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## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 18, 2022

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Mayor Breed on March 15, 2022:

**File No. 220261**

**Ordinance amending the Park Code to adopt the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Plan, which includes restricting private vehicles on certain slow street segments in Golden Gate Park including on John F. Kennedy Drive, making certain street segments one-way, establishing bicycle lanes, and urging additional changes to improve public access to Golden Gate Park; making associated findings under the California Vehicle Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination 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.**

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1 [Park Code - Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program - Slow Street Road Closures]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Park Code to adopt the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety**  
 4 **Plan, which includes restricting private vehicles on certain slow street segments in**  
 5 **Golden Gate Park including on John F. Kennedy Drive, making certain street segments**  
 6 **one-way, establishing bicycle lanes, and urging additional changes to improve public**  
 7 **access to Golden Gate Park; making associated findings under the California Vehicle**  
 8 **Code; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**  
 9 **Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan,**  
 10 **and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

11 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
 12 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
 13 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
 14 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
 15 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
 16 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
 17 subsections or parts of tables.

18 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

19 Section 1. Background and Findings.

20 (a) The City has previously reserved certain portions of John F. Kennedy (JFK)  
 21 Drive other connecting streets in Golden Gate Park for non-vehicle traffic on Saturdays and  
 22 Sundays and holidays, to allow the public to safely recreate in the park. Walking, bicycling,  
 23 and playing in these streets on car-free days has become a beloved San Francisco tradition.

24 (b) Starting in April 2020, the Recreation and Park Department temporarily  
 25 extended the car-free days to seven days per week, as part of the Slow Streets program that  
 the City implemented across San Francisco in response to the unprecedented COVID-19

1 pandemic, to ensure the safety and protection of persons using those streets in Golden Gate  
2 Park to safely recreate. Temporarily restricting private vehicles from these streets enabled  
3 thousands of people of all ages and all walks of life to safely use the Park, prompting the  
4 Recreation and Park Department to consider, alongside its ongoing efforts to improve  
5 accessibility, equity, and mobility in Golden Gate Park, whether the restrictions should  
6 continue in some form after the COVID-19 emergency ends.

7 (c) As described in the staff report for the Joint Recreation and Park Commission  
8 and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Board of Directors meeting on file with the Clerk  
9 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220261, extending the restrictions on private vehicles  
10 would be consistent with applicable City policies related to the use of Golden Gate Park,  
11 including:

12 (1) Section 4.113 of the Charter, which states that park land shall be used for  
13 recreational purposes.

14 (2) The Golden Gate Park Master Plan, adopted in 1998, which states, in  
15 relevant part, that “[m]anagement of Golden Gate Park’s circulation system should as a  
16 primary goal, create and maintain a system of recreation pathways, trails, and roadways  
17 where the order of priority should be to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles for  
18 the purpose of enjoying the park”; and that the City should “[r]estrict nonpark motor traffic to  
19 designed throughways in a manner that fully separates business, shopping and commute  
20 traffic from the park experience;” and that “East-West traffic should be discouraged and  
21 directed onto perimeter roads.”

22 (3) The Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act, adopted by the voters as  
23 Proposition J in June 1998, which states that the voters intended to “create a pedestrian oasis  
24 in the Music Concourse area of the area situated between the de Young Museum and the  
25 Academy of Sciences;” and “take steps to reduce the impact of automobiles in the Park while

1 still providing long-term assurance of safe, reliable and convenient areas for visitors to the  
2 Park, including its cultural institutions.”

3 (4) The Concourse Surface Circulation Plan, Option 2A, approved on June 16,  
4 2005 by the Recreation and Park Commission via Resolution No. 0506-010, and which is  
5 intended to (1) prohibit cut-through traffic in the Music Concourse; (2) slow and calm  
6 destination traffic on the Concourse roadways; and (3) provide safe, reliable and convenient  
7 drop-off access to the Music Concourse for visitors to its cultural institutions, from both JFK  
8 Drive and MLK Drive and that various traffic calming, pedestrian safety, bicycle access, and  
9 other measures identified to assist in furthering these purposes. On August 2, 2005, by  
10 Resolution No. 603-05, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Option 2A of the  
11 Concourse Surface Circulation Plan, and stated that it was authorizing the Recreation and  
12 Park Department to take all actions necessary to implement the Resolution.

13 (d) Consistent with all of the foregoing, the Recreation and Park Department, in  
14 partnership with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and following an  
15 extensive program of multilingual public outreach, developed a series of proposals known as  
16 the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program (the Program”). The proposals are  
17 intended to improve traffic safety, improve bicycle connectivity, and expand public open space  
18 in Golden Gate Park by restricting private vehicles on JFK Drive (between Kezar Drive and  
19 Transverse Drive), MLK Drive (between Lincoln Way and Chain of Lakes Road), and on other  
20 nearby street segments; making certain streets segments one-way; establishing new bicycle  
21 lanes; and urging the Recreation and Park Department to implement other changes to  
22 improve access and safety in Golden Gate Park. Information materials summarizing the  
23 Program are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220261.

24 (e) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in the  
25 Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program comply with the California Environmental

1 Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is  
2 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by  
3 reference. The Board affirms this determination.

4 (f) On \_\_\_\_\_, the Planning Department determined that the actions  
5 contemplated in the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program are consistent, on  
6 balance, with the City’s General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section  
7 101.1. The Board adopts this determination as its own. A copy of said determination is on file  
8 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, and is incorporated herein  
9 by reference

10 (g) On March 10, 2022, the Recreation and Park Commission and the San  
11 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors held a joint meeting regarding  
12 the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program, including the proposals to restrict private  
13 vehicles from certain streets in the Park and to make certain street segments one-way. Such  
14 closures to vehicular traffic are consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 21101,  
15 including recent legislation authorizing local authorities to implement slow streets programs  
16 under certain conditions applicable here. And, the proposal to make certain segments one-  
17 way is authorized by California Vehicle Code Section 21657, which authorizes local  
18 authorities to designate travel on streets in one direction. Following thorough staff  
19 presentations and extensive public comment at the meeting, each body found that public  
20 opinion for the vehicle-restricted streets in Golden Gate Park during the COVID-19 pandemic  
21 has overall been positive and that there is significant public support to extend the restrictions  
22 into the future, and adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Golden  
23 Gate Park Access and Safety Program. Copies of the resolutions are on file with the Clerk of  
24 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220261 and are incorporated by reference as it set forth  
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1 fully herein. The Board of Supervisors adopts and affirms the findings in the resolutions as its  
2 own, and specifically the Board finds that:

3 (1) The restricted portions of the streets are no longer needed for vehicular  
4 access and the closures and traffic restrictions leave a sufficient portion of the streets in the  
5 surrounding area for other public uses, including vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.

6 (2) The closures and traffic restrictions are necessary for the safety and  
7 protection of persons who are to use those parts of the streets during the closure or traffic  
8 restriction.

9 (3) Staff have done outreach and engagement for all abutting residents and  
10 property owners, including facilities located in Golden Gate Park and surrounding neighbors of  
11 the project.

12 (4) The City maintains a publicly available website with information about the  
13 Slow Streets program in general and, specifically, the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety  
14 Program, that identifies the streets being considered in the Program and provides instructions  
15 for participating in the public engagement process.

16 (5) Prior to implementing the Program, the Recreation and Park Department  
17 shall provide advance notice of the closure or traffic restrictions to residents and owners of  
18 property abutting those streets and shall clearly designate the closures and restrictions with  
19 appropriate signage consistent with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

20 (h) In conjunction with these restrictions on private vehicular traffic, the Recreation  
21 and Park Department has begun to develop and shall implement a plan to ensure adequate  
22 shuttle service, paratransit van service, accessible parking spots, traffic safety, unencumbered  
23 delivery access for the DeYoung Museum, and access for bicycles. The Recreation and Park  
24 Department shall also work with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the  
25 Music Concourse Community Partnership, the DeYoung Museum, the California Academy of

1 Sciences, and other interested parties to improve usage of and access to the Golden Gate  
2 Park Concourse Garage.

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4 Section 2. Article 6 of the Park Code is hereby amended by revising Section 6.12, and  
5 deleting Section 6.13, to read as follows:

6 **SEC. 6.12. GOLDEN GATE PARK ACCESS AND SAFETY PROGRAM~~DISABILITY~~**  
7 ~~**ACCESS STANDARDS AND AUTHORIZED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC USE FOR GOLDEN GATE**~~  
8 ~~**PARK DURING SUNDAY ROAD CLOSURES.**~~

9 (a) **Findings and Purpose.**

10 (i1) Golden Gate Park was created more than 100 years ago to provide a  
11 sanctuary from the pressures of urban life. Golden Gate Park remains an irreplaceable  
12 resource of open space for visitors to and residents of San Francisco, especially those  
13 families for whom it is difficult to travel out of the City for recreation.

14 (ii2) For more than 30 years, Sunday and holiday closure to motor vehicles of a  
15 portion of John F. Kennedy Drive, approximately 1.5 miles in length, between Kezar Drive and  
16 Transverse Drive, and closure of portions of adjacent roads connecting with that portion of  
17 John F. Kennedy Drive, has been one of the most popular attractions in Golden Gate Park,  
18 attracting hundreds of thousands of people each year from every neighborhood, racial/ethnic  
19 group, age category, and income level.

20 (iii3) Proposition J, the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998, adopted  
21 by San Francisco voters on June 2, 1998, has as one of its primary purposes to take steps to  
22 reduce the impact of automobiles in Golden Gate Park while still providing long-term  
23 assurance of safe, reliable, and convenient access for visitors to the Park. This goal remains  
24 of paramount importance in ensuring that Golden Gate Park is scenically beautiful,  
25 environmentally sensitive, culturally diverse, and accessible to all.

1           (~~iv~~) Concerns about ensuring automobile access to the cultural institutions in  
2 the Golden Gate Park Concourse area, including the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum and  
3 the California Academy of Sciences ("CAS"), have been addressed by the construction of an  
4 underground parking garage in the Concourse area pursuant to the aforementioned  
5 Proposition J.

6           (5) In 2007, with the enactment of Ordinance No. 271-07, the City extended this  
7 program of Sunday road closures to also cover Saturdays, to provide more opportunities for the public  
8 to engage in recreation and due to the need to ensure the safety and protection of persons who would  
9 use these roads during the closures.

10           (6) In 2022, following the temporary closure of portions of John F. Kennedy Drive and  
11 other connecting streets due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on recommendation of the Recreation  
12 and Park Commission and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the  
13 Board of Supervisors adopted the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program, and approved the  
14 road closures described therein, finding that it would be appropriate to permanently restrict private  
15 vehicles from portions of John F. Kennedy Drive and certain other street segments in Golden Gate  
16 Park, due to the need to ensure the safety and protection of persons who are to use those streets, and  
17 because those streets are no longer needed for private vehicle traffic, and because the restrictions  
18 would leave a sufficient portion of the streets in the surrounding area for other public uses including  
19 vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.

20           (b) **Restrictions on Private Vehicles.** The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation  
21 and Park Department to restrict private vehicles from the following streets in Golden Gate Park: JFK  
22 Drive, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive; Conservatory Drive East, between Arguello  
23 Boulevard and JFK Drive; Pompeii Circle, entire length of street; Conservatory Drive West, between  
24 JFK Drive and 500' northeast of JFK Drive; 8th Avenue, between Fulton Street and JFK Drive; Music  
25 Concourse Drive, between JFK Drive and Bowl Drive; Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, between JFK



1 Drive and Bowl Drive; Stow Lake Drive, between JFK Drive and Stow Lake Drive East; Middle Drive  
2 West, between Overlook Drive and a gate 200 feet west of Overlook Drive; Middle Drive West, between  
3 Metson Road and a gate 675 feet east of Metson Road; Bernice Rodgers Way, between JFK Drive and  
4 MLK Drive; and MLK Drive, between Lincoln Way and Chain of Lakes Road. The Board of  
5 Supervisors also authorizes the Recreation and Park Department to convert MLK Drive from Chain of  
6 Lakes Drive to Sunset Boulevard from two-way traffic to one-way traffic in the eastbound direction;  
7 and Middle Drive West from Metson Road to MLK Drive from two-way traffic to one-way traffic in the  
8 westbound direction. The Board of Supervisors also establishes a protected two-way bicycle lane  
9 (Class IV) on the east side of Transverse Drive from JFK Drive to Overlook Drive, and a one-way  
10 westbound bicycle land (Class II) on the north side of MLK Drive between Middle Drive and Sunset  
11 Boulevard. A map depicting these street closures and traffic restrictions is on file with the Clerk of the  
12 Board of Supervisors in File No. 220261, the file for the ordinance amending this Section 6.12 in 2022,  
13 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Recreation and Park Department's temporary closure of  
14 the streets in Golden Gate Park due to the COVID-19 pandemic is hereby ratified.

15 (c) The Recreation and Park Department shall include on its website a map depicting the  
16 streets subject to the street closures and traffic restrictions authorized in subsection (b), and such other  
17 information as it may deem appropriate to assist the public; and shall provide advance notice of any  
18 changes to these street closures or traffic restrictions to residents and owners of property abutting  
19 those streets.

20 (d) The Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Park Department to pursue the  
21 remaining aspects of the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program, including but not limited to the  
22 associated parking, loading, and traffic modifications, improved shuttle service, paratransit van  
23 service, accessible parking spots, delivery access for the DeYoung Museum, and bicycle connectivity,  
24 and authorizes the Recreation and Park Department to implement the Program with adjustments as it  
25 deems necessary.

1            ~~(e)(b)~~ **Disability Access Standards.** The following disability access standards shall  
2 apply to the ~~Sunday and holiday road~~ closures of John ~~FK~~. Kennedy Drive and related roads as  
3 set forth in subsection (b).

4            ~~(i1)~~ Disability access to Golden Gate Park shall comply with the Americans with  
5 Disabilities Act and the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998.

6            ~~(ii2)~~ All vehicular access points to the areas of closure shall contain directional  
7 signage that describes all access points and accessible surface parking areas for people with  
8 disabilities and provides directions to the underground parking facility in the Music Concourse.  
9 Signage also shall include telephone and TTY/TDD contact numbers where callers can obtain  
10 information on disability access ~~during the road closure periods.~~

11            ~~(iii3)~~ The Department, in consultation with the San Francisco Municipal  
12 Transportation Agency~~Department of Parking and Traffic~~, Fine Arts Museums, California Academy  
13 of Sciences, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, and Mayor's Office on Disability, shall  
14 maintain at least the following ~~explore and adopt~~ disability access measures. ~~Such measures may~~  
15 ~~include, but are not limited to:~~

16            ~~————— (A) The provision of eight (8) accessible parking spaces on 8th Avenue between~~  
17 ~~Fulton Street and John F. Kennedy Drive during the closure period.~~

18            ~~(A)(B) An additional ten (10) accessible parking spaces to assist with access to~~  
19 ~~the road closure areas~~ A total of at least 92 accessible parking spaces east of Transverse Drive, of  
20 which 20 spaces shall be in the Bandshell parking lot.

21            ~~(B)(C) Assigned passenger loading zones for people with disabilities and~~  
22 ~~others, in the Music Concourse in front of the California Academy of Sciences and the de Young~~  
23 ~~Museum. A signed drop-off zone for people with disabilities on Bowling Green Drive as close as~~  
24 ~~practicable to its intersection with John F. Kennedy Drive.~~

1                    ~~(C)(D)~~ An authorized intra-park transit shuttle that is accessible and  
2 operates frequently on the closed sections of John F. Kennedy Drive, additional accessible  
3 parking spaces, and additional signed drop-off zones for people with disabilities outside of the  
4 area of closure.

5                    ~~(f)(e)~~ **Exempt Motor Vehicles.** The following motor vehicles are exempt from the  
6 restrictions in subsection (b)the Sunday road closures:

7                    ~~(i)~~ Emergency vehicles, including but not limited to police and fire vehicles,;

8                    ~~(ii)~~ Official City, State, or federal vehicles, or any other authorized vehicle,  
9 being used to perform official City, State, or federal business pertaining to Golden Gate Park  
10 or any property or facility therein, including but not limited to public transit vehicles, vehicles of  
11 the Recreation and Park Department and construction vehicles authorized by the Recreation  
12 and Park Department. ~~;~~ and

13                    ~~(iii)~~ Authorized intra-park transit shuttle buses, paratransit vans, or similar  
14 authorized vehicles used to transport persons within Golden Gate Park.

15                    (4) Vehicles authorized by the Recreation and Park Department in connection with  
16 permitted events.

17                    (5) Vehicle deliveries to the DeYoung Museum loading dock. Such vehicles shall have  
18 unimpeded access to the Museum's loading dock from John F. Kennedy Drive through the road closure  
19 area. The DeYoung Museum may use the existing closure protocols to provide for unencumbered  
20 delivery access to its loading dock and maintain safety of individuals within the road closure area. The  
21 Museum and the Recreation and Park Department shall evaluate such protocols and delivery activities  
22 on a regular basis to ensure that adequate delivery access and public safety are maintained, and if  
23 necessary, shall institute additional or modified methods that ensure adequate delivery access to the  
24 Museum and public safety.

1           ~~(g)(d)~~ **Emergency Authority.** The General Manager of the Recreation and Park  
2 Department shall have the authority to allow traffic on roads that would otherwise be closed in  
3 accordance with this Section 6.12 in circumstances which in the General Manager's judgment  
4 constitute an emergency such that the benefit to the public from the street closure is  
5 outweighed by the traffic burden or public safety hazard created by the emergency  
6 circumstances.

7           *(h) Promotion of the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this Section 6.12, the*  
8 *City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it*  
9 *imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages*  
10 *to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.*

11           *(i) Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Section*  
12 *6.12 or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional*  
13 *by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the*  
14 *remaining portions or applications of Section 6.12. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares it would*  
15 *have passed this Section 6.12 and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and*  
16 *word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portions of Section*  
17 *6.12 or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.*

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19           **SEC. 6.13. [Reserved] ~~PROHIBITION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN GOLDEN~~**  
20 **~~GATE PARK ON SATURDAYS.~~**

21           ~~—(a) Findings and Purpose.~~

22           ~~—(i) This legislation supports and is in furtherance of the findings set forth in Section 6.12.~~

23           ~~—(ii) The public interest will be served by a Saturday closure of John F. Kennedy Drive,~~  
24 ~~between Transverse Drive and the western side of Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, and closure of Stow~~  
25 ~~Lake Drive East connecting with that portion of John F. Kennedy Drive.~~

1           — (iii) ~~Saturday road closures are necessary for the safety and protection of persons who~~  
2 ~~would use these roads during the closures.~~

3           — (b) ~~**Saturday Road Closures.** The following roads in Golden Gate Park shall be closed to~~  
4 ~~motor vehicle traffic on Saturdays, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time and Pacific~~  
5 ~~Daylight Time, subject to the inclement weather condition protocols that apply to the current Sunday~~  
6 ~~road closures: John F. Kennedy Drive between Transverse Drive and the western side of Hagiwara~~  
7 ~~Tea Garden Drive and Stow Lake Drive between Stow Lake Drive East and John F. Kennedy Drive.~~  
8 ~~The Recreation and Park Department, with the assistance, as needed, of other City departments, shall~~  
9 ~~arrange for appropriate barriers to motor vehicles to be placed within Golden Gate Park so as to~~  
10 ~~effectuate the aforementioned street closures. The Saturday road closures mandated in this subsection~~  
11 ~~(b) shall be in effect from the first Saturday in April through the last Saturday in September.~~

12           — (c) ~~The disability access standards, exempt motor vehicles provision, and the emergency~~  
13 ~~authority of the General Manager, as set forth in Sections 6.12(b), (c), and (d), respectively, shall apply~~  
14 ~~to the Saturday road closures established herein. The Saturday closures established herein also shall~~  
15 ~~be subject to the following additional conditions:~~

16           — (i) ~~Prior to the annual starting date for the closures set forth in subsection (b), the Director~~  
17 ~~of the Mayor's Office on Disability, in consultation with the Recreation and Park Department and the~~  
18 ~~DeYoung Museum Access Division, shall determine whether physical accessibility is provided through~~  
19 ~~the closure area compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.~~

20           — (ii) ~~Vehicle deliveries to the DeYoung Museum loading dock during the Saturday and~~  
21 ~~Sunday closure are specifically acknowledged and authorized herein. Such vehicles shall have~~  
22 ~~unimpeded access to the Museum's loading dock from John F. Kennedy Drive through the road closure~~  
23 ~~area. The DeYoung Museum shall develop appropriate protocols that provide for unencumbered~~  
24 ~~delivery access to its loading dock and maintain safety of individuals within the road closure area. The~~  
25 ~~Museum shall evaluate such protocols and delivery activities on a regular basis to ensure that adequate~~

1 ~~delivery access and public safety are maintained. If necessary, the Recreation and Park Department, in~~  
2 ~~consultation with the Mayor's Office, shall institute additional or modified methods that ensure~~  
3 ~~adequate delivery access to the Museum and public safety.~~

4 ~~— (iii) The Recreation and Park Department, in consultation with the Mayor's Office on~~  
5 ~~Disability, shall develop appropriate signage for the Saturday Road closure to minimize any traffic~~  
6 ~~disruption.~~

7 ~~— (d) **Effect on Sunday and Holiday Road Closures.** This Section is not intended to have any~~  
8 ~~effect on street closures in Golden Gate Park on Sundays and holidays except for the provisions of~~  
9 ~~subsection (c)(ii) concerning delivery access to the DeYoung Museum's loading dock.~~

10 ~~(e) **Conflict With Other Provisions of Law.** If any provision of this Section conflicts with an~~  
11 ~~earlier enacted provision of this Article or of any other earlier enacted provision of law, and the~~  
12 ~~conflict cannot be reasonably reconciled, the provision of this Section shall govern.~~

13 ~~— (f) **Severability.** If any provision, sentence, clause, or other part of this Section is held to be~~  
14 ~~invalid or unlawful, such a holding shall not limit or abrogate other parts of this Section that can be~~  
15 ~~given effect independently of the invalid or unlawful provision, sentence, clause, or part. If the~~  
16 ~~application of a provision, sentence, clause, or other part of this Section to a person or class of~~  
17 ~~persons, or to a specific circumstance, is held to be invalid or unlawful, such a holding shall not limit~~  
18 ~~or abrogate other applications of the same provision, sentence, clause, or part that can be given effect~~  
19 ~~independently of the invalid or unlawful application.~~

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21 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
22 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
23 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
24 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.



**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Park Code - Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program - Slow Street Road Closures]

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Existing Law

The City has historically closed portions of JFK Drive between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive in Golden Gate Park, along with portions of the adjacent roads that connect to those portions of JFK Drive, to private vehicle traffic on Sundays and holidays. In 2006, the City adopted disability access standards for the closures, such as more accessible parking spaces and an intra-park shuttle. In 2007, the City extended the closures to Saturdays. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Recreation and Park Department temporarily closed the streets to private vehicle traffic seven days a week, until the end of the City’s state of emergency. The temporary closure is still in effect.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would adopt the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program, a series of proposals and policy initiatives intended to improve traffic safety and access to and within Golden Gate Park.

The primary change is to authorize a permanent closure to private vehicle traffic of the following streets: JFK Drive, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive; Conservatory Drive East, between Arguello Boulevard to JFK Drive; Pompeii Circle, entire length of street; Conservatory Drive West, between JFK Drive and 500’ northeast of JFK Drive; 8th Avenue, between Fulton Street and JFK Drive; Music Concourse Drive, between JFK Drive and Bowl Drive; Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, between JFK Drive and Bowl Drive; Stow Lake Drive, between JFK Drive and Stow Lake Drive East; Middle Drive West, between Overlook Drive and a gate 200 feet west of Overlook Drive; Middle Drive West, between Metson Road and a gate 675 feet east of Metson Road; Bernice Rodgers Way, between JFK Drive and MLK Drive; and MLK Drive, between Lincoln Way and Chain of Lakes Road.

The ordinance would also authorize the conversion of MLK Drive from Chain of Lakes Drive to Sunset Boulevard from two-way traffic to one-way traffic in the eastbound direction; and of



Middle Drive West from Metson Road to MLK Drive from two-way traffic to one-way traffic in the westbound direction.

The ordinance would also establish a protected two-way bicycle lane (Class IV) on the east side of Transverse Drive from JFK Drive to Overlook Drive, and a one-way westbound bicycle lane (Class II) on the north side of MLK Drive between Middle Drive and Sunset Boulevard.

A map depicting the streets in Golden Gate Park that are being closed to private vehicle traffic or converted to one-way traffic is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The ordinance also directs the Recreation and Department to implement a plan to ensure adequate shuttle service, paratransit van service, accessible parking spots, traffic safety, unencumbered delivery access to the DeYoung Museum loading dock, and bicycle connectivity. The ordinance also directs the Recreation and Park Department to work with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Music Concourse Community Partnership, the DeYoung Museum, the California Academy, and other interested parties to improve the usage of and access to the Golden Gate Park Concourse Garage.