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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Park Code - John F. Shelley Drive - Road Closure]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to restrict private vehicles from a portion of John F. Shelley Drive, between the Upper Reservoir Parking Lot and Mansell Street, in McLaren Park.

Existing Law

John F. Shelley Drive is a street that runs through McLaren Park. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Recreation and Park Department restricted private vehicles from certain portions of John F. Shelley Drive in McLaren Park.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would approve a permanent closure to private vehicles of John F. Shelley Drive between the Upper Reservoir Parking Lot and Mansell Street, in order to create a promenade for walking, biking, and other non-vehicular access to improve accessibility and mobility.

Background Information

On April 28, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency and the City's Shelter-In-Place orders, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD), in partnership with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), established a car-free roadway within McLaren Park along a portion of John Shelley Drive in the northwest portion of the park.

During the temporary closure, RPD received significant feedback in support of the closure from neighbors and visitors. The community has voiced strong support for permanently closing John F. Shelley Drive between the Upper Reservoir Parking Lot and Mansell Street, in order to create the Shelley Promenade for walking, biking, and other non-vehicular transport and recreation to improve accessibility and enjoyment of John McLaren Park.

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