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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Committee, 11/28/2022)

[Park Code - Upper Great Highway - Pilot Weekend and Holiday Vehicle Restrictions]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to restrict private vehicles on the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard, on a pilot basis, on weekends and holidays until December 31, 2025; 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.

Existing Law

The Upper Great Highway is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department, and before 2020 was used for private vehicle traffic. In April 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Recreation and Park Department temporarily restricted private vehicles from the Upper Great Highway between Sloat Boulevard and Lincoln Way, seven days a week. The Recreation and Park Department later modified the closures to be in effect only on holidays and on weekends (Fridays at 12:00 p.m. until Mondays at 6:00 a.m.).

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would approve a pilot program for closing the Upper Great Highway between Sloat Boulevard and Lincoln Way. The closures would be in effect from Fridays at 12:00 p.m. until Mondays at 6:00 a.m. and on holidays. During this pilot program, the Recreation and Park Department and Municipal Transportation Agency would study the transportational and recreational impacts of the closures, and provide recommendations to inform possible future decisions by the Board of Supervisors. The pilot program would end on December 31, 2025, unless extended by a subsequent ordinance.

Background

The legislation was amended on November 28, 2022, to clarify the precise start time of the Friday closures and to extend the date for completing a sand management plan.

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