



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No.4

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2026-32: Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Selected Streets for the Fourth of July Holiday Period

ABSTRACT:

The attached resolution authorizes peace officers to temporarily close or divert traffic from designated Newport Beach streets during the July 4th holiday period to address heavy congestion, large crowds, public safety concerns, and increased demand for police, fire, and emergency medical services. The affected areas include Back Bay Drive, the 100 block of Orange Street from Pacific Coast Highway, San Joaquin Hills Road near Back Bay Drive, and Via Malaga between Via Oporto and Via Lido. The closures may occur from 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2026, through 6:00 a.m. on July 5, 2026, and are intended to protect residents, visitors, and emergency responders.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-32, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Back Bay Drive, the 100 Block of Orange Street from Traffic Off of Pacific Coast Highway, San Joaquin Hills Road between Back Bay Drive and the Entrance to the Park Newport Apartment Complex, and Via Malaga between Via Oporto and Via Lido.*

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the July 4th holiday period brings a significant increase in visitors to Newport Beach, particularly to the oceanfront beaches, West Newport, the Balboa Peninsula, and areas near Back Bay Drive. The increased number of visitors can result in severe traffic congestion, limited vehicular movement, increased pedestrian and bicycle activity in public streets, and heightened demand for police, fire, and emergency medical services.

To help preserve public safety and maintain emergency access during this period, the proposed resolution authorizes peace officers to temporarily close or divert traffic, including vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, from designated street segments when conditions warrant. These areas include Back Bay Drive; the 100 block of Orange Street

from traffic off Pacific Coast Highway; San Joaquin Hills Road between Back Bay Drive and the entrance to the Park Newport Apartment complex; and Via Malaga between Via Oporto and Via Lido.

The temporary closure authority would be limited to the period beginning at 5 p.m. on July 3, 2026, and ending at 6 a.m. on July 5, 2026. Closures would occur only at the discretion of a peace officer when necessary due to traffic congestion, lack of vehicular flow, public safety concerns, or the need to protect persons using the streets during holiday-related activities.

The proposed action is intended to support the Newport Beach Police Department and Newport Beach Fire Department in responding effectively to emergencies and maintaining public safety during one of the City's busiest holiday periods.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The NBPD estimates the cost of these street closures will be approximately \$9,154.00. This amount represents costs for traffic message boards, traffic controller/flaggers and other equipment or mobilization needed to effectuate the closures. Funding for the NBPD's current operational plan is included within the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2026-32