



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works and Parks



Date: February 5, 2013
Board Meeting Date: March 12, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works and Parks

Subject: Establishing Two No Parking Zones and a Time Limited No Parking Zone at Various Locations in the County

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolutions authorizing:

- A) The establishment of No Parking Zones on Ashton Avenue at the southwest corner of Ashton Avenue and Alameda De Las Pulgas in West Menlo Park and on the easterly side of The Alameda near Santiago Avenue in El Granada; and
- B) The establishment of a Time Limited No Parking Zone on the southbound side of Jefferson Avenue generally between Lakeview Way and the County limits north of Emerald Hill Road in Emerald Lake Hills.

BACKGROUND:

The Board has adopted similar resolutions designating No Parking Zone and Time Limited No Parking Zone.

Section 22507 et.al. of the California Vehicle Code provides that local authorities may prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking or standing of vehicles by resolution or ordinance.

Staff received requests from concerned citizens for parking restrictions on Ashton Avenue at the southwest corner of Alameda De Las Pulgas in West Menlo Park, from a resident for a no parking zone on The Alameda at Santiago Avenue in El Granada; and from Roy Cloud School for a time limited no parking zone on the southbound lane of Jefferson Avenue between Lakeview Way and the County limits north of Emerald Hill Road.

DISCUSSION:

Staff evaluated these requests, determined that the recommended parking restrictions would not adversely affect the community, and are recommending the adoption of resolutions by your Board to establish the parking restrictions as described at the identified locations.

Staff investigated each site to determine if additional parking restrictions were warranted. Property owners on adjacent blocks extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed parking zone locations were notified of the date and time of the Board's meeting when these items will be considered. The objections and support received to date are summarized in Attachment "A." While there were several objections received relating to time limited parking restriction on Jefferson Avenue, the objections either did not relate to the County's area of jurisdiction or represent an inconvenience during the restricted parking hours. Staff believes this inconvenience is offset by the pedestrian safety enhancements to be provided through the parking restrictions.

The location of parking zones on County maintained streets are currently shown on maps in the Department of Public Works and Parks, and will be made available in list form on the Department's web site. The master lists will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if the Board approves the proposed resolutions.

Approval of these resolutions contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by allowing residents, business owners, and schools to help shape the neighborhood parking designations in a way that best fits their collective needs.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolutions as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for staff time involved in evaluating and processing requests for traffic regulations is part of the administrative cost associated with evaluating traffic-related requests involving the County maintained road system, and is financed with Road Funds. The cost of installing signs and painting parking zone markings varies, but averages to approximately \$550 per parking zone. The cost of these signs and markings will be financed with Road Funds. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment: "A" – Proposed Parking Restrictions and Public Input Summary

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Item #A-1: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone on Ashton Avenue at the southwest corner of Alameda De Las Pulgas.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Southwest corner of Ashton Avenue and Alameda De Las Pulgas	West Menlo Park	Page A2	0	6

Item #A-2: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone on The Alameda in El Granada.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Easterly side of The Alameda near Santiago Avenue	El Granada	Page A-3	1	0

Item #B: Authorizing the establishment of a Time Limited No Parking Zone on Jefferson Avenue between Lakeview Way and Emerald Lake Hill Road.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Jefferson Avenue between Lakeview Way and County limits north of Emerald Hill Road	Emerald Lake Hills	Page A-4	5	0

Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location

Item A-1: Location: Southwest Corner of Ashton Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas

Establish a No Parking Zone on Ashton Avenue at the southwest corner of Alameda de las Pulgas.

Discussion:

This intersection experiences significant delay times during peak hours. In particular, when cars are parked at the bulb out location at this intersection there is the potential for vehicles traveling on Ashton Avenue towards the Alameda de las Pulgas to cross the centerline in order to clear the parked car at the corner location. Staff concurs with the requestors that it would be better if vehicles were not allowed to be parked at this location, and therefore recommends removing parking at this location.

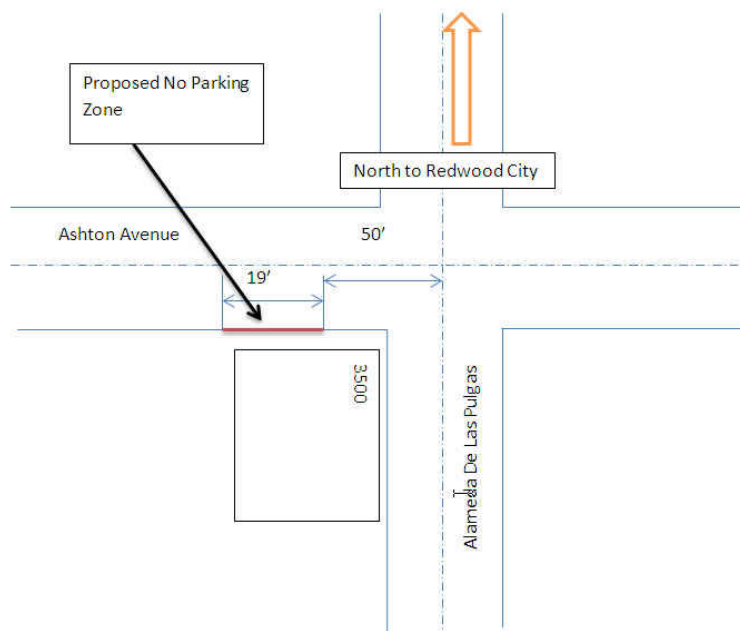
Key Facts:

- Due to the location of the bulb out, adequate width is not available to provide for parking and two lanes at this intersection.
- There were no objections and six letters of support for this item.

Staff Recommendation:

Eliminate one parking space at the location shown below:

Map of Proposed No Parking Zone Location



Item A-2 Location: Easterly of The Alameda near Santiago Avenue

Establish a No Parking Zone along The Alameda at the southeast corner of The Alameda and Santiago Avenue.

Discussion:

The resident at 983 The Alameda requests a no parking zone in front of a location where existing mailboxes are located. The location is not in front of her home.

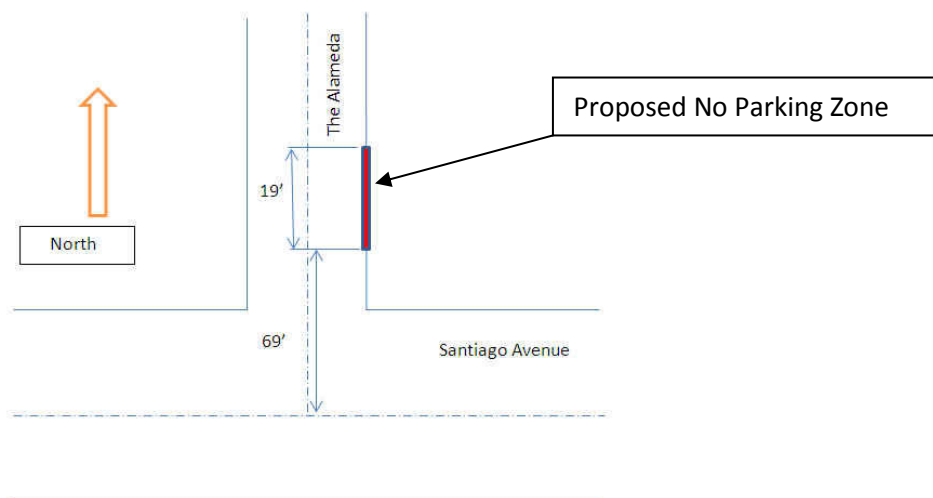
The applicant claims that vehicles parked in front of the mailbox prevent the postal carrier from delivering vital medicines that she needs.

Key Facts:

- Vehicles parked at this location make it difficult for mail delivery. Staff spoke to the mail carrier and has confirmed that the Post Office will not deliver mail to these boxes if there are vehicles blocking them.
- The Sheriff's Department cannot ticket vehicles blocking mailboxes without a County ordinance or resolution making this location a no parking zone.
- There was one objection and no support for this item. The objector suggested the mailbox be moved instead of installing a no parking zone. However, the proposed zone is very close to the intersection and in staff's opinion is not an ideal location for vehicles to park. Staff has determined that this half of the road is a one way street and there is ample parking available on both sides such that removal of one parking space should not have a major impact on the community's parking needs.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the site conditions and has recommended that this section of The Alameda be established a No Parking Zone.



Item B Jefferson Avenue between Lakeview Way and the County limits north of Emerald Hill Road in Emerald Lake Hills

Establish a Time Limited No Parking Zone during the specified hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday along Jefferson Avenue between Lakeview Way and the County limits north of Emerald Lake Hill Road.

Discussion:

Roy Cloud School has requested a Time Limited No Parking zone to minimize the need for students walking to and from school to walk in the roadway where parked vehicles block their access to an existing dirt walking path.

Key Facts:

- Parked vehicles during school pick up and drop off times prevent students from utilizing the walking path that turns into paved sidewalk at the County limit north of Emerald Hill Road
- There were five objections and no expressed support for this item:

The objections and staff responses are summarized below:

	Comment	Staff Response
1.	A no parking zone would move vehicles to another location, possibly blocking the driveway	The proposed project is part of a larger safe routes to schools program. The school hopes to encourage more walking and less driving to school.
2.	There is more traffic on Emerald Hill Road. Do something there.	Emerald Hill Road is within the jurisdiction of the City of Redwood City. Staff will forward these comments to the City for their consideration.
3.	The resident currently parks his car on this side of the street so that vehicles going northbound on Jefferson will not have to struggle to look around his van.	Staff has reviewed the location of this van and determined that the resident parks on the Redwood City portion which has sidewalks. There is no need to restrict parking on the sidewalk portion of the road.
4.	There are no parking issues for parents of Roy Cloud School	This application was to restrict parking in order to facilitate a safe zone for students walking to school
5.	Same as item #3 above	

Staff Recommendations:

Staff has reviewed the site conditions, and the objections listed above and recommends that this section of Jefferson Avenue be established as a Time Limited No Parking Zone during specified hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in the southbound direction as the no parking restrictions will enhance the safety of students who walk to school and that the stated objections are at most inconveniences that do not offset the value of safety improvements.

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