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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Amy Ainslie, Planning & Community Development Director 

Date: March 20, 2024

Subject: Summer Tourism Operations – Lincoln Street Closures

In accordance with the Short-Term Tourism Plan, CBS staff is working to implement its summer tourism operations. 2024 operations will largely be consistent with 2023 including:

- Lincoln Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between Lake and Katlian Streets on days when 5,000 or more passengers are scheduled to be in town (based on the lower-berth capacity published on the Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska calendar). No parking will begin at 9AM, and the street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 10AM – 4PM. Street signage and closure procedures will remain the same.
- The standard-size portable restroom unit will be placed on Lincoln Street near the intersection of Barracks Street. As the access stairs utilize the roadway, the restroom will only be open when the street is closed. CBS will continue to make the restroom available for rental in conjunction with other community events in which Lincoln Street is closed.
- Communications will also be consistent with 2023, including a published cruise ship calendar with street closures noted, email notifications, and a phone line and email address available for citizen questions and concerns.
- Increased trash service in the downtown area.

Additionally, staff will be looking to augment the temporary streets crew with staff positions dedicated to pedestrian safety along Harbor Drive and at the Lake/Lincoln intersection. Staff is also continuing to advocate for additional improvements to traffic flow at the intersection, including striping and signage, and work proactively on plans for 4th of July to better preserve local festivities. The FY24 budget includes appropriations for these expenses.