

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to close the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,317 feet, to vehicles to allow for a multi-use trail and to improve shoreline resilience as part of the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project; making an associated finding under the California Vehicle Code; making environmental findings, including adopting a statement of overriding considerations under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Great Highway Extension is roadway currently open to vehicles running from Sloat Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard, directly east of Ocean Beach.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would approve a permanent closure to vehicles of a portion of the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending approximately 3,317 feet south of Sloat Boulevard along the Great Highway Extension, to a point approximately 728 feet west of Skyline Boulevard to enable the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project ("OBCCAP" or "Project").

Background Information

In 2012, the Ocean Beach Master Plan was released, calling for infrastructure improvements for the City to implement for a sustainable "managed retreat" on the length of Ocean Beach needed as a result of the anticipated impacts of climate change on the western waterfront. As a result, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is planning the OBCCAP, to improve the City's stormwater infrastructure near Ocean Beach and make it resilient to climate change and erosion. The Project includes converting the Great Highway Extension roadway between Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard to a multi-use trail. The Project will include enhanced recreational access to the corridor with a multi-use trail bridging a link in the Coastal Trail between Fort Funston and Ocean Beach, new beach access points, and a new parking lot. This ordinance would close the Great Highway Extension to vehicles beginning at Sloat Boulevard and ending at the northern boundary of the new Great Highway Extension parking lot, approximately 3,317 feet south of Sloat Boulevard along the Great Highway Extension and approximately 728 feet west of Skyline Boulevard.

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