



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 17, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Temporary Parking Restrictions During Covid-19 Virus Pandemic

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file this report from the Santa Barbara County Road Commissioner on temporary parking restrictions in place during the Covid-19 virus pandemic,
- b) Receive and file this report from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office on the number of issued parking citations during the Covid-19 virus pandemic, and
- c) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b) (2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for your Board to receive and file from the Santa Barbara County Road Commissioner and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office information on parking restrictions implemented in response to the Covid-19 virus pandemic and the enforcement of those restrictions as directed by the Board of Supervisors at their May 19, 2020 hearing.

Background:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of Covid-19. On March 12, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency related to Covid-19 pursuant to Government Code section 8550 et seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code. Your Board ratified this proclamation on March 17, 2020. On March 12, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Health Officer determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of Covid-19 in the Santa Barbara County, and proclaimed a Local Health Emergency as a result. Your Board ratified this proclamation on March 17, 2020.

On May 19, 2020, your Board approved Urgency Ordinance 5103 which delegates and authorizes the Santa Barbara County Road Commissioner to post temporary parking restrictions to help prevent overcrowding and social distancing impacts at certain popular locations by limiting parking in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County. The Urgency Ordinance provides that when making any determination to temporarily restrict or limit parking, including parking time limits, on portions of any county road or highway, the County Road Commissioner shall:

1. Consider the days, times, and locations most impacted by large crowds;
2. Evaluate how temporary parking restrictions may impact nearby neighborhoods;
3. Consult with and receive input from the California Highway Patrol and/or the Santa Barbara County Sheriff; and,
4. Weigh any potential impact to coastal access against the necessity to preserve social distancing requirements and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus during the proclaimed Local Emergency from the COVID-19 virus.

The ordinance also authorized the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office to issue citations to all persons violating those and other parking restrictions in these areas. Both the Road Commissioner and Sheriff were directed to periodically report to the Board of Supervisors information on the types of parking restrictions and the number of issued parking citations. The provisions of ordinance 5103 shall remain in effect until the proclaimed Santa Barbara County Local Emergency from the Covid-19 virus is terminated.

Road Commissioner's Report:

After your Board's approval of Urgency Ordinance 5103, Public Works worked with community organizations, residents, and the Sheriff's Office to determine where popular destinations in the unincorporated County have limited parking, and social distancing may be an issue with existing unrestricted parking. Below is the list of actions Public Works took to address the issues at those locations:

- 1) May 21, 2020 – Posted “2 hour parking 9am-6pm Friday-Sunday and Holidays” at the Cold Springs Trailhead, Miramar Avenue from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane, and Humphrey Road from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane.
- 2) June 9, 2020 – Removed “2 hour parking 9am-6pm Friday-Sunday and Holidays” on Miramar Avenue from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane, and Humphrey Road from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane and posted “2 hour parking 9am-6pm.”
- 3) June 30, 2020 – Placed message board on Olive Mill Road at Hill Road in the Butterfly Beach area with the message “BE SAFE” “6FT APART”.
- 4) June 30, 2020 – Refreshed all signs on Humphrey Road and Miramar Avenue.
- 5) July 3 to July 6, 2020 – Closed Humphrey Road to through traffic.
- 6) July 22, 2020 – Placed message board on Fernald Point Lane with the message “NO PARKING” “FERNALD POINT”.
- 7) August 20, 2020 – Removed “2 hour parking 9am-6pm” on north side of Miramar Avenue from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane, and Humphrey Road from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane and posted “No Parking Friday to Monday”.
- 8) August 31, 2020 – Removed “No Parking Friday to Monday” on north side of Miramar Avenue from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane, and Humphrey Road from Eucalyptus Lane to 300 feet east of Eucalyptus Lane and posted “No Parking”.
- 9) September 10, 2020 – Installed additional “No Parking 2am-5am” on Channel Drive.

Public Works staff continues to monitor the parking situations and work with the community on this issue. Public Works recommends your Board's receive this board letter to be recorded in public record.

Sheriff's Report:

At the Board's direction, the Sheriff directed deputies to patrol beach and trailhead areas in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County and issue citations for observed parking violations. Sheriff Deputies began this effort on March 15, 2020 with the start of the Covid-19 Virus Local Emergency. From March 15, 2020 to September 30, 2020, deputies issued 856 parking citations.

The Sheriff's Department has reported that the California Highway Patrol has issued an additional 49 parking citations in this area during this time period.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Road Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$1,000	\$1,000

Narrative:

All sign installations and maintenance is estimated to require approximately \$1,000 for this fiscal year. These funds would come from District Road Maintenance funds in Department 054, Program 2340, Org 0200, Account 7121.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped Minute Order to:

Gail Ocheltree, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, x83094

Attachments:

Attachment A: Santa Barbara County Covid-19 Parking Restrictions Map

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