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Road Closures and Parking Restrictions for Sunday, January 18th Welcoming Ceremony

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 18th, the following roads will be closed in connection with the opening ceremony for the Inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama. All closure times are subject to change. Please check www.inauguration.dc.gov prior to going to the festivities for final updates. A copy of this release and a map of the closures are also available on the web site.

The U.S. Park Police previously announced the following closings:

January 17th starting at 3:00 p.m. until January 18th at approximately 5:00 p.m.:

- 23rd Street at Constitution Ave
- Henry Bacon Drive

January 18th starting at 5:00 a.m. until January 18th at approximately 5:00 p.m.:

- 22nd Street at Constitution Ave
- 21st Street at Constitution Ave
- 20th Street at Constitution Ave
- 19th Street at Constitution Ave
- 18th Street at Constitution Ave
- Constitution Ave from 17th - 23rd Street
- 17th Street from Constitution Ave to Independence Ave
- Independence Ave from 15th - 23rd Street
- Maine Ave to Independence Ave
- Inlet Bridge (Ohio Drive at East Basin Drive)
- West Basin Drive
- Ohio Drive from Inlet Bridge to Rock Creek Parkway
- Rock Creek Parkway from Virginia Ave to Ohio Drive
- Parkway Drive from Ohio Drive to Lincoln Memorial Bridge
- Memorial Bridge
- 23rd Street from Lincoln Memorial to Independence Ave

January 8th until January 23rd:

- French Drive

In addition, the following roads will also be closed or have parking and/or visitor access restrictions on January 18th. All restrictions and closures are from 5am to 5pm.

Street Closures:

- 17th Street from Constitution Avenue to K Street
- 23rd Street from Constitution Avenue to Washington Circle (23rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue)
- E Street from Virginia Avenue to 23rd Street
- D Street from Virginia Avenue to 23rd Street

- Virginia Avenue from Constitution Avenue to 23rd Street

Residential Only Access – Valid ID (Driver’s License or picture ID with address required)

- Pennsylvania Avenue from 17th Street to Washington Circle (23rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue)
- 18th Street from Virginia Avenue to K Street
- 19th Street from Virginia Avenue to K Street
- 20th Street from Virginia Avenue to K Street
- 21st Street from Virginia Avenue to K Street
- 22nd Street from Virginia Avenue to K Street

Parking Restrictions - Emergency No Parking Posted

- M Street from Key Bridge to 23rd Street – outbound (north side of street)
- L Street from 23rd to 17th Streets

Bridge Closures

Both the Memorial Bridge and Theodore Roosevelt Bridge will be closed.

Memorial Bridge: There will be no access including vehicular and pedestrian across the Memorial Bridge or to the west side of the Lincoln Memorial. Pedestrians will not be able to access the event from the Arlington Cemetery Metro exit.

The following metro stops are recommended for general public guests:

- Red Line: Farragut North and Metro Center
- Blue and Orange Lines: Farragut West, Federal Center and Smithsonian
- Yellow and Green lines: L'Enfant Plaza and Archives

Theodore Roosevelt Bridge: Closed inbound to vehicular traffic. Outbound will remain open.

General Public Access to the Inaugural Opening Ceremonies will begin at 8am. This event is free and open to the public and no ticket is required.

Ticketed Guest Entrance:

- Henry Bacon Drive near Constitution Avenue

General Public Entrances:

- Constitution Avenue at 19th street
- Constitution Avenue at Virginia Avenue
- 17th street at North Elm Walk
- 17th street at South Elm Walk
- Independence Avenue at the DC War Memorial

Shuttle Service from RFK

- Parking and shuttle service will be available at RFK Stadium. People wishing to drive may park their cars at RFK and shuttle buses (shuttle buses will be located in lot 8)

will bring them to the mall and drop them off at Independence Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets.

A complete list of prohibited items is listed on the United States Secret Service Inaugural website at http://www.secretservice.gov/presidential_inaugural.shtml

The District will implement DDOT's Operation Fast Forward timing on traffic signals located on 19 evacuation corridors following the festivities in order to facilitate traffic as it exits the downtown area. For details visit www.ddot.dc.gov.

DDOT will place Traffic Control Officers (TCOs) at the following locations and in the numbered order of priority if the demand is greater than the capacity:

- M Street from Wisconsin Avenue to 28th Street NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue, from M Street to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 27th Street to 18th Street, NW
- Washington Circle, NW
- 23RD Street from Washington Circle to Virginia Avenue, NW

Opening Ceremonies *Restricted Roads*

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