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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject:**      **Adoption of a Resolution to Establish a No Parking Any Time Zone on the East Side of Ocean Avenue in the Mussel Shoals Area; Supervisorial District 1.**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt the attached Resolution to establish a no parking any time zone on the east side of Ocean Avenue in the Mussel Shoals area.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Approval of this Board item will result in nominal costs to install three (3) parking signs. These costs will be absorbed within the current Road Fund Budget.

**Discussion:**

A parking complaint was received for various roadways in the Mussel Shoals area revealing an excess of on-street parking on public residential roadways during periods of high surf. The public roadways that have significant episodic on-street parking are Old Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), Ocean Avenue and Breakers Way. Because Ocean Avenue is too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides of the street, and because vehicles parked on the east side of Ocean Avenue are frequently parked in the intersections, and in front of driveways, in violation of Vehicle Code section 22500(a) and (e), this excess of on-street parking creates a safety hazard for residential traffic and restricts emergency vehicle access.

Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) recognizes accessibility limitations when responding to emergency calls in the Mussel Shoals area. VCFD affirms when vehicles park on both sides of narrow public residential roadways, it leaves limited clearances and impedes visibility making emergency vehicle access in and out of the Mussel Shoals area extremely difficult. VCFD is requesting on-street parking restrictions on one side of the roadway for selective streets to allow suitable clear passage for residential traffic and emergency vehicle access.



Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) staff evaluated the parking complaint and site inaccessibility for public residential roadways in the Mussel Shoals area. PWA-RT staff determined restricting on-street parking south of Old PCH on the east side of Ocean Avenue due to the span, narrowness and several 90 degree turns along the roadway, was feasible.

As a result, staff is recommending that your Board approve parking restrictions on the east side of Ocean Avenue while allowing public parking to continue on the other roadways.

The proposed no parking any time zones for the Mussel Shoals area is:

- No Parking Any Time on the east side of Ocean Avenue from Old PCH to Breakers Way

The attached Resolution, which will establish the proposed parking restrictions, conforms to California Vehicle Code section 22507 and Ventura County Ordinance Code section 7021.

The Resource Management Agency issued a construction zoning clearance (Exhibit 2) determining that this project is exempt from the requirement to obtain a coastal development permit under Coastal Zoning Ordinance section 8174-6.3.2(a) and Public Resources Code section 30610(d), because the project qualifies as a maintenance activity needed to ensure public safety that would not result in expansion of existing road facilities.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and the Resource Management Agency

If you have any questions concerning this item, please call the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER KURGAN  
Director  
Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity and Location Maps
- Exhibit 2 – Construction Zoning Clearance

