



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: June 3, 2016
Board Meeting Date: July 12, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: No Parking Zone on Purisima Creek Road in Half Moon Bay

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the codification of existing no parking zones on the east side of Purisima Creek Road to allow proper access for vehicles and emergency response vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board has adopted similar resolutions designating parking restrictions.

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.

The Department of Public Works has received a request from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) to formalize the already-installed no parking zones on the east side of Purisima Creek Road to allow proper access for vehicles and emergency response.

DISCUSSION:

The District received a petition from 25 property owners in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions, requesting that on-street parking be prohibited on both sides of the road south of the Purisma Creek Park entrance in order to allow sufficient room for emergency vehicle access, as parking on weekends can substantially restrict the available width of the road. The District has discussed the issue with the local fire service provider and was informed that sufficient room for fire equipment access will exist upon formalization of No Parking on the east side of the road. The proposal would continue to allow for parking on the west side of the road, convenient to the Purisima Creek Open Space entrance. The Department has evaluated the request and determined that the recommended formalization of existing parking restrictions achieves

the desire to ensure adequate vehicular access while preserving parking close to the Open Space.

The site has been investigated to determine if additional parking restrictions are warranted. Property owners extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed parking zone locations were notified of the date and time of your Board's meeting when this item will be considered. The objections and support received to date are summarized in Attachment "A".

The location of parking zones and other traffic restrictions on County-maintained streets are currently shown on maps in the Department of Public Works, and will be made available in list form on the Department's website. The master list will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if your Board approves the proposed resolution.

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

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

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 approximately \$550 per parking zone. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment A: Proposed Parking Restriction and Public Input Summary

Attachment “A”–Proposed Parking Restriction and Public Input Summary

Approve a resolution to codify existing no parking zones on the east side of Purisima Creek Road from Higgins Canyon Road southwards for a distance of approximately 530 feet as shown on attached map to allow adequate access for vehicles and emergency response vehicles as requested by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
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Location: Purisima Creek Rd in Half Moon Bay

Establish No Parking Zones.

Discussion:

The Department has evaluated the request and determined that the No Parking Zones are necessary to allow better access to residents and emergency response vehicles as Purisima Creek Road is very narrow in this area and parked vehicles typically block the travel way.

Key Facts:

- No parking signs were installed by others at this location. However, staff was unable to find a board report, resolution, or an ordinance which created this parking restriction. Therefore, law enforcement was not able to enforce these restrictions.
- Concerns have been voiced about the lack of parking spaces in the park. Currently, only seven spaces are available at the trailhead. There have also been concerns expressed about emergency access and general access along the road when vehicles park on both sides of the road from the shoulder area onto the paved portions of the road.
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space who manages the park states that because of the creek, additional parking spaces cannot be created within the Open Space at this time.
- Including the petition submitted by adjacent property owners, 26 individuals have voiced support for parking restrictions.
- There were six (6) objections. Several locals objected because they thought the

park should expand the existing parking lot. Several trail users also objected stating that the restrictions would make it impossible for more people to enjoy the park. The current proposal maintains convenient on-street parking along the west side of the road.

Staff Recommendation:

Implement the request by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to restrict parking along the east side of Purisima Creek Road for a distance of 530 feet in the southerly direction and adopt the resolution. Park Rangers have the authority to enforce these restrictions.

Map of the Proposed No Parking Zone

