

Coast and Mission Bay Parking Lot Overnight Gate Closures
Outreach and Communication Plan

- Date:** June 14, 2021
- Goal:** The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) desires to obtain input from beach community organizations to determine whether overnight parking restrictions can help reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime in beach communities, and therefore improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to San Diego.
- Strategy:** The Department would bring an action request forward to the California Coastal Commission to obtain permission to install and operate nighttime gates and signage to clear and close parking lots to reduce the number of illegal activities in the beach and bay areas that have had increased criminal activity and reduced public safety.
- Assigned Staff:** Andy Field, Director
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- Areas of Concern:** The Department desires to address the problems associated with gang activity, overnight parties, and illegal camping/fires in and around parking lots in Peninsula, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla.
- Timeframe:** The Department would conduct outreach to various community organizations between June and September 2021. A California Coastal Commission package would be routed around November 2021.
- Background:** The parking lots in coastal parks (Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla) and several in Mission Bay Park routinely attract large numbers of illegal campers, gang members, and large parties.
- Gangs:**
- Crimes against persons assaults/shootings
 - Intimidating
 - Cruising
 - Violent crimes
 - Vandalism/tagging to park facilities
 - Vandalism to other vehicles
- Misuse of City Property:**
- Loitering
 - Illegal parking

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- Theft of city services, (electricity, water, trash)
- Littering
- Drunk in public
- Illegal camping

Overnight Parties:

- Loud levels of noise
- Increased calls for service
- Littering
- Alcoholic violations/public intoxication

Intended Outcomes: Key outcomes include:

- Reduction in crime and calls for service
- Deterrence of gang activity, overnight parties, and illegal campers
- Improvement in feeling of safety for park patrons, nearby residents, and visitors to the parks

Proposal: To meet the desired outcomes, the Department proposes to consider regulating the following parking lots with gates and/or signage for overnight closure at:

- La Jolla:
 - La Jolla Shores/Kellogg Park
 - Tourmaline Surfing Park
- Mission Beach:
 - Mission Beach South (Belmont Park)
 - South Mission Beach Outer/Inner
 - South Jetty
- Ocean Beach:
 - Dog Beach
 - Newport Avenue/OB Pier
 - Santa Monica
- Peninsula
 - Sunset Cliffs/Linear
 - Sunset Cliffs/Ladera
- Mission Bay Park:
 - Bahia Point
 - Crown Point
 - East Bonita Cove
 - Faniel Park
 - Fiesta Island
 - Mariners Point
 - Mission Point
 - Moorland Drive (Crown Point)
 - South Shores
 - Sunrunner Lot
 - Ventura Cove
- University

- Torrey Pines Glider Port and City Park

Generally, the proposed hours of closure would be from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. or midnight to 6 a.m. with gates to be closed by security service nightly. This may vary from park to park.

Installation of gates at any location is contingent upon availability of funding to install gates.

Key Tasks:

Outreach Letter. The Department would initiate outreach via a letter to the following community stakeholders, including presentations, workshops, and/or letters requesting input. A list of organizations for outreach include:

- Clairemont:
 - Clairemont Community Planning Group
 - Clairemont Town Council
- Coastal Area Nonprofits:
 - I Love a Clean San Diego
 - San Diego Audubon Society
 - San Diego Coastkeeper
- La Jolla:
 - Bird Rock Community Council
 - La Jolla Community Planning Group
 - La Jolla Merchants Association
 - La Jolla Parks and Beaches
 - La Jolla Recreation Council, Inc.
 - La Jolla Shores Association
 - La Jolla Town Council
- Linda Vista:
 - Friends of Tecolote Canyon
 - Linda Vista Community Planning Group
 - Linda Vista Town Council
- Mission Beach:
 - Belmont Park Lessee
 - Mission Beach Town Council
 - Mission Beach Precise Planning Group
 - Mission Beach Women's Club
- Mission Bay Park:
 - Mission Bay Lessees Association
 - Mission Bay Lessees
 - Mission Bay Park Committee
 - San Diego River Park Foundation
 - UCSD/Kendall Frost Marsh
- Ocean Beach
 - Dusty Rhodes Community Recreation Group
 - Ocean Beach Community Recreation Group
 - Ocean Beach Main Street Association
 - Ocean Beach Pier Café Lessee
 - Ocean Beach Planning Group

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- Ocean Beach Town Council
- Robb Field Community Recreation Group
- Pacific Beach:
 - Crown Point Neighborhood Association
 - Discover Pacific Beach
 - Pacific Beach Planning Board
 - Pacific Beach-Santa Clara Community Recreation Group
 - Pacific Beach Town Council
- Park and Recreation Board
- Peninsula:
 - Peninsula Community Planning Group
 - Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council
- San Diego Canyonlands
- San Diego Parks Foundation
- University:
 - Municipal Golf Committee
 - Torrey Pines Gliderport Lessee
 - University Community Planning Group

Stakeholder Review and Consideration of Request. Once notified, each community stakeholder group would consider the proposed gate and sign locations and would notify the Department in writing of its recommendations.

Permit Application Process. The Department would apply for permits from the California Coastal Commission with stakeholder letters attached to the application.

Gate and Sign Installation. If the California Coastal Commission approves, the Department would develop appropriate signage, examine feasibility and funding for gate installation, and determine appropriate implementation dates for each location.

Fiscal Impact:

San Diego Police Department: If gates and signage are approved, SDPD would see a reduced volume of calls for service in the impacted parking lots.

Parks and Recreation Department: Increased costs would be associated with sign replacements, security contract to lock and unlock gates, and installation of new gates if approved.