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## Summary of Comments

At its March, 2021 meeting, the Mayor's Disability Council heard from Supervisor Chan's office about the Golden Gate Park Sustainable Travel Study. In association with that agenda item, the MDC and MOD received several emails, voicemails and public comments during the meeting about the topic of the closure of JFK Drive. These are the primary points raised:

- Overall, there is a significant loss of parking spaces. Of highest importance are blue spaces that are close enough to the De Young and other nearby attractions for people who cannot walk far. In addition, people with disabilities need to be able to find regular parking spaces when the blue ones are all taken, and so the overall number of nearby spaces is important.
- The addition of SkyStar and increasing numbers of visitors in good weather and post-COVID will increase competition for all spots, including blue spaces.
- There is inadequate or no signage to help find blue spaces. Because of one-way streets, it's even more difficult to find them.
- As a parking alternative, the garage is unaffordable to many.
- This change favors white, upper-income and abled residents over others, including people with disabilities, seniors, families and people from outer neighborhoods.
- Many people are unable to use the shuttle:
  - not all stops have seating areas,
  - infrequent operating schedule,
  - poor info about where stops are, not in accessible formats
- Waiting in the cold for a shuttle is not equivalent to driving in your car
- Drop off's don't work if you are the driver or need assistance out of the vehicle.
- Before a permanent closure is decided, there needs to be a traffic study of surrounding areas and an Environmental Impact Study.
- Many De Young access advisors communicated individually to support having JFK Drive being open between 8<sup>th</sup> and Transverse Dr. except for Sundays.