




May 31, 2018

Memorandum

To: Presidio Visitors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief Executive Officer

By: Michael Boland, Chief of Park Development & Operations and Acting CEO 

Subject: Written Determination: Establishment of Closures of Portions of Area B to Personal Vehicles for Public Health and Safety and Management Responsibilities – Lincoln Boulevard between Taylor Road and Montgomery Street

Using my authority as the Chief Executive Officer of the Presidio Trust, under Presidio Trust Board Resolution 04-15, *Authority of Executive Director to Establish Public Use Limits and Closures*, **I have determined that it is necessary to close Lincoln Boulevard between Taylor Road and Montgomery Street.**

The purpose of the closure is to improve safety for park visitors in vicinity of the new Lodge in Building 105. Near Building 105, Lincoln Boulevard is one-way westbound providing access to only the Taylor Road parking lot. The intersection of Taylor Road and Lincoln Boulevard has poor visibility due to the northwest building corner of Building 105 being immediately adjacent to the edge of roadway. The limited visibility for motorists coupled with the expected increase in pedestrian activity surrounding the Lodge provided the impetus for this change to the roadway network. It should be noted that Lincoln Boulevard is already closed to through traffic approximately 350 feet west of this location; that closure was implemented as part of a previous park-wide traffic calming effort. As such, this segment of Lincoln Boulevard currently only provides access to a parking area along Taylor which can also be accessed from Sheridan Avenue and Ord Street.

Three alternative measures were considered - No Action, Reverse Direction, and Lincoln Closure with varying levels of restriction. The least restrictive measure, No Action, was rejected because it would fail to address pedestrian safety concerns near the Lodge, an important visitor destination. Reverse Direction would have changed the direction of Lincoln Boulevard to eastbound between Sheridan Avenue and Montgomery Street. Currently, with westbound circulation, motor vehicles turn through an obscured corner unexpectedly into the future pedestrian activity zone. By reversing the circulation to eastbound, the pedestrian zone would always be visible because it would be in advance of the obscured curve. However, reversing direction would restrict access to trash receptacles, may allow cut-through traffic from the Golden Gate Bridge, and would create non-standard intersection geometry at Montgomery Street, and therefore this alternative was rejected.

The selected alternative, Lincoln Closure, relocates the current closure of Lincoln Boulevard approximately 350 feet farther east to the intersection with Montgomery Street. This measure would close the roadway using flexible delineator posts that large vehicles (garbage trucks, emergency response, and delivery trucks) can drive over, but would be undesirable to mount with a typical personal vehicle. Regulatory roadway signage will be installed in support of the closure. The relocation of the roadway closure maintains the cut-through traffic deterrent, retains bicycle and pedestrian access, provides refuse truck access to all trash receptacles, and reduces the volume of motor vehicle traffic around the obscured corner, enhancing pedestrian safety near the Lodge in Building 105. The restriction would divert a relatively low volume of vehicles destined to the Taylor Road parking area to other access points via Sheridan Avenue and Ord Street.

The public will be notified of the roadway closure with posted signage and targeted announcements distributed in hard copy or through electronic media. Roadway signage, delineator posts, and pavement markings will be installed to support the closure.

This action to close Lincoln Boulevard to a specific activity is necessary to protect public health and safety and less restrictive measures, as detailed above, will not suffice. Furthermore, the selected alternative does not eliminate access to the parking lot. Effective on June 5, 2018 the section of Lincoln Boulevard between Taylor Road and Montgomery Street will be closed to personal vehicles but remain open to bicycles, garbage trucks, delivery trucks, and emergency vehicles.