



**TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2024, 2:30 pm
AGENDA**

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Removal of Two Parking Stalls Fronting 230 and 240 Madrona Avenue
 - Correspondence
 - [Piazza 03 25 2024](#)
2. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Resident Petition for Extension of Red Curb at 2 Eucalyptus Road

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Memorandum

Date: March 25, 2024
To: Traffic Safety and Circulation Committee
From: Robert Zadnik, City Manager
Antony Boyd, Public Works Director
John Moe, City Engineer
Jason Wu, Chief of Police

Dear Traffic Safety Committee Members,

As you are aware, the Traffic Safety Group is a standing committee that meets as needed for a variety of pedestrian, vehicle, and bicycle safety issues around the city.

Two separate traffic safety matters related to parking on Belvedere Island have been brought to the attention of the City Manager and Public Works Department. It is requested that the Committee consider the residents' requests along with any potential alternatives to remedy these reported safety issues.

Public Notice—While there is no stated policy in the City's Municipal Code or Administrative Policy, as a courtesy, notification of this meeting was sent to the immediate neighbors surrounding the two locations.

REMOVAL OF TWO PUBLIC PARKING STALLS FRONTING 230 and 240 MADRONA AVENUE

The property owners for both 230 and 240 Madrona Avenue have requested the removal of two public parking spaces fronting their properties. This location, just southeast of Madrona Avenue and Fern Avenue, is a known traffic choke point. Parking boxes have been established in this area that can make navigation of larger trucks (delivery, fire, garbage) problematic.

While the current footprint of parking boxes allows for 10 feet of clearance, it is often reported that vehicles do not always park fully within the white boxes. This occurs in other places on the Island; however, it is problematic in this location due to the convergence of roads, turns, and the quantity of parking boxes. Larger vehicles must carefully navigate these obstacles, creating traffic delays and potentially impacting the fire department's response time.



Figure 1.A Referenced Public Parking Boxes Proposed for Removal

Staff's Recommendation

For the reasons cited above, staff agrees with the property owner's request to remove the two parking boxes fronting 230 and 240 Madrona. In granting this request, it's also recommended that the Committee consider increasing the size of the public parking box directly opposite 230 and 240 Madrona. This will ensure that those who utilize this remaining area are not violating the city's parking ordinance.



Figure 1.B Fern and Madrona Intersection looking southeast.

PUBLIC PARKING - RED CURB EXTENSION ON EUCALYPTUS ROAD

Currently, public parking on Eucalyptus Road is somewhat unstructured. It's been reported that contractors and service providers often park in areas that create traffic constraints. In October of 2023, the City received a petition (**attachment A**) from a majority of Eucalyptus Road residents requesting that the red no-parking curb at the Golden Gate/Eucalyptus Road intersection be extended beyond 4 Eucalyptus (approx. 362 linear feet).



Figure 2.A Eucalyptus Road at Golden Gate

Figure 2.A shows the current red zone. This was established to prevent vehicles from parking at the apex of the roadway, to improve sight lines for vehicles entering and exiting Eucalyptus Road, and to prevent traffic congestion at that intersection point.

Related to parking, Belvedere Municipal Code (BMC) 10.36.040 requires that a minimum of 10 feet of paved clearance be clear and unobstructed for the free passage of other vehicles. Additionally, sight line criteria in the Administrative Policy Manual (APM) Chapter 11.2 states:

“Sight line” or “line of sight” means the safe sight distance needed by a driver on a roadway, or a driver exiting a driveway or street, to verify that the road is clear and avoid conflicts with other vehicles or pedestrians, as determined by the Director of Public Works.

Stopping Sight Distance

Excerpt from Caltrans Highway Design Manual (July 2, 2018):

Sight distance is the continuous length of highway ahead, visible to the highway user. Four types of sight distance are considered herein: passing, stopping, decision, and corner. Passing sight distance is used where use of an opposing lane can provide passing opportunities. Stopping sight distance is to be provided for all users, including motorists and bicyclists, at all elements of interchanges and intersections at grade, including private road connections. Decision sight distance is used at major decision points. Corner sight distance is used at intersections.

The following are Stopping Sight Distance standards based on design speed:

<u>Design Speed</u>	<u>Stopping Distance</u>
10 mph	50 feet
15 mph	100 feet
20 mph	125 feet
25 mph	150 feet

Corner Sight Distance

Excerpt from Caltrans Highway Design Manual (July 1, 2020):

General. At unsignalized intersections a substantially clear line of sight should be maintained between the driver of a vehicle, bicyclist or pedestrian stopped on the minor road (driveway) and the driver of an approaching vehicle on the major road (street) that has no stop. Line of sight for all users should be included in right-of-way, in order to preserve sight lines.

Using this criteria, a site visit from the City Engineer revealed that the existing red curb at the entrance to Eucalyptus Road (where the posted speed limit is 15 MPH) did not extend to the Caltrans Stopping Sight Distance guideline of 100 feet. It was found that the red curb would need to continue 110 feet from the intersection to meet the guideline distance.

It was also found that the road width for the area in question ranges from 13 to 17 feet. If a vehicle was parked on the street this would not allow the 10 feet of clearance required. It was proposed that, on the side of the street opposite the proposed red curb, a no parking zone should be established. This would be sign posted on the uphill side of Eucalyptus from the intersection to a wider section of street that would allow for safe parking. The estimated length of that no-parking zone would be 245 linear feet.

Alternatives

Alternatively, the Committee could make a recommendation to City Council to evaluate the entirety of Eucalyptus Road and investigate the potential of establishing parking boxes and a special parking zone. This process was undertaken for other narrow public roads on Belvedere around the 1990s. During that endeavor, the City Engineer and DPW placed temporary parking box markings on the roadway. Minimum passible road width, sight lines, and other safety issues were considered. DPW allowed the public to review and comment on the parking box layout for a period of two weeks. Staff met with residents during that time, made necessary adjustments, and then had a contractor install permanent markings. A similar process could be implemented for Eucalyptus Road. It is worth noting this would be a considerable undertaking for public works requiring thorough research of the roadway easement, property boundaries, and individual revocable licenses. The Belvedere City Council would ultimately need to approve funding for this work.

Conclusion and Recommendations

Following the criteria and guidelines of the BMC, APM and Caltrans Highway Design Manual, staff recommends:

- Extending the red curb from the intersection of Eucalyptus and Golden Gate Road a further 110 feet down Eucalyptus, to provide a Stopping Sight Distance of 100 feet.
- Establishing a no parking zone on the opposite side of this section of Eucalyptus for a distance 245 feet from the intersection, to prevent parking where 10 feet of clearance could not be maintained.

In addition, to reduce the volume of vehicles on Eucalyptus Road, clear signage should be added at the Eucalyptus and Golden Gate intersection advising drivers that the road is for local residents only and that there are limited or no turnaround points. Signage that limits vehicle length may also need to be studied.

Attachments

Att. A - Resident Petition

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Name:

MITCHELLS

Address:

20 EUCALYPTUS RD

Date:

10/5/23

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Name:

MARTIN KOBUS

Address:

34 Eucalyptus

Date:

9-21-2023

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Name: *Cam and Jeff Barnes*

Address: *32 Eucalyptus Rd. Belvedere*

Date: *9/27/29*

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Name: Deborah + John Wilton

Address: 2 Eucalyptus

Date: 9/30/23

Please take action to remedy this dangerous intersection. Both sides of the road need to be painted red. We've had many near head on collisions at the intersection because parked cars create →

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Name: Victoria Silverman

Address: 30 Eucalyptus Road

Date: 9/24/23

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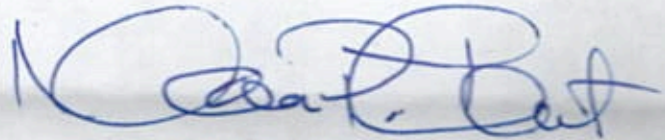
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Name:

MONA P. HART



Address:

26 EUCALYPTUS RD.

Date:

9/25-2023

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Name: Emily Poplawski
Justin Wickett

Address: 18 Eucalyptus Road
Belvedere, CA 94920

Date: September 22, 2023

Special consideration:

2X a day, we walk our 18-month daughter ~~to~~ along eucalyptus and down Golden Gate. We are especially worried about her safety as she is starting to walk the road and visibility of a 32 inch human could be problematic as the corner is already blind.

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Name:

SHIH-WEI PENG



DIANA PENG

Address:

14 EUCALYPTUS ROAD

Date:

9/21/23

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Name: DEXTER ROBERTS

Address: 10 EUCALYPTUS ROAD

Date: 9-28-23

I SUPPORT THAT WHICH IS PROPOSED & WOULD ADD THAT THE OPPOSITE CURB ON THE UPHILL SIDE OF THE ROAD ALSO BE PAINTED RED FOR THE SAME DISTANCE. THIS IS A DANGEROUS "CHOKE POINT" & I HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED SEVERAL NEAR COLLISIONS.



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Name:

Gerald L. Friedman
GERALD L. FRIEDMAN

Address:

8 Eucalyptus Road

Date:

October 1, 2023

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Name: Craig Larsen

Address: 6 Eucalyptus Road

Date: 28 September 2023

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MELISSA LARSEN



Address:

6 EUCALYPTUS ROAD

Date:

1 OCTOBER 2023

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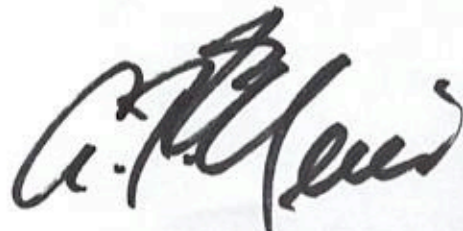
Anthony & Cheryl Meyer

Address:

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Date:

Sept 23, 2023



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Name: MITCHELLS

Address: 20 EUCALYPTUS RD

Date: 10/5/23

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- Major hole in