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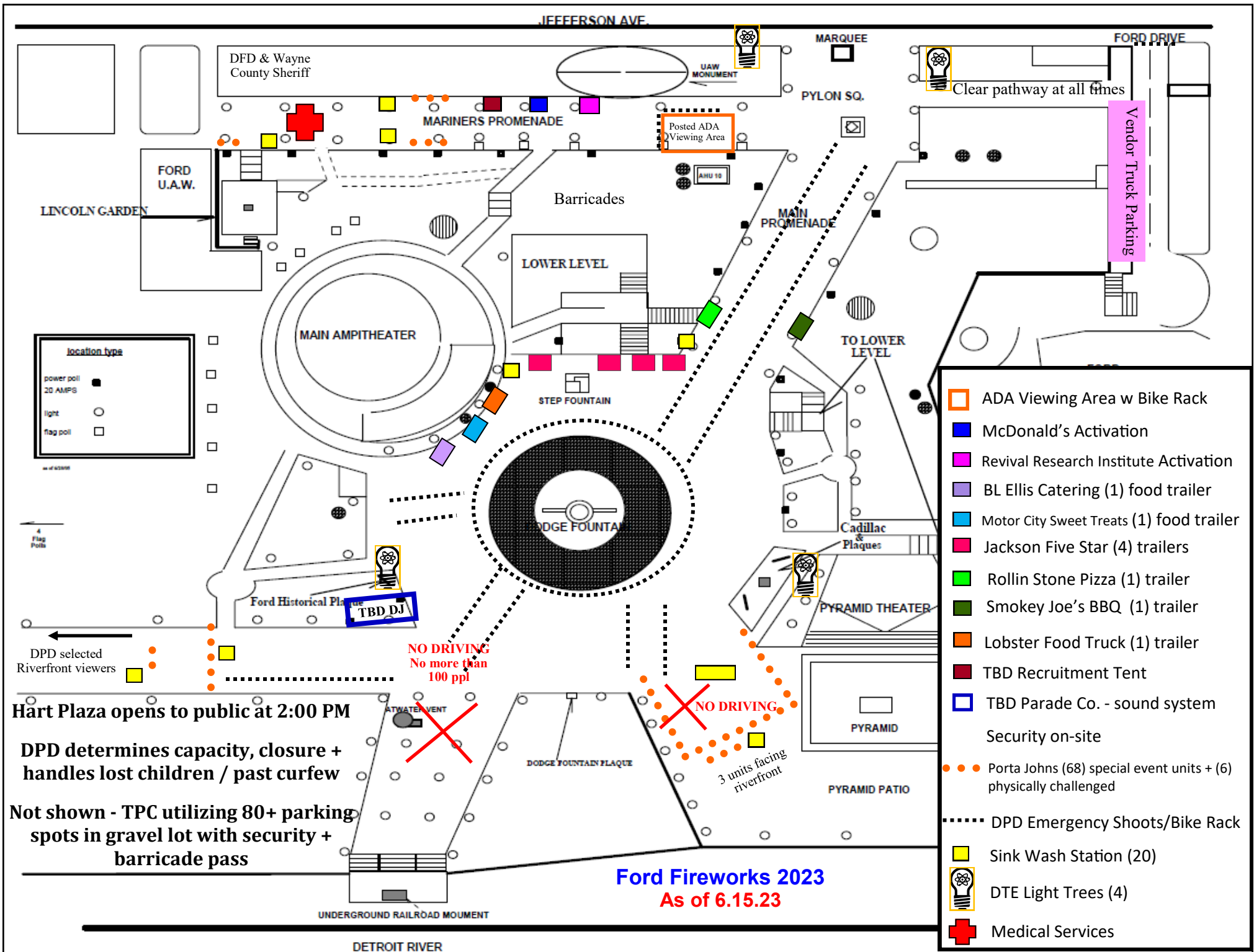
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RE: **Handicap Access for People with Disabilities at the 2023 Detroit Fireworks**

As Council knows, the annual Detroit Independence Day fireworks display is scheduled for June 26, 2023, or a subsequent rain date. Council Member Santiago-Romero, in direct response to a public comment question by resident Ms. Marguerite Maddox during the Public Health & Safety Standing Committee on June 5, 2023, directed the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to investigate and report what arrangements have been made to facilitate attendance at this downtown event with an extremely large crowd, for People with Disabilities who may need some physical assistance and guidance to safely attend.

The Parade Company, organizers of the fireworks, helpfully provided the attached diagram, showing the layout of Hart Plaza for the fireworks. In particular, the designated and marked Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) viewing area is prominently and accessibly located adjacent to the marquee sign and obelisk on the south side of East Jefferson, immediately to the south of the highly visible UAW labor monument at the foot of Woodward.

If Council has any further questions or concerns regarding this subject, LPD will be pleased to conduct further research and analysis upon request.



location type

- power pole 20 AMPS
- light
- flag pole

- ADA Viewing Area w Bike Rack
- McDonald's Activation
- Revival Research Institute Activation
- BL Ellis Catering (1) food trailer
- Motor City Sweet Treats (1) food trailer
- Jackson Five Star (4) trailers
- Rollin Stone Pizza (1) trailer
- Smokey Joe's BBQ (1) trailer
- Lobster Food Truck (1) trailer
- TBD Recruitment Tent
- TBD Parade Co. - sound system
- Security on-site
- Porta Johns (68) special event units + (6) physically challenged
- DPD Emergency Shoots/Bike Rack
- Sink Wash Station (20)
- DTE Light Trees (4)
- Medical Services

Hart Plaza opens to public at 2:00 PM

DPD determines capacity, closure + handles lost children / past curfew

Not shown - TPC utilizing 80+ parking spots in gravel lot with security + barricade pass

Ford Fireworks 2023
As of 6.15.23

NO DRIVING
No more than 100 ppl

NO DRIVING

3 units facing riverfront