



London N. Breed, Mayor  
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

July 25, 2024

Dear Chair Packard and Ballot Simplification Committee Members,

Thank you for your careful work to accurately represent the question before voters in regard to the Great Highway.

I am not able to attend the meeting on Friday, July 26. Please accept this letter, as I attempt to clarify what appear to be lingering questions about the status quo and the proposal.

The Recreation and Parks Department has jurisdiction over the Great Highway, the multi-use path to the east, and the area 50 west of the road (see attachment). This measure does not change the jurisdiction.

Currently, the roadway includes two lanes in the northbound direction, a median, and two lanes in the southbound direction. Commercial vehicles over three tons are prohibited from the roadway at all times. Emergency, maintenance, and permitted vehicles are allowed at all times.

Under legislation passed by the Board of Supervisors in 2022 ([file no. 220875](#)), the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard, on a pilot basis, is closed to private vehicles of all kinds from Fridays at noon until Mondays at 6 a.m. and on holidays observed by the City and County of San Francisco. This closure will expire on December 31, 2025. At that point, absent any further legislation, the Great Highway would be open to private vehicles 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

If this proposed initiative ordinance were to be passed by the voters, the pilot would remain in place until all necessary approvals are obtained and permits granted. At that point, the ordinance could be fully implemented.

If permits are not obtained prior to December 31, 2025, the road will open to cars 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, absent further action by the Board of Supervisors.

If the initiative ordinance does not pass, the pilot will remain in place until December 31, 2025, again, absent further action by the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee ably represented the proposed changes to John F. Kennedy Boulevard in November 2022 ([Access for All Ordinance](#)). The question there was quite similar as that road was closed to private vehicles certain days of the week and times of the year before that measure passed.

With thanks,

Sarah Madland



# OCEAN BEACH JURISDICTION MAP



## GREAT HIGHWAY: Cliff House to Skyline Blvd Jurisdiction and Maintenance

### Cliff House to Lincoln Way:      Jurisdiction      Maintenance

Roadway including Parking Lot	RPD	DPW
West of Roadway, including promenade, seawall, & beach	GGNRA	GGNRA

### Lincoln Way to Sloat Blvd:      Jurisdiction      Maintenance

Roadway and median sand removal, plantings	RPD	DPW
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Seawall/promenade <sup>1</sup> sand removal, litter units, graffiti removal	RPD	DPW
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Eastside plantings, irrigation system, recreational trail	RPD	RPD
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CCSF/GGNRA boundary is 50' west of westerly edge of new roadway

• westerly dunes on CCSF property, including plantings and litter removal	RPD	RPD
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• soft surface recreational trail	RPD	DPW
rough grading of accumulated sand		

• paths to beach (including fence)		
- City Property	RPD	RPD
- GGNRA Property	GGNRA	GGNRA
• Dunes west of CCSF/GGNRA boundary, including plantings and litter	GGNRA	GGNRA

• Beach	GGNRA	GGNRA
Lighting fixtures	RPD	PUC/DOE

### Sloat Blvd to Skyline Blvd      Jurisdiction      Maintenance

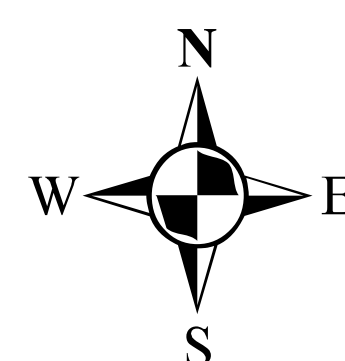
Roadway and median	RPD	DPW
Parking areas, plantings, beach access, west of roadway, restroom	GGNRA	GGNRA

<sup>1</sup> Between approximately Noriega and Rivera Streets

Source: "Great Highway Proposed Maintenance Agreement," attachment to memo by James Chia, Project Manager - DPW, November 19, 1992

### LEGEND

- RPD Jurisdiction/DPW Maintenance
- RPD Jurisdiction & Maintenance
- GGNRA Jurisdiction & Maintenance



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