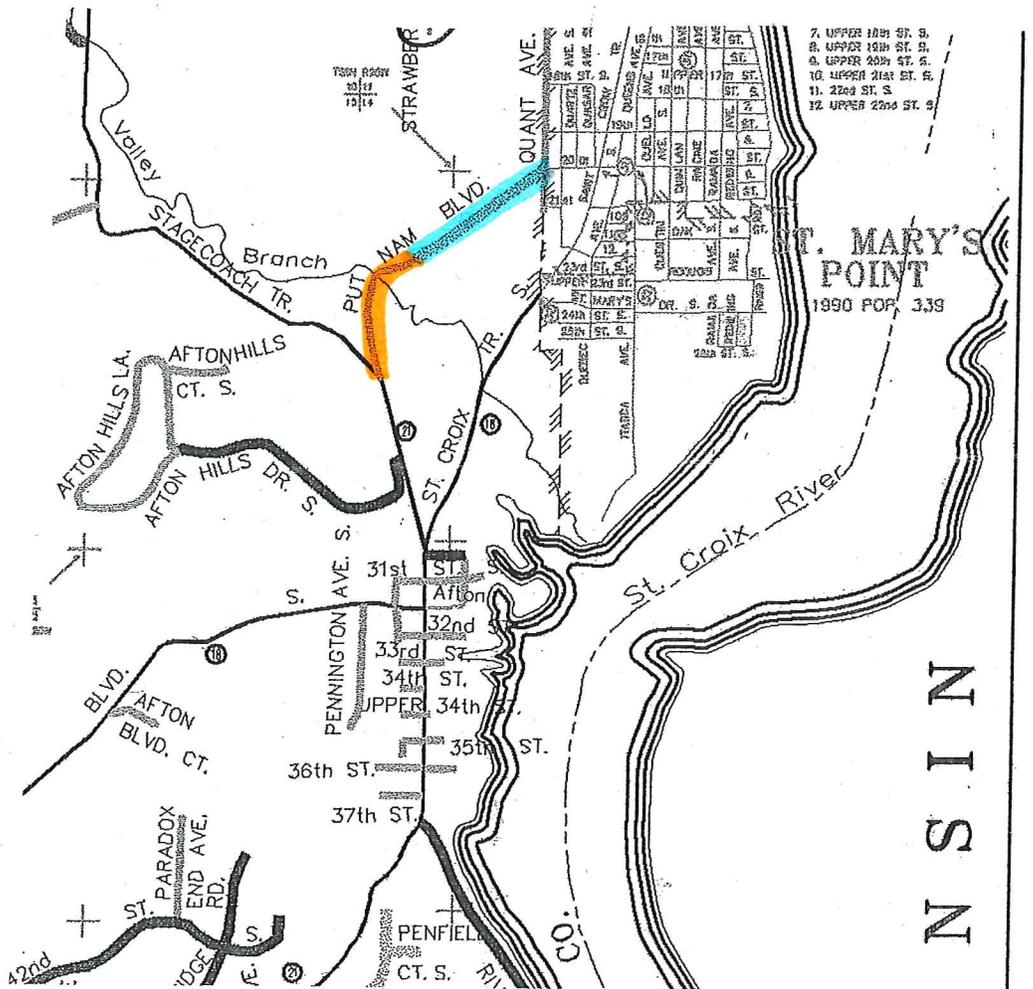
Sincerely,

Mitchell Berg  
City Administrator

CC: City Council  
Mayor  
City Engineer  
City Planner  
Stillwater School District

 - paved (2006)

 - closed



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Property Owner  
16120 Putnam Blvd. S  
Afton, MN 55001

Property Owner  
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15998 Putnam Blvd. S  
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Property Owner  
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Supervisor of Operations  
District 834  
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## Impact Survey

### Putnam Boulevard Closure

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**Dear Property Owner:**

As you are aware, the City of Afton has imposed a temporary closure of Putnam Boulevard to evaluate the impacts to traffic should a permanent closure be imposed. The temporary closure has been in effect for several months.

The City of Afton requests your input to assist us with the final phase of our evaluation of the Boulevard Closure. Please complete the following survey and return to: Afton City Hall, 3033 St. Croix Trail, PO Box 219, Afton, MN 55001 **no later than April 15, 2006.**

The results of the survey will be discussed at a future City Council Meeting where further input will be welcome.

Please rate the following according to the 5-point scale provided. (5=Strongly Agree, 1=Strongly Disagree)	<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>
I/We have not noted a negative impact to travel as a result of the closure of Putnam Boulevard.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not noted a negative impact on my/our sufficient access to my/our property as a result of the closure of Putnam Boulevard.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not experienced a different level of service for Mail Delivery due to the closure.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not experienced a different level of service for Garbage Collection as a result of the closure.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
As of a result of the closure, I/We have not experienced a different level of service for Recycling Pickup.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not noticed a different level of service for Emergency Responses as a result of the closure.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not observed a different level of service for Snow Plowing as a result of the closure.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
I/We have not noticed a different level of service for School Bus utilization as a result of the closure.	5	4	3	2	1	NA
<b>If you noted a decrease in services above, please also answer the following questions:</b>						
Despite the decrease in services, I/We am/are SATISFIED with the following:						
Travel	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Sufficient Access	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Mail Delivery	5	4	3	2	1	NA

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If you noted a decrease in services above, please also answer the following questions:  
 Despite the decrease in services, I/We am/are SATISFIED with the following:

Garbage Collection	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Recycling Pickup	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Emergency Responses	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Snow Plowing	5	4	3	2	1	NA
School Bus Access	5	4	3	2	1	NA

Please check boxes accordingly.	Yes	No	Undecided
I/We would describe the temporary closure as positive.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/We are in favor of the City of Afton making the temporary closure of Putnam Boulevard permanent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the Putnam Boulevard closure becomes permanent, I/we are supportive of adding cul-de-sac at the end of the boulevard.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your input and suggestions regarding the Putnam Boulevard Closure are important to us. Please list any additional comments below:

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In order to better serve you, please provide the following information:

Name:

*Tom & Connie Johnson*

Address:

*15311 PUTNAM*  
*2573 Hedge Coach*  
*2612 AT CLOIR TEL*

Telephone:

*651 436 8902*

Thank you for your participation!

# Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Engstrom and Members of the City Council  
From: Shelly Strauss, Asst. -City Administrator  
Meeting Date: April 10, 2006  
Re: Putnam Boulevard Closure Update

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## **Summary:**

The City of Afton has imposed a temporary closure of Putnam Boulevard to evaluate impacts to traffic should a permanent closure be imposed. The temporary closure has been in effect for several months.

The next step in the process was to develop and implement an "Impact Survey" to assist the City in making a final determination regarding a permanent closure. A draft survey was reviewed by both the Road Committee and City Council in March and the final version was mailed on March 31 to: twenty-seven Property Owners on Putnam Blvd, Stagecoach Trail and St. Croix Trail, as well as nine representatives of governmental agencies previously identified by Staff.

As of April 10, Staff has received a total of seven surveys as summarized below:

Putnam Blvd.:	(1) opposed (e.g. loitering, more people using street for recreational use)
	(1) in favor
St. Croix Trail:	(2) in favor
Stagecoach Trail:	(1) in favor
Anonymous:	(1) opposed (e.g. liked to take Putnam as shortcut to Gas Station for tractor)
Government:	(1) in favor/neutral

The deadline for completion of the survey is April 15, 2006.

Results will be tabulated shortly thereafter and this issue will be added to a future RC Agenda for discussion and formulation of a recommendation to City Council.

## **Requested Action:**

Informational Only.



June 8, 2006

RE: City of Afton  
2006 Bituminous Paving Project  
SEH No. A-AFTON0501.02

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Bette Barnett  
Lance Peterson  
15905 Putnam Blvd. S.  
Afton, MN 55001



Dear Bette and Lance:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Mitch Berg and me to discuss the options for terminating Putnam Boulevard near your property. We are working on a turnaround design that would minimize the impact to both private property and the public road easement. With that in mind, the City's preferred option is a modified hammerhead design as we discussed. We will attempt to keep the new paved surface within the current road easement if at all possible to avoid a need for additional easement dedication.

I hope to know the size of the turnaround late this week and then place stakes where it would be located for your review on Friday. I will also contact Tom Johnson and let him know what is being discussed.

Enclosed with this letter are the copies of your surveys you gave me. I have made copies for the project file. Thank you again for your time and for your willingness to share this survey information with the City. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (651) 765-2993.

Sincerely,

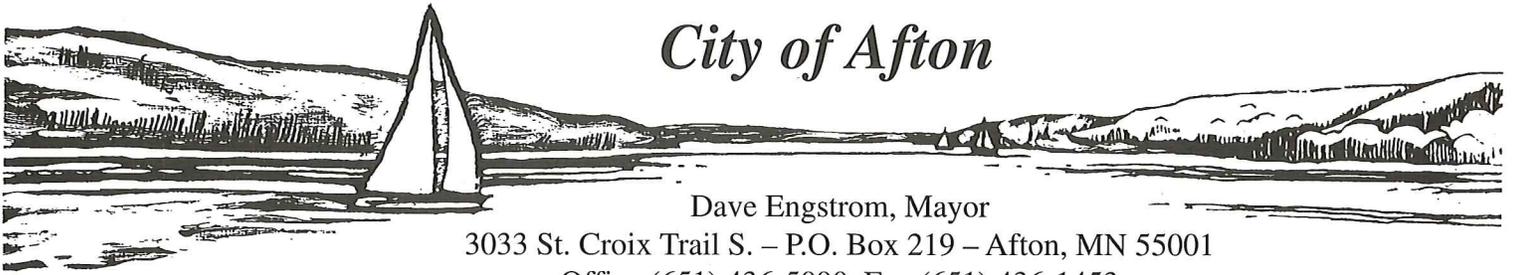
John D. Parotti, PE  
City Engineer

Enclosure

c: Mitch Berg, Afton City Administrator  
Shelly Strauss, Afton Assistant to the City Administrator

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October 31, 2006

**FILE**  
pu - Putnam

Dear Residents:

It appears a resident has been taking down one of the temporary barricades along Putnam Road and Stagecoach Trail. This is highly inappropriate behavior and can subject both the City and County to some serious liability.

Since, the City has tried to repair the barrier and it has not worked the City has asked the County to erect a more permanent barrier.

It has also come to the city's attention that perhaps a property owner is the person at fault and is removing the barricade because they need access to their property. If this is so they need to contact the City so we can address your concern.

If you know of the person doing this please contact the City as we are willing to work with you. You may reach me at 651-436-8957.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Berg  
City Administrator

CC: Corey Slagle, Washington County  
Mayor and Council

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Jim Treat  
2451 Stagecoach Trail  
Afton, MN 55001

Mitchell, Dave, Nick, Peg, Randy and *Kuchen?*  
PO Box 219  
Afton, MN 55001

Re: Your Assertion of October 31st

Dear Gang at City Hall,

Twern't this "Resident"! No siree! I love those barricades and smile at them every time I drive by on 21. No dumper-off'ers, no insane drivers on both sides of the house (now insane drivers only on one side of the house), AND keeps down all the limestone dust that used to cover everything all around including the trees; lots of positive reasons.

Keep them puppies up! I'll do what I can to help, though this may be somewhat less than ratting out other Aftonians... which I'll give you a little hint, might just be the case.

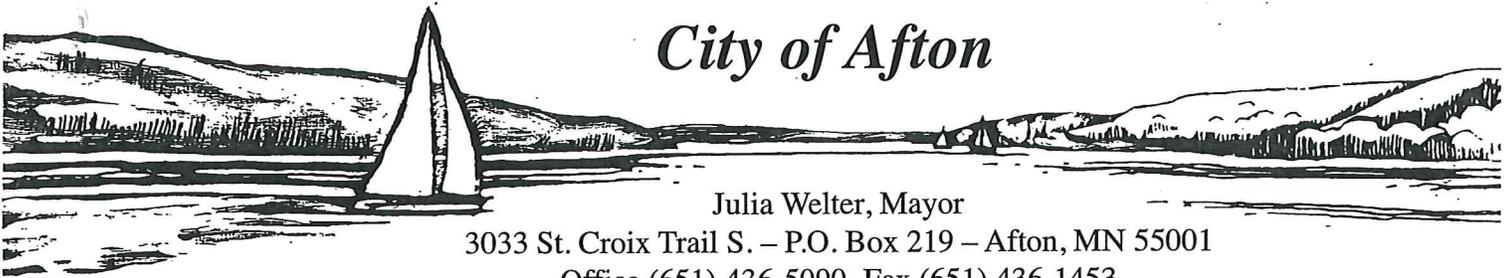
Plus, Johnson says I can drive through his property if I need to get at my storage building. Good point, however, as I'm the only obvious "resident" who might actually have probably cause and his offer is all unofficial and everything. Of course, it would be grand and gracious of you to have something formalized as Tom has his days... probably from all the chain-saw smoke and tractor exhaust... who really knows what he's actually digging around and building back there anyway???

You can count on me though! By golly! And, in return, you might think of some administrative way of curbing all the \*##@\*, 24-7, noisy motor cycle traffic any day above 40F. I've even heard it said we had a noise ordinance, but that's pretty hard to believe.

Good luck in your social quest. We all need your dedication.

Cordially,

  
Resident



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Julia Welter, Mayor

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Nick Mucciacciaro - Ward 1  
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Peg Nolz - Ward 3  
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June 17, 2008

Dear Afton Resident:

We are sending this letter to Afton residents on or near Putnam Boulevard who may be feeling the effects of the following traffic change.

At the request of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, the Afton City Council has agreed to temporarily reopen Putnam Boulevard for use by emergency vehicles during the Washington County bridge replacement project on County Road 18. Based on this action, City crews have begun the work of removing barricades, trimming tree branches and grading the gravel surface to permit passage of emergency vehicles. Washington County crews will install temporary bollards and signs instructing motorists of these restrictions.

It should be noted that this reopening is temporary in nature and is only to remain in effect until such time as the County Road 18 bridge is open to two-way traffic again this fall. At that time, the City will replace the barricades and close this section of Putnam Boulevard again. It should also be noted that the drivers of any non-emergency vehicles using the closed portion of Putnam Boulevard can be ticketed.

The City appreciates your cooperation and patience during this period. Please call City Hall at 651-436-5090 or your councilmember with comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

James E. Norman  
Interim City Administrator

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2698 ST. CROIX TRAIL  
AFTON, MN 55001

AFTON RESIDENT  
15900 PUTNAM BLVD. S.  
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AFTON RESIDENT  
2626 STAGECOACH TRAIL S.  
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AFTON RESIDENT  
2612 ST. CROIX TRAIL  
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BETTE BARNETT  
LANCE PETERSON  
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AFTON RESIDENT  
2318 ST. CROIX TRAIL  
AFTON, MN 55001

LARRY, JUDY AND HEIDI  
SELTZNER  
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2403 ST. CROIX TRAIL  
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AFTON RESIDENT  
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LINDA O'DONNELL, CLERK  
CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH  
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LAKELAND, MN 55043

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AFTON, MN 55001

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LSCV FIRE DISTRICT  
1520 ST. CROIX TRAIL  
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STILLWATER, MN 55082

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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #834  
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HOLLY WHALEN  
CITY OF ST. MARY'S POINT  
16491 ST MARY'S PT DRIVE  
ST. MARY'S PT, MN 55043

WASHINGTON COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION AND  
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT  
ATTN: JOE LUX  
11660 MYERON ROAD  
STILLWATER, MN 55082

## County Road 18 Bridge Construction/Putman Ave.

**From:** Ted Schoenecker [mailto:Ted.Schoenecker@co.washington.mn.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2008 3:07 PM  
**To:** 'administrator@ci.afton.mn.us'  
**Cc:** Wayne Sandberg; Nik Costello; Cory Slagle; Brent Olson; Marv Stutz; Jim Schug; Don Theisen; Adam Bruening; Ted Schoenecker  
**Subject:** Putman Ave. Bridge

Jim -

Cory forwarded your e-mail on to us. I have attached a layout that shows what is currently on Putnam Ave. On the north end, we have 2 barricades across the road and an area of about 12' where a vehicle can pass. On the south end, we also have 2 barricades and about 10' where a vehicle can pass. On both the north and south sides we have ROAD CLOSED and EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY - BY ORDER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF signs. These signs are very clear on who can or cannot be on this road.

In addition to these barricades and signs, we are looking at the feasibility of installing "flexi-sticks" in the pavement where vehicles are allowed to drive. These devices can present a physical barrier, but will fold down when a vehicle drives over them. Therefore, if an emergency vehicle needs to use Putnam to respond to an emergency, they will still be able to use Putnam and can simply drive over these devices.

We will also talk with the Fire Chief to make sure that he is aware of what the purpose of Putnam is. Our understanding is that this road is used for emergency vehicles that are responding to an emergency with lights flashing and sirens running. It is not to be used for the fire fighters or EMT's to drive to the Fire Station in their personal vehicles. If the City wants to allow use of Putnam for those vehicles, our Sheriff's office would need to know so they can enforce it properly.

Cory is out of the office for the next week and a half. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

Thanks

Ted

Ted Schoenecker, PE  
Transportation Planning Manager  
Washington County  
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