Explore A. WASHINGTON PARK

Washington Park Emergency Management

Road Closure and Reroutes

Parks roads are susceptible to closure at any time when they are signed to do so and are not public roads, but actually owned by PPR. These roads include:

- 1. Kingston Drive at the Garden intersection to Gate J of the Oregon Zoo.
- 2. Fischer Lane from Burnside to Fairview Blvd.
- 3. Kingston Ave just North of the Portland Japanese Garden.
- 4. SW Rose Garden Way Near the intersection with Sacajawea and Write Ave.
- 5. SW Washington Way intersecting with Wright Ave.
- 6. Sterns drive intersecting with Lewis Clark Way.

These gates will be utilized to force visitors and the community from engaging with a hazard or threat. These will include weather events, active shooters, or other hazards.

The authority to close the gates is with the PPR Maintenance Supervisor and Washington Park Program Coordinator. During an emergency other park employees or venue staff have the ability to utilize these gates to save lives, property and the environment.

Rangers, EWP staff, and other capable venue staff will assume the ability to close the road during an emergency. They will utilize their vehicles, cones, barricades, signs, etc. which can be found in the Lock Box TIM in Lot A, which is Locked with A PP&R Z Key. This is only possible if they are safe from any hazard that the emergency may cause. They will strategically place themselves and their barricade in a way that allows easy reroute for vehicles and does not impede emergency vehicle access.

At any time when road closure is necessary it will be essential for the staff to send a message via GroupMe in accordance to the GroupMe Guidelines. The message will include the road closure and fastest reroute, reason for this operations, and if any further recommendations or assistance is needed.

Park Rangers and EWP Staff will have at least 4 orange cones in each vehicle and 2 traffic safety vests in order to be prepared for closing a road.

Improvements.

- Increase the number of gates to allow permanent closure ability.
- Automatic Gates.
- Additional signs at access points to warn of road closures or emergencies.
- Strategic Barricade and cone stash