

From: [Angela Calloway](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 2:58 PM
To: [Peter Rhoades](#)
Cc: [Ramses Dukes](#)
Subject: RE: Closure of Cambridge between Cherrylawn and Ohio

Peter YES!!! The residents are requesting (and I support) that the Cambridge-Ohio-Cherrylawn street be re opened.

From: Peter Rhoades <Peter.Rhoades@detroitmi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Angela Calloway <Angela.Calloway@detroitmi.gov>
Cc: Ramses Dukes <Ramses.Dukes@detroitmi.gov>
Subject: Closure of Cambridge between Cherrylawn and Ohio

Resident Alvin Bell (313) 861-3917 telephoned again.

In September 2022, Mr. Bell explained that the City of Detroit granted a temporary road closure permit to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School (UDJHS) to close Cambridge between Cherrylawn and Ohio during a school construction project. The construction project is completed and the temporary permit expired two years ago. The road is still closed. This information was confirmed.

There is no legal reason for the road to be closed at this time.

Mr. Bell wants the road re-opened before snow falls this winter. I can contact BSEED, DPW and General Services concerning this matter but I need AWC approval before making demands. UDJHS may request a permanent road closure sometime in the future: however, there is no request at the present time and no guarantee that such a request would be granted.

Do I have AWC approval to demand that Cambridge between Cherrylawn and Ohio be re-opened to public travel? It would take a heavy front loader about 30 minutes to remove the concrete barricades and re-open the street. Please advise.

From: [Leslie Bell](#)
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:07 PM
To: [Peter Rhoades](#)
Cc: [CouncilmemberCalloway](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reopening Cambridge St between Ohio & Cherrylawn Streets

19176 Ohio St
Detroit, MI 48221

Dear Mr. Rhoades,

As a resident of District 2 and Bagley Community Council, I am respectfully asking Council Member Calloway to assist me and the neighbors on Ohio St to open Cambridge St which has been closed for over seven years. I called Council Member Calloway's office but was advised to speak to you about my concern. Since you were not in your office when I called, I am sending an email and faxing an attachment.

In 2015, the University of Detroit Jesuit School started renovating its school. (Science/Stem Center) Most of the construction work was done on Cherrylawn near Cambridge between Cherrylawn and Ohio. Large trucks were used to deliver/haul away building materials. The school got permission to close off part of Cambridge with two large concrete barriers. The construction trucks were parked in this closed off section. Construction was completed in 2016, yet the concrete barriers are still in place, thus blocking off thru traffic from Ohio and Cherrylawn causing an inconvenience to neighborhood drivers.

Last year I spoke to Kim Tandy (District 2 Manager) about getting the barriers removed. She investigated the matter and spoke with U of D, who replied that the school was in the process of making the barriers permanent. What was supposed to be for the duration of the construction project only, has become a hinderance to the neighbors who want to drive on Cambridge.

The original petition (# x540_2015) expired on June 1, 2020. U of D had an opportunity to ask for an extention at that time but they did not. They have extended the expiration date by two years because no one enforced the conditions of the petition from the city. Furthermore, the petition reads in part, "The request (from U of D) is being made in order to expand a parking lot and improve site security. The Traffic Engineering Division objected to the permanent closure, however, they have no objection for a temporary closure." I assume Traffic Engineering thought there was a need to grant the temporary closure due to the construction at the school. I'm not sure why they mentioned improving site security when the parking lot next to the closure, is completely fenced in with a full time security guard in the lot. One the other side of the enclosure across from the lot is a home owned by U of D. Why is there a need to have the barrier to protect a guarded parking lot and residential home? It's just unnecessary and alienates the rest of the community.

I hope that this email will be the spark that ignites the conversation and resolution of this issue. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Alvin Bell
(313-861-3917)