



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works



Date: January 22, 2014  
Board Meeting Date: March 11, 2014  
Special Notice / Hearing: None  
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Establish No Parking Zones at Various Locations in the County; and Ordinances for a No Left Turn During Specified Hours on Edgewood Road and Scenic Drive in Redwood City; and No Motor Vehicles in Bike Lane or Alpine Road

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Introduction of Ordinances adding Section 7.08.110 and Chapter 7.10, Section 7.10.010, of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code and waiver of reading the ordinances in their entirety.

**BACKGROUND:**

Your Board has adopted similar resolutions and ordinances designating various traffic controls.

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.

Section 21209 et. al. of the California Vehicle Code provides that local authorities may regulate or prohibit a motor vehicle from driving in a bicycle lane established on a roadway by ordinance.

Section 22101 et. al. of the California Vehicle Code provides that local authorities may regulate or prohibit turning movements at intersections by ordinance.

1. The Public Works Department received requests from concerned citizens for parking restrictions on Alpine Road in Stanford Weekend Acres.
2. The Department received a request from cyclists for a no motor vehicles in bike lane restriction on Edgewood Road at Scenic Drive in Palomar Park.

3. The Department received a request from a resident for a no parking zone at 557 Stanford Avenue, North Fair Oaks.
4. The Sheriff's Office desires to re-establish an existing no parking zone on D/F Street, Unincorporated Colma.
5. The Sheriff's Office desires to re-establish an existing no left turn during specified hours on Edgewood Road at Scenic Drive in Palomar Park.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department evaluated these requests and determined that the recommended traffic restrictions will not adversely affect the community. We recommend adoption of a resolution and ordinances adding the described traffic restrictions at the identified locations.

Each site has been investigated to determine if additional traffic restrictions were warranted. Property owners on adjacent blocks extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed locations for these restrictions 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.

The location of 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 web site. The master lists will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if the Board approves the proposed resolution and ordinances.

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

Approval of this Resolution and these Ordinances 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.

**FISCALIMPACT:**

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. The cost of installing signs and painting parking zone markings varies, but averages to approximately \$550 per parking zone and will be financed with Road Funds. The total cost is estimated at \$5,000. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment A: Proposed Traffic Restrictions and Public Input Summary

AttachmentA–Proposed RestrictionsandPublic Input Summary

- Item #1: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone on Alpine Road, Stanford Weekend Acres.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Alpine Road	Stanford Weekend Acres	Page 2,3	0	0

- Item #2: Authorizing the establishment of a No Motor Vehicles on Bike Lane on Edgewood Road, Palomar Park.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Edgewood Road	Palomar Park	Page 4,5	1	3

- Item #3: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone at 557 Stanford Avenue, North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
557 Stanford Ave	North Fair Oaks	Page 6,7	0	0

- Item #4: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone on D/F Street, Unincorporated Colma.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
D/F Street	Unincorporated Colma	Page 8,9	0	0

- Item #5: Authorizing the establishment of a "No Left Turn During Specified Hours" on Edgewood Road in Palomar Park.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
Edgewood Road	Palomar Park	Page 10,11	3	2

## Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

### Item 1 Location: Alpine Road, Stanford Weekend Acres

Establish a No Parking Zone on Alpine Road in Stanford Weekend Acres.

#### Discussion:

Bicyclists traveling along Alpine Road at the Highway 280 interchange have requested that a no parking zone be established so that vehicles parking along the roadside do not obstruct the safe movement of bicycles along this stretch of roadway

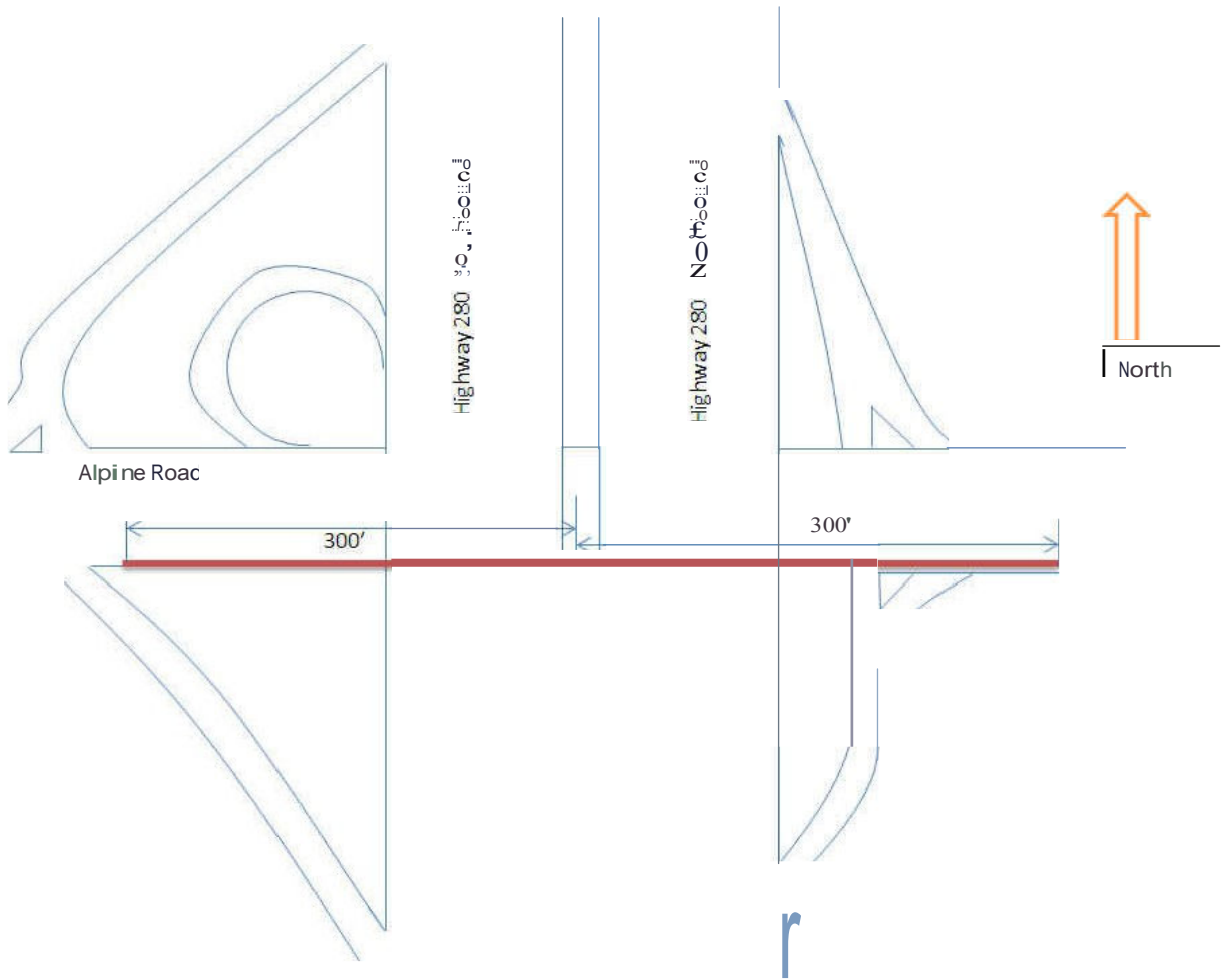
#### KeyFacts:

- Trucks and other vehicles parked under the bridge along the shoulder of the road on the bicycle lane impose a hazard to cyclists.
- The Department of Public Works just completed a high visibility bike lane (green bike lane) to improve bicycle safety at this location.
- This portion of the road is under the jurisdiction of the State of California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans). Caltrans requires that all improvements be approved by them. This proposal was agreed upon by Caltrans during the review of the project for the high visibility bike lanes. We are now requesting formal agreement and approvals so that the California Highway Patrol can enforce these restrictions.
- There were no objections or support for this item

#### StaffRecommendations:

Establish a no parking zone.

## Map of Proposed No Parking Zone Location



## Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

### Item 2 Location: Edgewood Road at Scenic Drive, Palomar Park

Establish a No Motor Vehicles in Bike Lane Zone on Edgewood Road west of Scenic Drive.

#### Discussion:

Bicyclists have requested that motor vehicles be restricted from traveling in the bicycle lane along Edgewood Road just west of Scenic Drive.

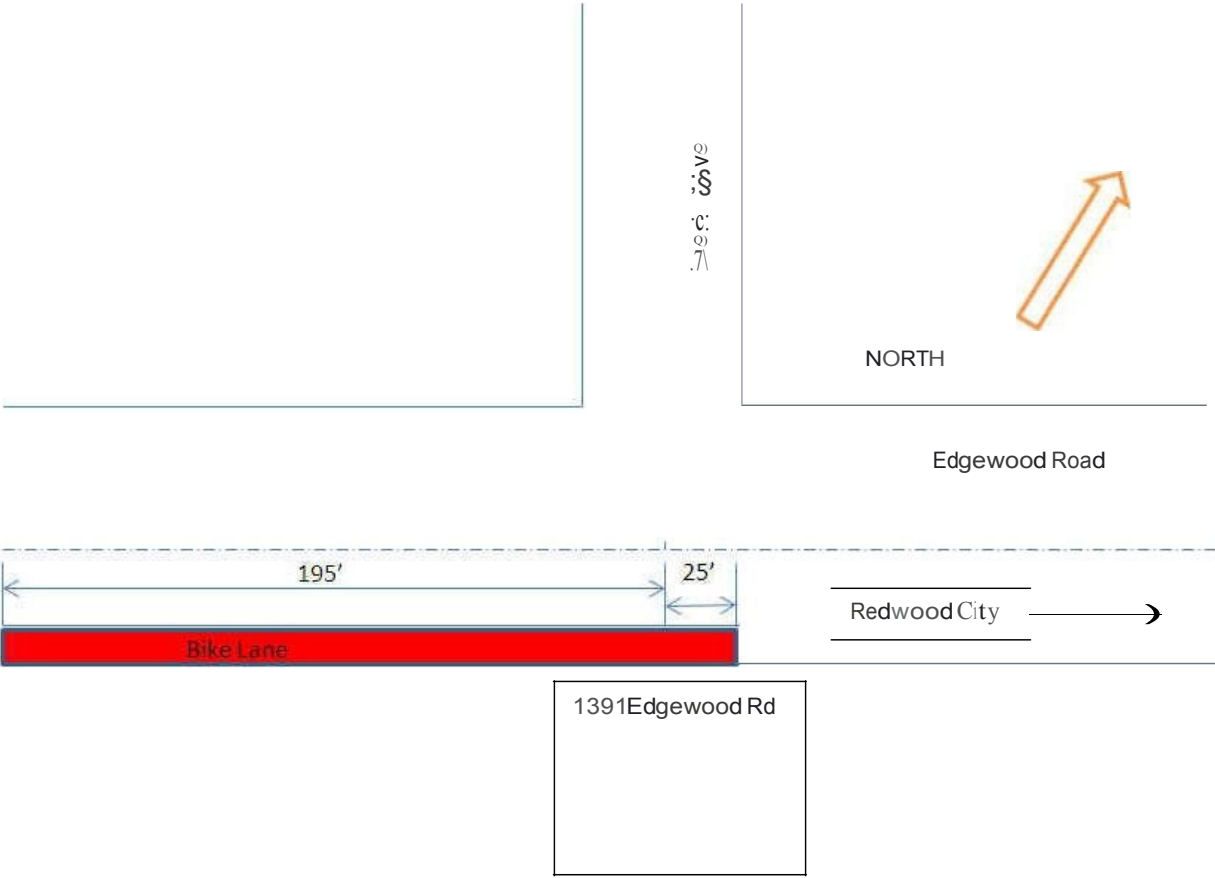
#### KeyFacts:

- In order to maintain a reasonable level of service on Edgewood Road during morning commute hours, a no left turn restriction was implemented from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM Monday thru Friday on the eastbound direction of Edgewood at Scenic.
- After 9:00 AM, the No Left Turn Restriction is no longer in effect. Motorists may turn left at this intersection, but this sometimes causes traffic to back up on Edgewood Road.
- In order to minimize the wait time behind the vehicle making the left turn, motorists sometimes choose to bypass the vehicle by driving in the bicycle lane. This creates a potentially hazardous situation for a cyclist in the bike lane as well as for the pedestrian standing near the crosswalk.
- While CVC 21209 prohibits the movement of vehicles on bicycle lanes, additional signage is required at this location for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
- Staff received three (3) responses in support of this proposal.
- Staff also received one (1) response in opposition to this proposal stating that it would cause traffic to backup on Edgewood Road.
- Staff believes that only a small minority of motorists will choose to make a left turn at this intersection during off peak morning commute hours. Therefore, the benefit to the cyclists and pedestrians will outweigh the occasional backup of traffic on Edgewood.

#### StaffRecommendations:

Staff has reviewed the site conditions and has recommended that this section of Edgewood Road be established a No Motor Vehicles on Bike Lane Zone.

Map of Proposed No Motor Vehicles in Bike Lane Location



## Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

### Item 3 Location: 557 Stanford Avenue, North Fair Oaks

Establish a No Parking Zone at 557 Stanford Avenue, North Fair Oaks.

#### Discussion:

The resident at 557 Stanford Avenue requests that the no parking zone in front of her home be repainted

#### KeyFacts:

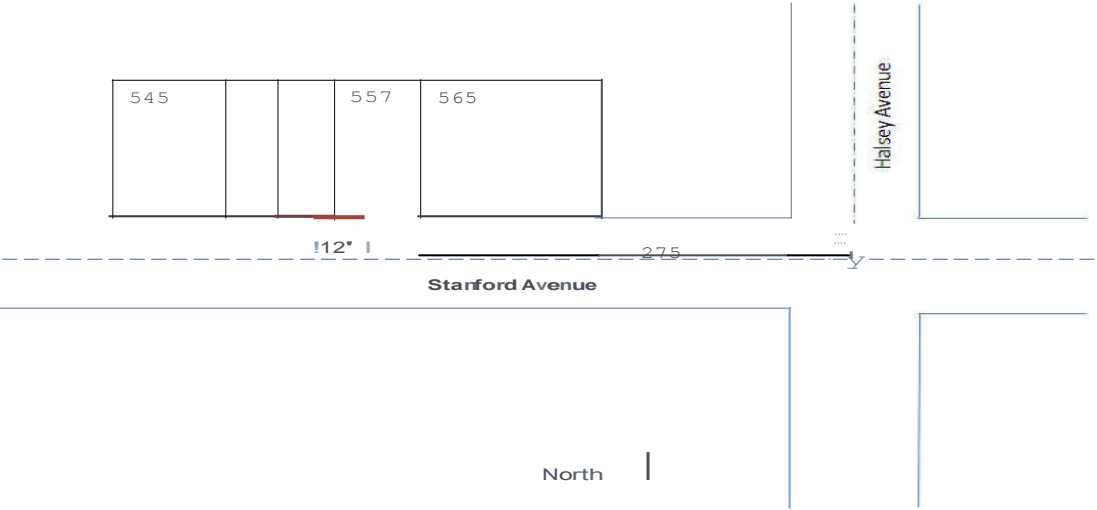
- The resident requested that the existing no parking zone be repainted at the subject residence.
- Staff reviewed this request to determine if a valid resolution or ordinance was in effect. After an exhaustive search for this document, staff was only able to find a letter from the Department to the resident confirming that a no parking zone had been established to allow the resident access to her driveway which would otherwise be blocked by parked vehicles.
- Staff would normally not recommend a parking restriction on a parking area which is less than twenty (20) feet as there are existing vehicle code restrictions governing parking across driveways. However, as this location has been established for some time and there have been no objections from the neighbors, staff recommends that the no parking restriction be officially established so that the parking enforcement officer may cite violators as the need arises.
- There were no objections or support for this item.

#### StaffRecommendations:

Staff has reviewed the site conditions and has recommended that this section be officially established as a no parking zone.



Map of Proposed No Parking Zone Location



## Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

### Item 4 Location: D/F Street, Unincorporated Colma

Establish a No Parking Zone along D/F Street, Unincorporated Colma.

#### Discussion:

The Sheriff's Officers requested the repainting of No Parking Zones along D/F Street.

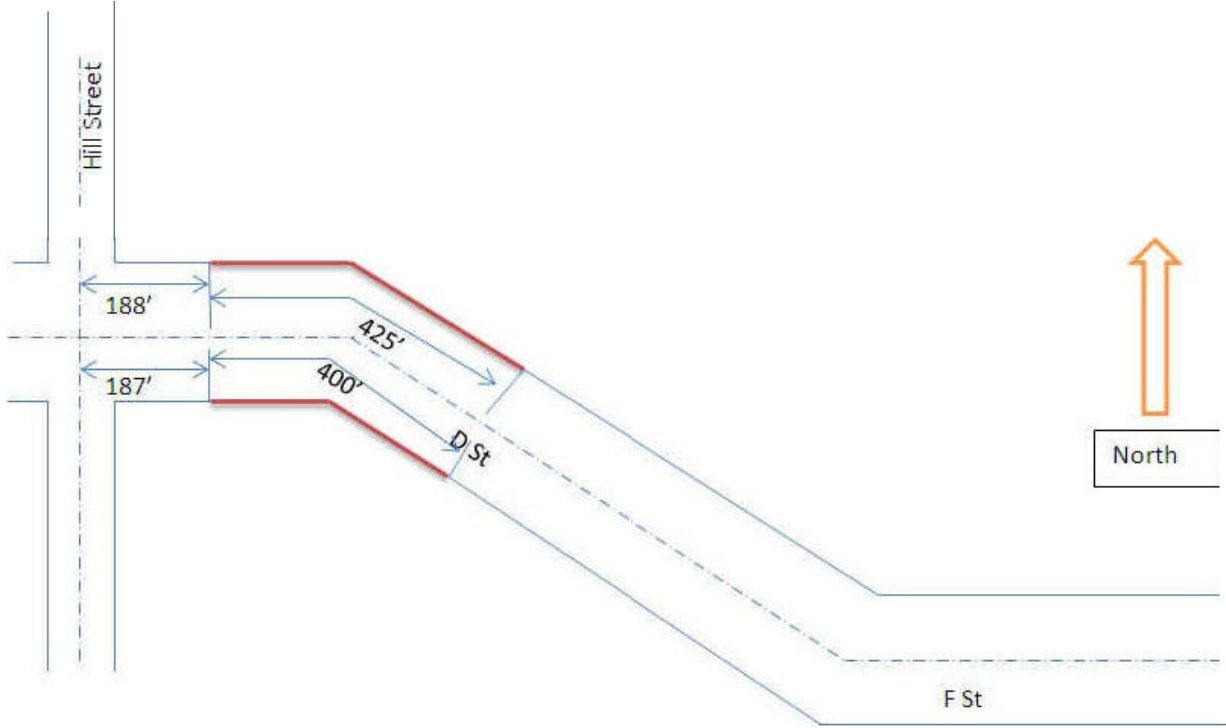
#### KeyFacts:

- A Sheriff's Deputy requested that the existing no parking zone be repainted at the subject location. As a matter of procedure, Staff reviews these types of requests to determine if there is any validity to the parking restriction and whether documentation exists for the existing parking restrictions. After an exhaustive search for this document, staff was unable to find a resolution or ordinance establishing this no parking zone.
- Staff believes that the zone was previously established to restrict the parking of vehicles along portions of the road which are narrow and not wide enough to allow the safe passage of two lanes of vehicles plus a left turn pocket into and out of the BART parking facility. This corridor also serves as a SamTrans bus route and therefore would require adequate clearances to facilitate bus movements.
- There were no objections or support for this item.

#### StaffRecommendations:

That the no parking zone be officially re-established at this location.

Map of Proposed No Parking Zone Location



Item 5 Location: Edgewood Road at Scenic Drive, Palomar Park

Establish a No Left Turn During Specified Hours on Edgewood Road at Scenic Drive.

Discussion:

A Sheriff's Deputy requested a copy of the Ordinance for a No Left Turn between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Monday thru Friday at the subject location. Staff researched the subject request and could not find an official copy of the ordinance. However, there were copies of correspondence regarding a left turn restriction at this location.

KeyFacts:

- Past correspondence showed that the left turn restriction was implemented to facilitate traffic movements along Edgewood Road and to limit the left turn movements onto Scenic Drive as this movement would also block traffic moving west on Edgewood Road in the morning.
- Records showed that the left turn movements impacted the already congested traffic on Edgewood Road. Therefore, it was recommended that the Left Turn movements be restricted between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM to improve the level of service on Edgewood Road.
- Staff has also been made aware that there are motorists who make an illegal U-Turn across a double yellow center line just east of this intersection in order to make a right turn onto Scenic Drive from the westerly direction of Edgewood Road. Staff has referred this issue to the CHP.
- Staff has also investigated the possibility of adding a dedicated left turn pocket to this intersection. However, without the taking of additional right of way from adjacent properties, there is not enough space in the existing right of way to install a dedicated left turn pocket, two lanes of traffic and two bicycle lanes.
- Clifford Elementary School has recently increased the student population to over 700 students. Staff has been working with the school to improve its Safe Routes to Schools campaigns.
- Staff received two (2) responses in support of this proposal.
- We also received three (3) responses in opposition to this proposal. Those opposing this proposal stated that it would be inconvenient for them to drive to the next intersection in order to return to Scenic Drive from eastbound Edgewood Road.
- Staff believes that the existing no left turn restrictions improves the level of service on Edgewood during morning commute and school drop off times for the larger community. It also reduces the potential for rear-end collisions, and for cut thru traffic into Palomar Park. Staff believes that the benefit of the restriction would outweigh the inconvenience.

StaffRecommendations:

Staff has reviewed the site conditions and has recommended that a no left turn during specified hours be re-established at this location.

# Map of Proposed No Left Turn During Specified Hours Location

