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President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address

WASHINGTON, DC (1/16/15) - On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 9:00 p.m., the President will deliver the State of the Union address before a Joint Session of Congress in the U.S. Capitol Building. The United States Capitol Police and its law enforcement partners will provide security and traffic control for this event.

We appreciate the assistance of our law enforcement partners, event support personnel, and the community in working with us to manage this significant event. Due to road closures, we advise the public to prepare in advance for detours around the Capitol Square area. We thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconveniences in advance.

Restricted Access - Capitol Square

The following area will be restricted to event credentialed and **authorized pedestrians only** beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015:

- First Street between Constitution Avenue, NW and Independence Avenue, SW
- Independence Avenue between First Street, SW and First Street, SE
- First Street between Independence Avenue, SE and Constitution Avenue, NE
- Constitution Avenue between First Street, NE and First Street, NW

Road Closures

The U.S. Capitol Police will put the following [road closures](#) (affecting vehicular traffic) into effect on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and will lift these restrictions upon conclusion of the event:

- **North Side of Capitol Square**
 - D Street, NE between Second Street, NE & Louisiana Avenue, NW
 - C Street, NE between Second Street, NE & Louisiana Avenue, NW
 - Constitution Avenue between Second Street, NE & Louisiana Avenue, NW
 - Delaware Avenue, NE between Columbus Circle, NE & Constitution Avenue, NE
 - New Jersey Avenue, NW between Louisiana Avenue & Constitution Avenue, NW
 - Pennsylvania Avenue between First Street & Third Street, NW
 - East Capitol Street between Second Street & First Street, NE/SE
 - First Street, NE between Columbus Circle, NE & C Street, SE
 - First Street, NE between Louisiana Avenue, NW & Washington Avenue, SW
 - Second Street, NE between Constitution Avenue & East Capitol Street, NE
 - Maryland Avenue, NE between First Street & Constitution Avenue, NE



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- **South Side of Capitol Square**

- Maryland Avenue, SW between First Street, & Third Street, SW
- Independence Avenue between Second Street, SE & Washington Avenue, SW
- C Street between First Street, SE & Washington Avenue, SW
- Delaware Avenue, SW between Washington Avenue, SW & C Street, SW
- New Jersey Avenue, SE between Independence Avenue & D Street, SE
- South Capitol Street between Independence Avenue & D Street, SE/SW

Capitol Tours

Public and staff-led tours will be suspended at noon on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) will also close at noon. However, visitors with gallery passes may continue to enter via the CVC main entrance. The House Gallery will remain open until 5:30 p.m. or until House recesses, whichever is later. The Senate Gallery will remain open until 6:00 p.m. or until the Senate recesses, whichever is later. Tours will resume on a normal operational schedule on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Tour Buses

Tour buses will be allowed to drop off and pick up in Peace Circle and Garfield Circle until 4:30 p.m. on January 20, 2015.

If there are any questions about this event, please contact the United States Capitol Police Public Information Office at 202-224-1677.

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About the U.S. Capitol Police:

The U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) is comprised of over 2,000 sworn and civilian employees. The USCP is the sole federal law enforcement agency in the Legislative branch of government whose mission it is to protect the Congress, its legislative processes, Members, employees, visitors, and facilities from crime, disruption, or terrorism. We protect and secure Congress so it can fulfill its constitutional responsibilities in a safe and open environment.



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