

## **Stinson Beach Parking Restriction Proposal Summary**

### Background:

In the summer of 2020, the Stinson Beach Fire Protection District (SBFPD) contacted the Marin County Department of Public Works (DPW) requesting the implementation of additional parking restrictions in the Stinson Beach area to assist with emergency vehicle access. Concerns were raised regarding existing street parking impacting emergency response vehicles due to the narrow widths of some Stinson Beach streets. The parking concerns were magnified during Covid and continue to be a problem during the warmer months of the year, when residents from other parts of the Bay Area travel to Stinson Beach, congesting neighborhood streets. With some of the most recent active fire seasons on record in the North Bay, these concerns are further heightened.

SBFPD, with assistance from the Sheriff's Department and DPW, identified the following streets for either a change to existing parking restrictions, or the addition of new parking restrictions: (1) Buena Vista Avenue, (2) Laurel Avenue, (3) Calle del Mar, (4) Belvedere Avenue, (5) Arenal Avenue, (6) Marine Way and (7) Shoreline Highway. Refer to the location map shown in the attached Stinson Beach parking restriction proposal for the location of the above streets.

DPW began addressing SBFPD's request by researching past Board of Supervisors (BOS) traffic resolution approvals, mapping, and comparing existing parking restriction approvals with existing no parking/no stopping/time restricted signage installed on the streets referenced above. In some cases, the existing signage did not match with previous BOS approvals. Several field reviews were conducted by DPW, which included SBFPD and the Sheriff's Department. SBFPD and the Sheriff's Department provided substantial input into the development of the attached Stinson Beach parking restriction proposal.

### Public Outreach and Proposal Support:

Notices were mailed to approximately 50 properties. 10 comments were received. 2 of the proposed parking restrictions were changed to address comments received. Changes included a reduction to the length of a proposed parking restriction on Buena Vista Avenue at the corner of Calle del Mar and a complete revision to the proposed parking restriction on Marine Way. Both reduce the impact on available parking. The Stinson Beach Fire Chief met with Marine Way property owners to coordinate this change. With the changes made to the proposed parking restrictions, all 10 property owners that responded to the notice were unanimous in their support for the Stinson Beach parking restriction proposal.

SBFPD posted a notice on Nextdoor, prior to a meeting held at the SBFPD Board on January 1, 2021, to review this item. The SBFPD Board supported the proposal and provided the attached letter from the Board Director. This item was also presented to the Stinson Beach Village Association on April 3, 2021, where the Association gave their support. The National Parks Service reviewed the Stinson Beach parking

restriction proposal on April 11, 2021, and gave their support highlighting the improvements for the Arenal and Calle del Mar area.

#### Parking Restrictions:

In general, the proposed parking restrictions do not eliminate parking spaces beyond what is required for the safety of the road using current design standards. The following summarizes the parking restriction changes/additions included in the attached Stinson Beach parking restriction proposal:

- The previously approved existing no parking zones (including the 2-hour time restricted parking) shall remain in place.
- The existing signage for the 30-minute time restricted parking located on Arenal Avenue will be removed. This restriction was previously rescinded.
- 2 existing no parking zones will be extended, along with the addition of a new no parking zone on Arenal Avenue.
- A no parking zone will be changed to a no stopping zone on Arenal Avenue near the Calle del Mar intersection.
- 3 segments of the previously approved no parking zone on Calle del Mar will be eliminated to match the existing no parking signage on Calle del Mar.
- The existing no stopping zone on Buena Vista Avenue and Laurel Avenue will be changed to a fire lane. The change to a fire lane should be more effective for this location. Additional signs will be installed clearly marking the proposed fire lane on Buena Vista Avenue and Laurel Avenue. Both streets at this location are one-way streets. A fire lane also carries a higher fine.
- New fire lanes are proposed on additional segments of Buena Vista Avenue and Laurel Avenue.
- New fire lanes are proposed on segments of Belvedere Avenue, and Marine Way.
- A new fire lane is proposed on the west side of Shoreline Highway, directly across from the Stinson Beach fire station.

#### Caltrans Coordination:

Parking on the west side of Shoreline Highway directly across from the Stinson Beach fire station impedes traffic traveling in the southbound direction. It is essential to keep this area clear for emergency response vehicles exiting the Stinson Beach fire station. The proposed fire lane at this location is located within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way. To be consistent with previous County practices, DPW reached out to Caltrans to see if they were willing to restrict parking along the west side of Shoreline Highway. Caltrans stated they would implement roadway parking restrictions supported by the community and approved by the BOS.

#### Future Action:

The existing parking restriction traffic resolutions previously approved by the BOS for Buena Vista Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Calle del Mar, and Arenal Avenue will be rescinded as part of this effort. The existing parking restrictions which remain unchanged for these streets will be incorporated into one comprehensive traffic resolution. This traffic resolution will also establish the proposed new parking

restrictions and will establish the proposed changes to some of the existing parking restrictions for all 7 Stinson Beach streets. It is anticipated in the coming months that this item will be taken to the BOS for approval.