




STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS 

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2014

RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2013 & JANUARY 30, 2014

Recommendation:

Approve and adopt the resolution recommending the following:

1. Stripe and Sign for "No Parking", Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Pathway on Taylor Road and Webb Street adjacent to Eagle Automotive and Blue Goose
2. Direct Staff to prepare & advertise a Request for Proposal for the update of the Town Circulation Element
3. Add additional signage and striping on Barton Road from Brace Road to the Indian Springs Golf Course Range
4. Install reflector paddles on Humphrey Road south of No Name Lane

Issue Statement and Discussion

On October 16, 2013 and January 30, 2014, Staff met with the Sheriff's Department and Loomis Fire Department to discuss recent traffic concerns throughout Town. The following traffic concerns were gathered by field observations, accident history and/or public/Council requests.

- **Accidents**

- 1. Pedestrian & Bike**

- Staff received a request from Councilmember Sandra Calvert to look into the amount of Pedestrian and Bike accidents in Town. Staff researched the traffic accidents report files and found only two accidents since 2008 (See attached list). Both accidents were attributed to the driver not paying attention. Both locations had adequate area for the Pedestrian to walk.

The Committee recommends to continue to evaluate future pedestrian & bike accidents and implement pedestrian and bike improvements with road improvements when there is available funding. No other recommendations at this time.

- **Traffic Circulation**

- 1. Webb Street & Taylor Road Intersections**

- Staff received a request from Councilmember Robert Black to look into the sight distance issues at the corner of Webb Street and Taylor Road due to Eagle Automotive vehicles parking along the street. Public Works has red striped and signed the area with a “No Parking” sign, but the customers & vendors continue to parking off the property causing sight distance problems for the drivers on Webb Street. The property owner has been notified numerous times of the issues.

The Committee agrees to establish the right-of-way boundaries along Webb Street from the railroad tracks to Taylor Road and Taylor Road from Webb Street to the north end the Blue Goose building. Knowing the right-of-way on Webb Street and Taylor Road will allow the Sheriff to enforce the area for 72 hour parking. The group also agrees to define the bike lane and pedestrian pathway in this area. Paint Striping the Pedestrian and bike uses in this area will give a visual and hopefully prevent the vehicles from parking and blocking pedestrian pathways and vision of Webb Street Drivers.

- 2. Town Circulation**

- At the January 14, 2014 Town Council meeting, Councilmember Dave Wheeler brought up concerns of the existing traffic circulation in the town and that an updated plan should be considered. Staff has discussed this issue and recommends updating the Circulation Element section of the General Plan. This document covers all aspects of the Town’s Traffic Circulation and Road improvements.

The Committee recommends updating the Circulation Element section of the General Plan. Staff would be required to send out a Request for Proposals and return to Council with the proposed cost estimates.

- **Speeding:**

The following streets were brought to the Town's attention for Speeding:

1. **Barton Road**

- Staff received a concern regarding vehicle speeds on this street between Brace Road and Indian Creek Golf Course Range. Recently there was a motorcycle accident on the curve section of this segment that was attributed to driving over the speed limit. Staff has recently installed a warning 25 miles per hour and curve sign in the southbound direction.

The Committee recommends installing addition safety items such as additional left curve chevron (<) sign and paint "25" on the street. No other recommendations at this time.

2. **Kathy Way**

- Staff received a complaint of speeding on Kathy Way by a resident. Staff has set the speed trailer on this street in the past and the Sheriff has observed traffic. The speeding comes from residents who live on this street.

The Committee recommends to continue to Sheriff enforce on this street and place the speed trailer. No other recommendations at this time.

- **Parking:**

1. **Humphrey Road**

- Staff received a complaint of vehicles parking along Humphrey Road south of No Name Lane during the ending of school at H. Clarke Powers Elementary. During pickup, parents park along the road side and the kids have to walk out into the street to get around the vehicles. Staff has begun trimming the trees in this area to allow more room for the school kids. In the future, if the adjacent property develops, it will be conditioned to install sidewalks and bike lanes along the frontage of the property.

The Committee agrees to have the Public Works Staff grade out the area adjacent to the road to allow a walking pathway for the school kids and install reflector paddles along the edge of the road to prevent vehicles from parking on the pathway. This work will be completed in February.

2. **3315 Humphrey Road**

- Staff received a complaint from this property owner regarding H. Clarke Powers Elementary parents are parking in front of his gates when kids are being picked up. Staff observed the area at the end of school and parents only park there for 10-15 minutes. The parents have a right to park there since it is the Town's right-of-way. The property owner's gates store a secondary vehicle and RV. He has full access in front of the property's driveway and garage.

Staff informed the owner that it is not illegal to park in front of his gates and his “no parking” sign cannot be enforced. Since this is only happening during the end of school session, it is rarely in conflict with the property owner’s moving of vehicles from the back yard.

The Committee has no further recommendations.

- **Street Signs:**

- 1. **Wells Ave. & Morgan Place – 4-Way Stop**

- Staff received a complaint from a resident on Cassell Lane which is located off of Wells Avenue just west of Morgan Place. The Lane is located at the bottom of a hill and sight distance for residents of Cassell Ln. are nonexistent when looking east to pull out of the street onto Wells Ave. Vehicles westbound on Wells Avenue, if speeding, come over the hill and run up on vehicles coming out of Cassell Ln. Staff has installed safety signs on Wells Avenue to make drivers aware of cross traffic at Cassell Ln.

The Committee recommends no 4-way stop at Wells & Morgan Place at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the location and discuss safety options with Placer County east of Morgan Place. The Sheriff will continue to enforce Wells Avenue for speeding.

- 2. **Horseshoe Bar Road & Library Drive – One Stop Sign**

- Staff received a petition to add a stop sign on Horseshoe Bar Road at Library Drive in the northbound direction. After speaking to Gina Georgio who began the petition, this petition’s purpose was to stop vehicles on Horseshoe Bar Road heading into town to allow vehicles heading south to make a left turn onto Library Drive. Adding one stop sign is not standard practice, unsafe and confusing to drivers.

The Committee recommends no stop sign. No other recommendations at this time.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- 1. **Golf Carts/Electric Vehicles**

- For informational purposes, Staff handed out a flyer from the California DMV providing facts on Neighborhood Electric Vehicle/Low-Speed Vehicle and Golf Carts.

No recommendations at this time.

- 2. **Capital Improvement Program**

- For informational purposes, Staff mentioned the four upcoming road projects for Summer 2014:

1. Taylor Road from Oak Street to Sierra College – Overlay & repairs
2. Taylor Road from Sierra College to W. Town Limits – Reconstruction & widening
3. Sierra College from RR Tracks to Bankhead – Reconstruction
4. Bankhead Road from King to Saunders - Reconstruction

No recommendations at this time.

CEQA Requirements

All work under items 1, 3 & 4 of the Recommendation are contained within the Town's right-of-way and is not expanding any existing use. It is categorized as an exemption status under Section 15301, Existing Facilities" Class 1(c), existing highways and streets. Item 2 will be covered under a separate environmental process.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

1. Stripe and Sign for "No Parking", Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Pathway on Taylor Road and Webb Street adjacent to Eagle Automotive and Blue Goose. (\$500)
2. Direct Staff to prepare & advertise a Request for Proposal for the update of the Town Circulation Element (No cost for preparing and advertising). This item will come back to Council once the cost proposals have been received.
3. Add additional signage and striping on Barton Road from Brace Road to the Indian Springs Golf Course Range (\$200)
4. Install reflector paddles on Humphrey Road south of No Name Lane (\$300)

Funding for 1,3 & 4 (\$1,000) will come from the Transportation Account under material and supplies, street sign repair and replacement.

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND STAFF

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee met on October 16, 2013 and January 30, 2014 to discuss traffic issues and concerns throughout Town; and

WHEREAS, the traffic concerns and issues were gathered by field observations, accident history and/or resident, applicant, Council requests; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was made up of a representative from the Sheriff's Department, Loomis Fire District and staff; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations were in the good interest of safety for the Town and can be implemented into the existing Public Works Department's work load; and

WHEREAS, funding will come from the Transportation Account under material and supplies, street sign repair and replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis approves the following Traffic Safety Committee recommendations:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 11th day of January, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Clerk

Town Attorney

ACCIDENTS FROM 2008 - 2014

(6+ YEARS)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CROSS STREET	STATEMENT	CAUSE
12/30/2013	10:07 PM	WEBB STREET	1/10TH MILE WEST OF TAYLOR ROAD	VEH. NOT PAYING ATTENTION & HIT PEDESTRIAN IN PATHWAY OFF THE STREET	VIOLATION 22350 C.V.C., UNSAFE SPEED FOR CONDTIONS
7/14/2008	6:17 PM	HUMPHREY ROAD	INTERSECTION OF KING ROAD	VEH. MAKING A RT TURN FROM KING & DID NOT YIELD TO MAN AND CHILD IN CROSSWALK	VIOLATION 21950 (a) C.V.C., DRIVER TO YIELD TO PEDS AT CROSSWALK

ACCIDENTS #1



WEBB ST / TAYLOR RD
Looking NORTH

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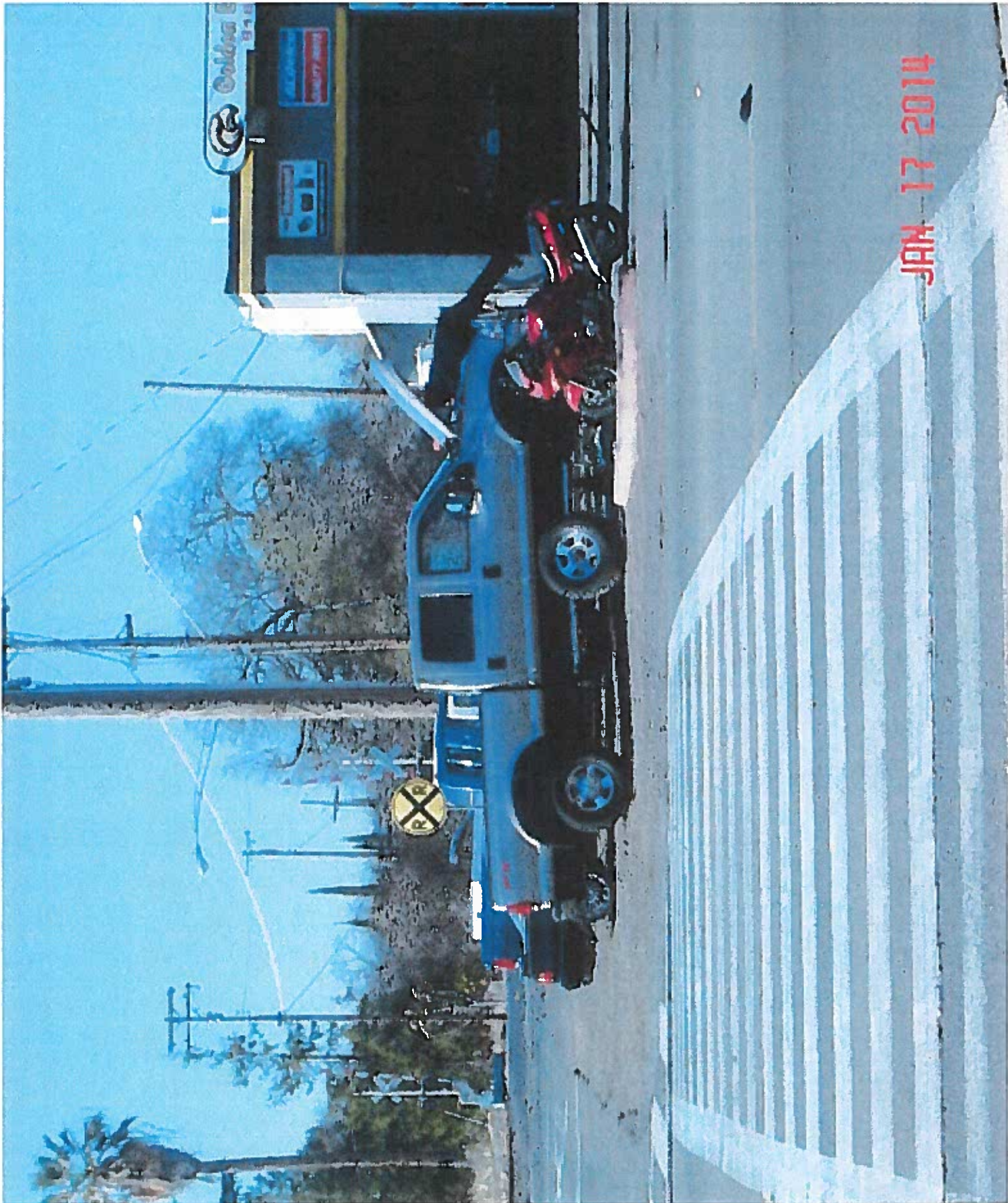
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WEBB ST / TAYLOR RD
Looking South

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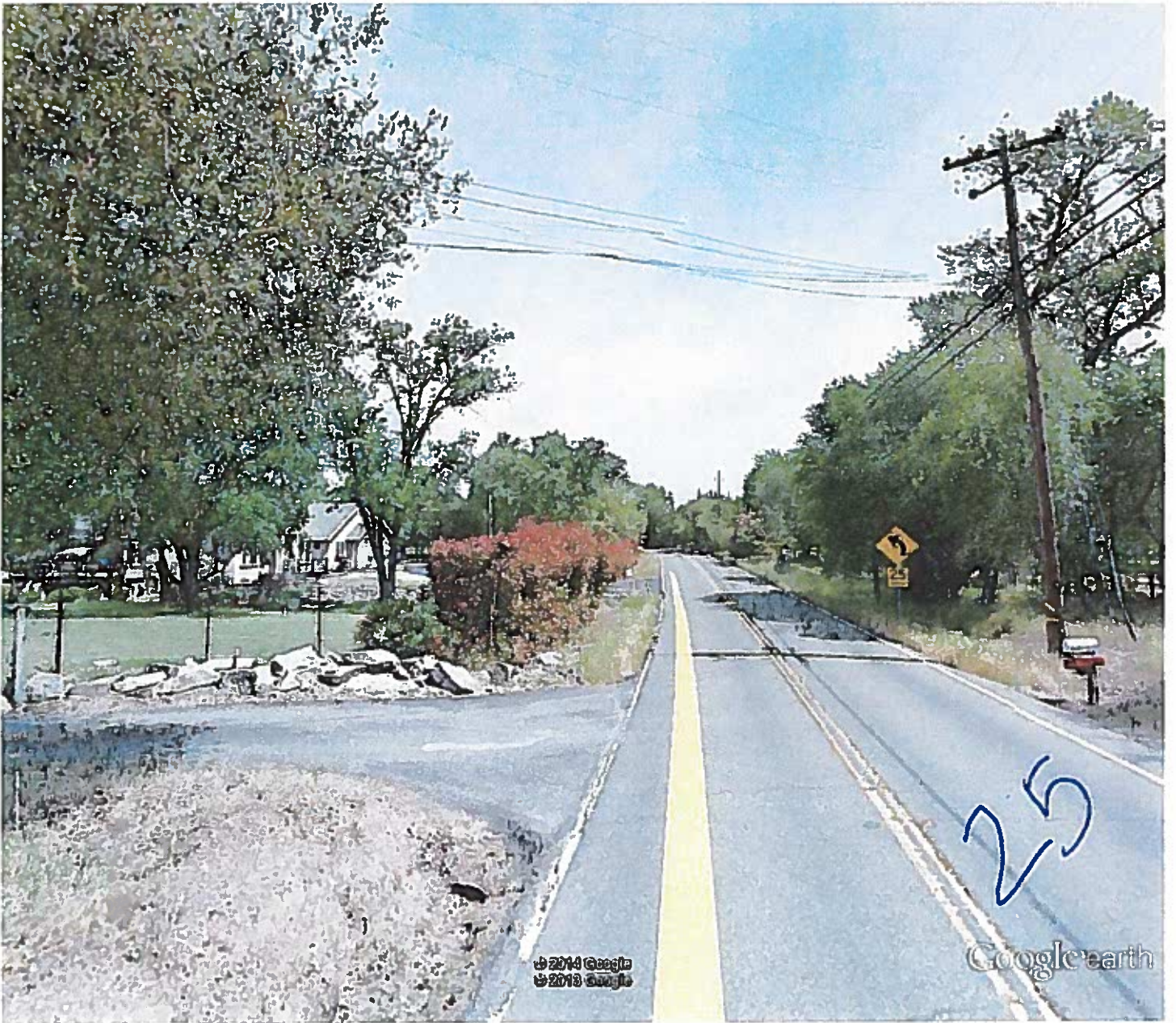


WEBB ST. / TAYLOR RD.

LOOKING WEST

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TRAFFIC CIRCULATION #1



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BARTON Rd

Looking NORTH

SPEEDING #1 1/3



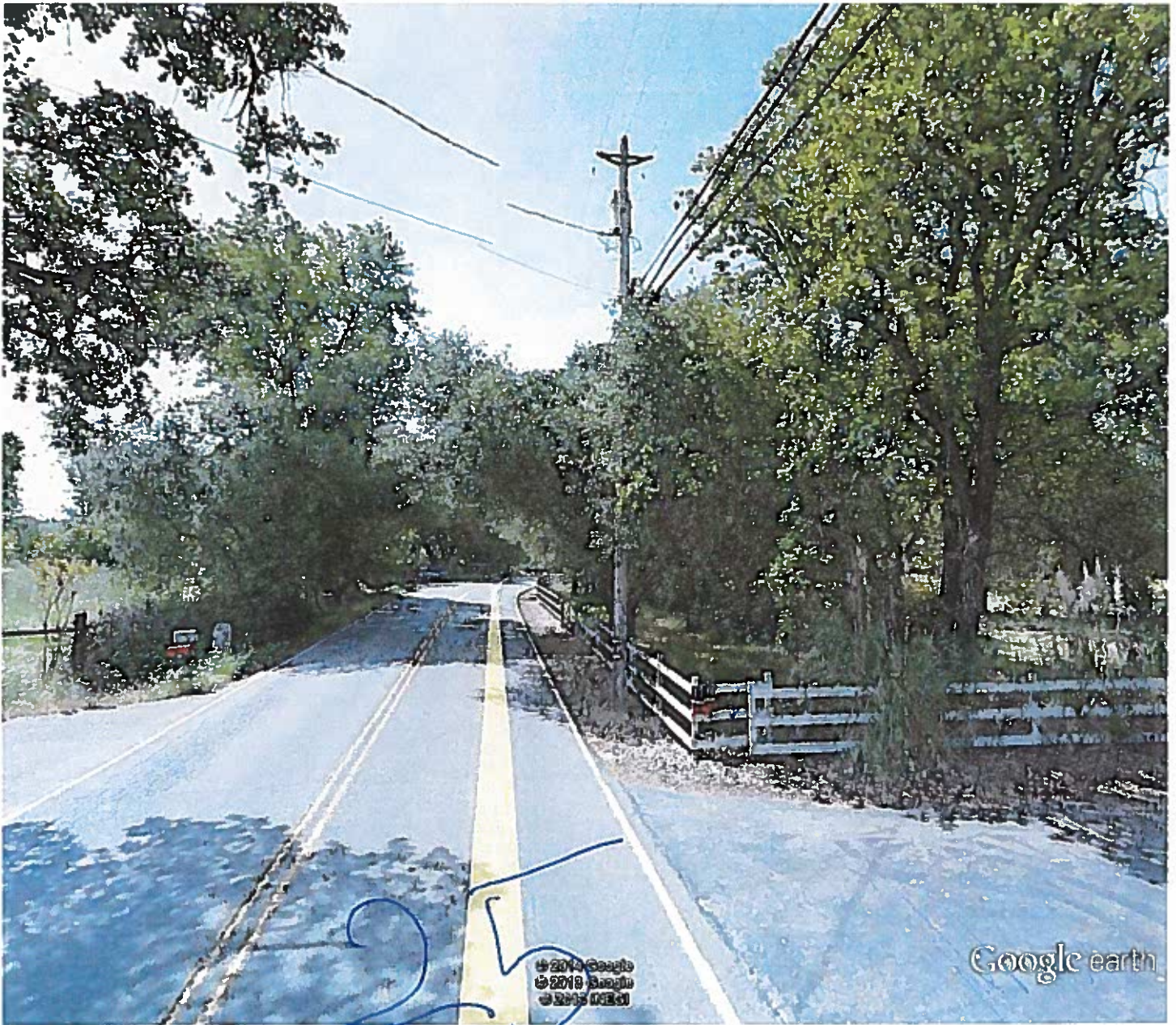
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BARTON Rd

Looking North

SPEEDING #1 2/3



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BARTON RD.

Looking South

SPEEDING #1 $\frac{3}{3}$



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@ 3166 KATHY WAY Looking South

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SPEEDING #2



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@ 3166 KATLY WAY Looking NORTH

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SPEEDING #2

August 30, 2013

From: Trisha Hamera
5415 Myrtle Avenue
Loomis, CA 95650

Walt Scherer –Town Mayor
Rick Angelocci –Town Manager
Town Of Loomis
3665 Taylor Road
Loomis, CA 95650

Dear Mr. Scherer and Mr. Angelocci:

I have a few questions concerning the safety of our neighborhood school children. I was hoping that you could offer some assistance or direct me to which official is capable of making safety improvements for child pedestrians along Humphrey Road. My children attend H Clarke Powers and we frequently walk to and from school along Humphrey Road. There are many children who take the same path to and from school. When school is over for the day, some parents park along the shoulder of Humphrey Road and block the area that the children use to walk home. I've witnessed children having to walk into the busy lane of traffic just to get around the parked vehicles. I was walking behind one student who was trying to get around the cars and overheard him say, "Oh no....I didn't realize I was walking in the traffic lane!" I see little kids darting around these parked vehicles and into the traffic lane and I fear for their safety. My children and I have been personally trying to navigate around the parked cars with a stroller. It is a dangerous situation considering that there is a steady stream of traffic leaving the school. Additional, a lot of the vehicles appear to be exceeding the 25 mph posted speed limit. The students at HCP have been using this route to/from school for years and they have never had cars parking along this path.

Can the town of Loomis install a few "no parking" signs along the stretch of Humphrey Road from No Name Lane up to the beginning of the designated walking path before Brooks Avenue? These would allow the children to have a safer walk home without having to run or bike into the heavy traffic leaving the school. There is sufficient shoulder for parking on the opposite side of the street that won't impede pedestrian access. As a result, the designation of "No Parking" that I am suggesting would not increase traffic/parking congestion.

Or is it possible to go even further and install a sidewalk so our children can safely walk to and from school? I've included some photos of the situation that can hopefully better demonstrate the safety issues I've personally observed.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Respectfully,

Trisha Hamera

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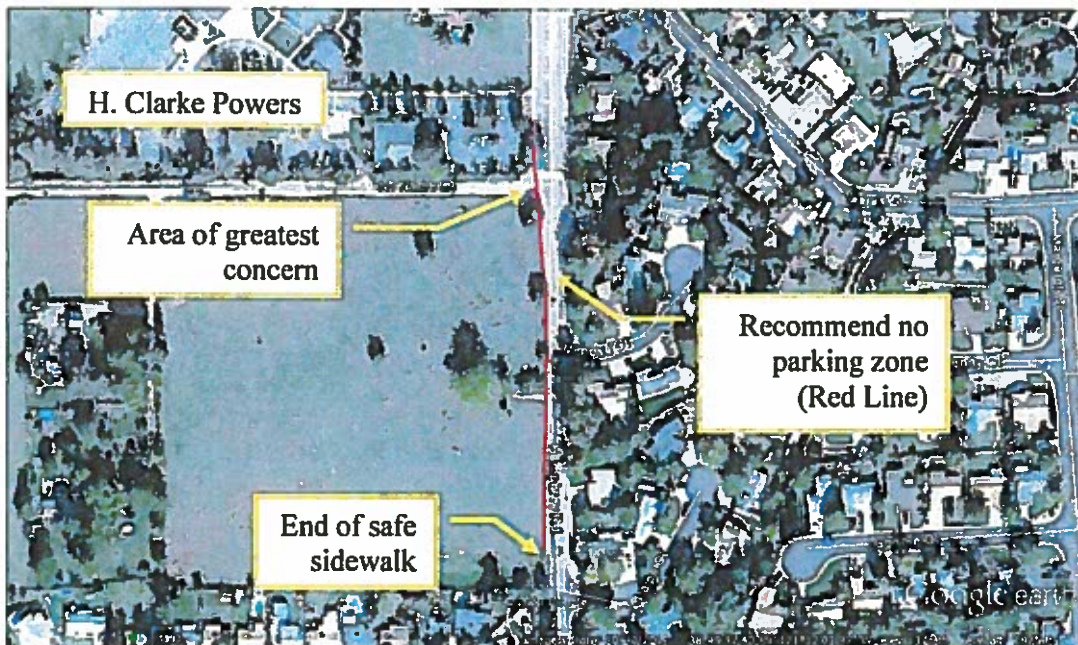
Mr. Walt Scherer and Mr. Rick Angelocci
August 30, 2013
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cc: Dave Wheeler Sandra Calvert Rhonda Morrilas Miguel Ucovic
 Sheriff Lt. - Darrell Steinhauer Planning Chairman - Michael Hogan

Photo Exhibits



This is the stretch of Humphrey road that children use to walk/bike home.



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This is an example of two parked cars blocking the route home.



These are students leaving the school and trying to navigate past the parked cars.



The driver to the left of the bicyclist is driving in the wrong lane in attempts to avoid hitting the bicyclist.



It is difficult for children to even use the crosswalk to cross Humphrey. Vehicles park along the red curb next to the crosswalk and obstruct the view of the crossing pedestrians from the oncoming traffic. Drivers regularly do not yield to the pedestrians or perhaps it is because they don't see them.



All of the children who tried to pass by this vehicle had to walk in the lane of traffic.



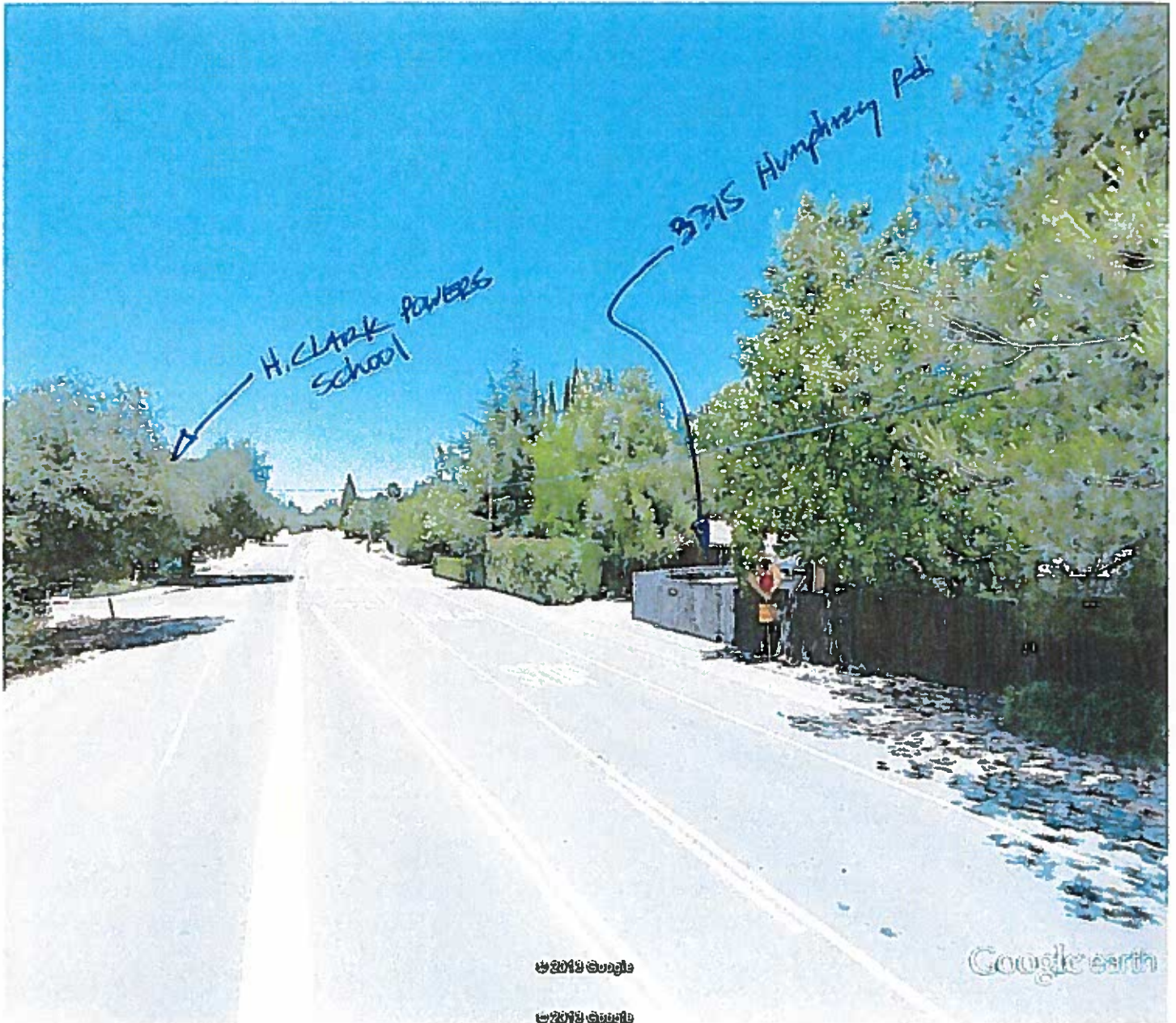
This is a photo of a child trying to pass by the parked car.

What happens when the driver of the parked car decides to pull into traffic and neglects to see the young child trying to pass by? What happens when oncoming traffic is distracted for a moment and veers into the child trying to walk between the cars? Five year old kindergarten children have regularly walked this route with no adult supervision.



Examples of multiple cars blocking the area children use to walk home. Typically, there is at least one car blocking the path and other days there are four or more large vehicles.



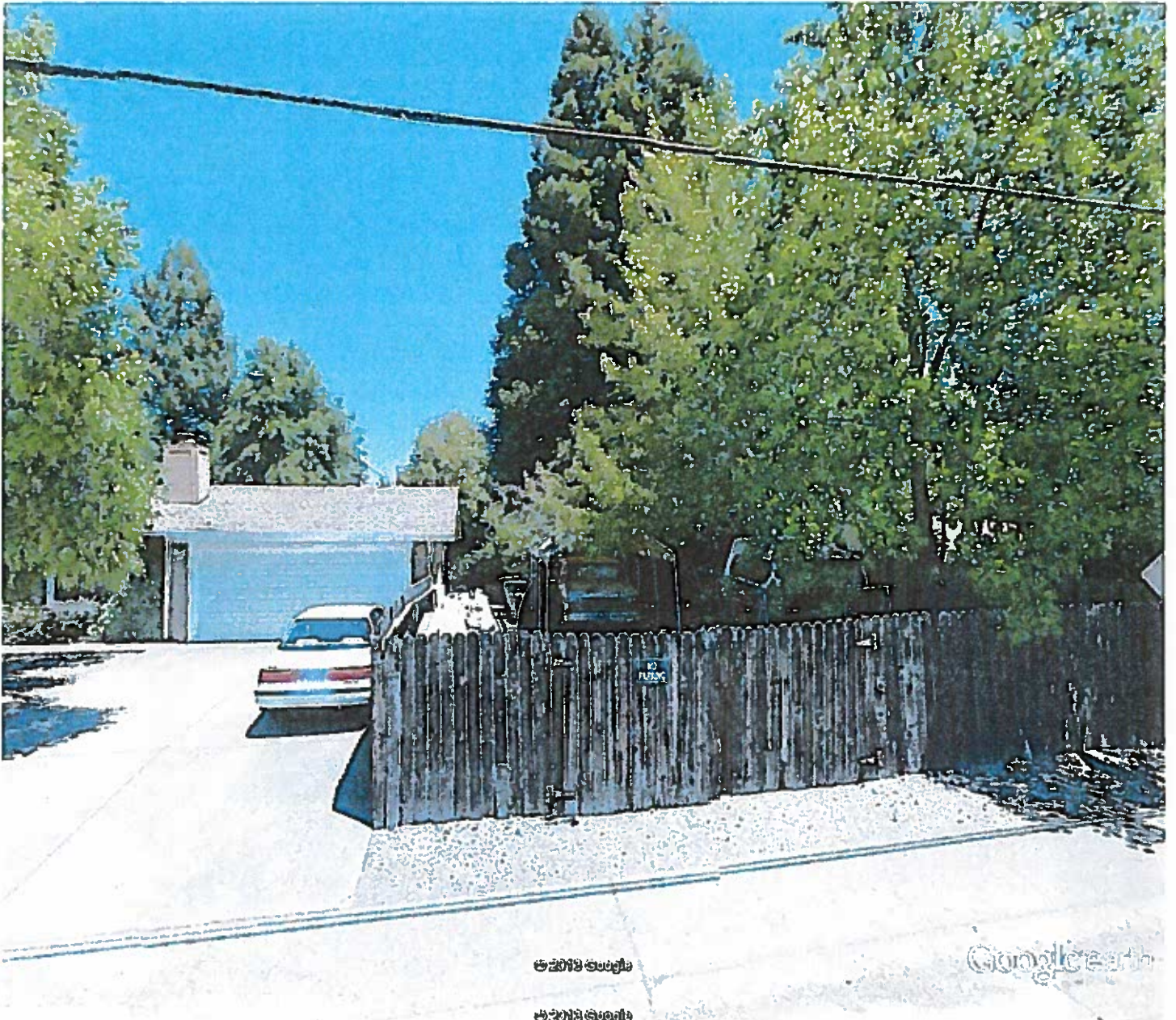


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Humphrey Rd.

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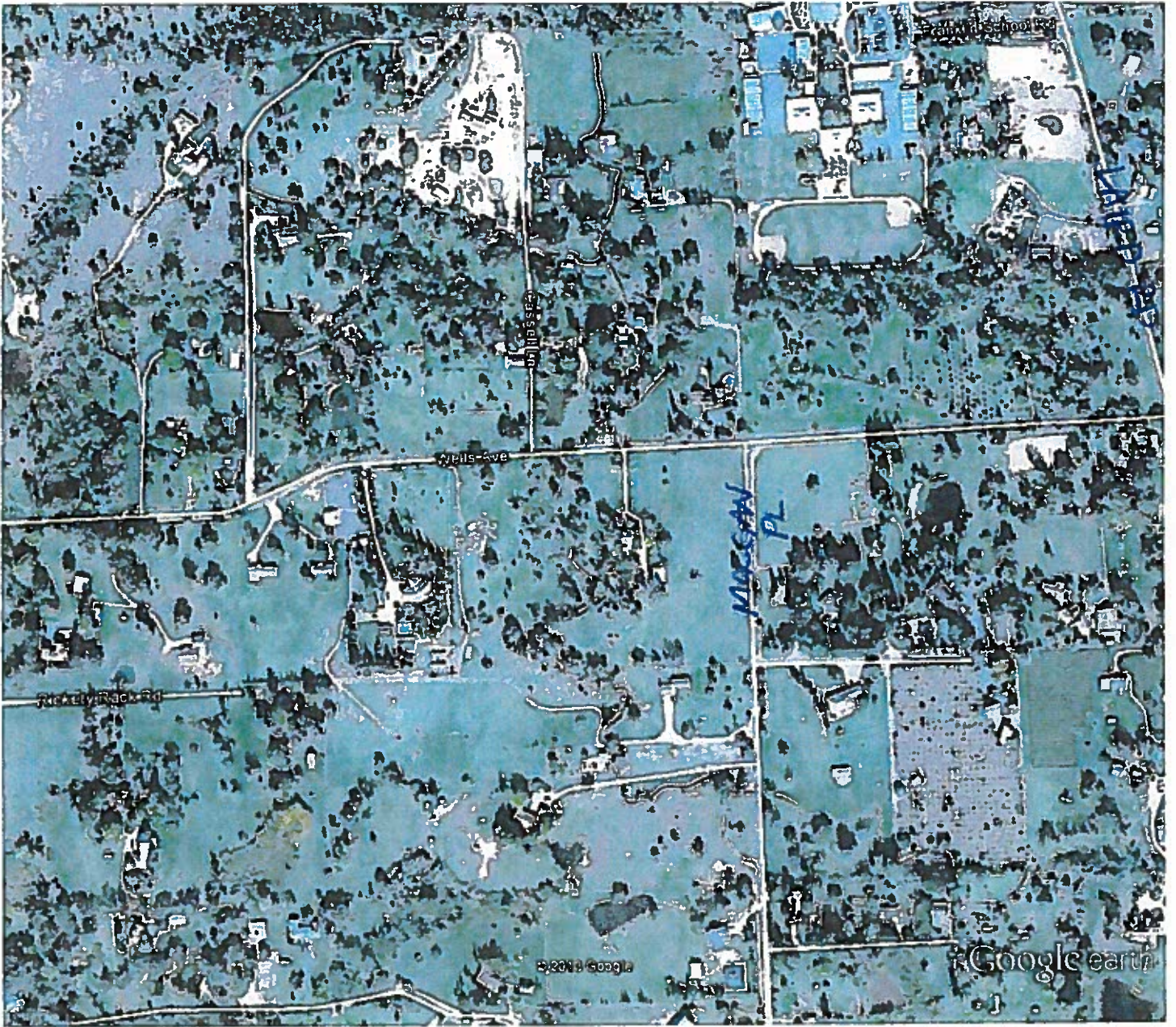
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3315 Humphrey Rd

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PARKING #2



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STREET SIGNS #1



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WELLS AVE WESTBOUND
(CAR @ RESIDENT DRIVEWAY)



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WELLS AVE. WESTBOUND

(Car @ CASSELL LN)

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feet 8
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WELLS AVE. LOOKING WEST
COMING UP ON MORGAN PLACE

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WELLS AVE. Looking EAST
Coming up on Morgan place.

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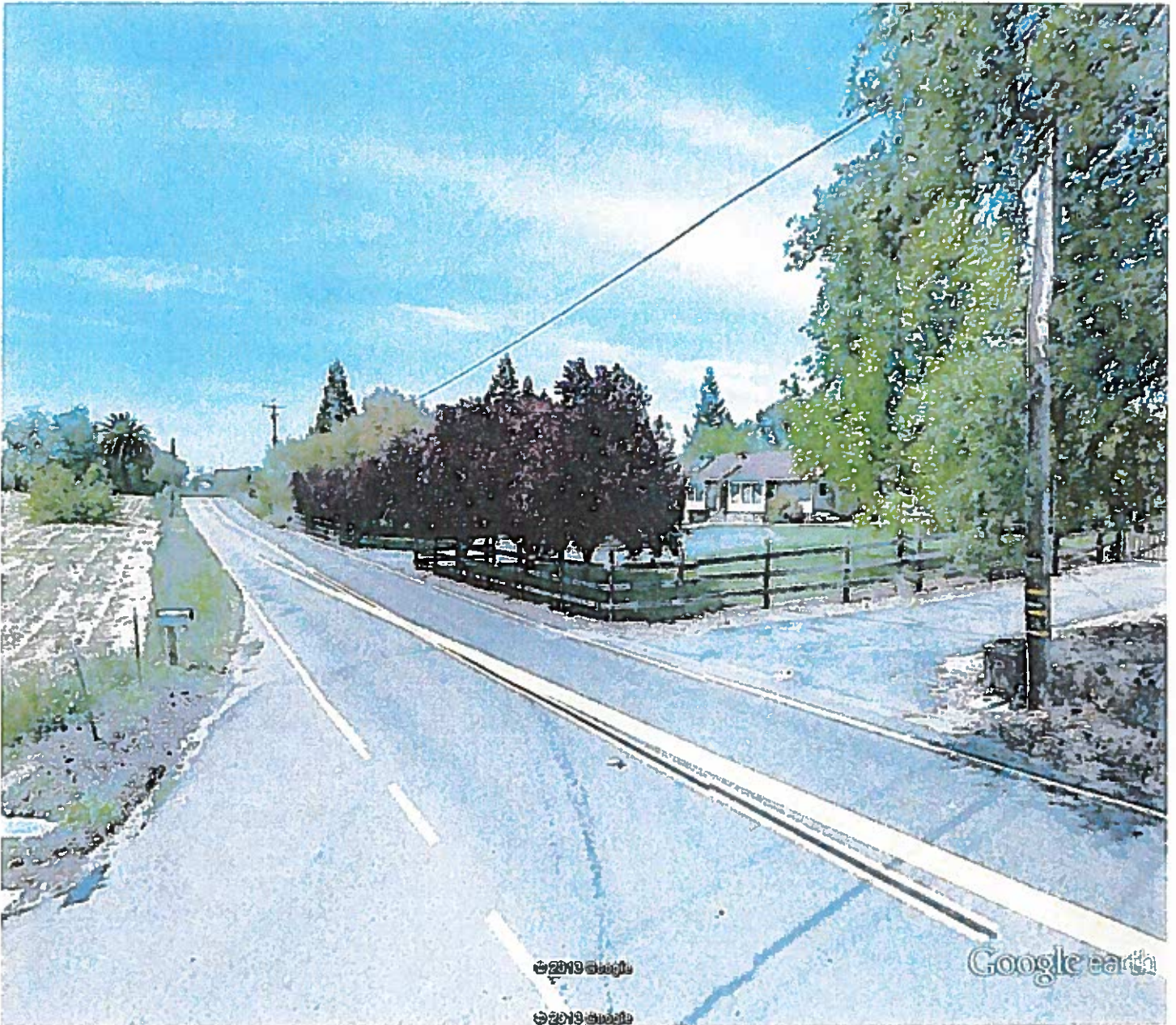


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MORGAN PLACE Looking EAST DOWN WELLS AVE

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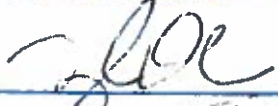


MORGAN PLACE Looking WEST ON WEUS AVE.

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Stop Sign Petition

We would like to have a stop sign installed at the corner of Library Rd. and Horseshoe bar Rd. where the cross walk is in front of the town hall only, not the opposite side. There has been too many close calls coming from Taylor to Horseshoe bar Rd. and trying to make a left turn on a blind corner. For us drivers trying to get to the Library, we have not only look for the drivers but also have to watch for pedestrian crossing as well. Once we think its safe to turn left, out of nowhere cars are coming and by then your committed into the turn, you have to gas it as fast as you can so you don't get hit by a car. It is extremely dangerous corner with no stop sign for drivers coming from Raleys and the freeway. This is our only access to our Library and town hall.

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MARZIA GEORGILOU 	7-19-13
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Mike Anderson	7-19-13
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Elizabeth A. Enright	7-19-13
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Kim Wallace	7-20-13
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Bonnie Fields	7-23-13
Jim Howes	7-23-13
Carrie Ignacio	7-23-13
Janette Collier	7-23-13
	8-3-13

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Jana Juntis	7-23-13
Sheel Yoon	7-24-13
JEREMY LOTHROP	7/26/2013
Kristina Porter	7-26-13
DAVID LUKANCE	7-26-13
Darlene Switzer	7-26-13
Paula Hughes	7-26-13
Heidi Turner	7-30-13
Brian D. Schaefer	7-30-13
Jeanne Schmidt	7/30-13
Laurette Fox	7/30/13
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Luella Amy	8/3/13
Timothy Chan	8/3/13

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Will G. ...	8/7/13
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Fanny Talbot	8-9-13
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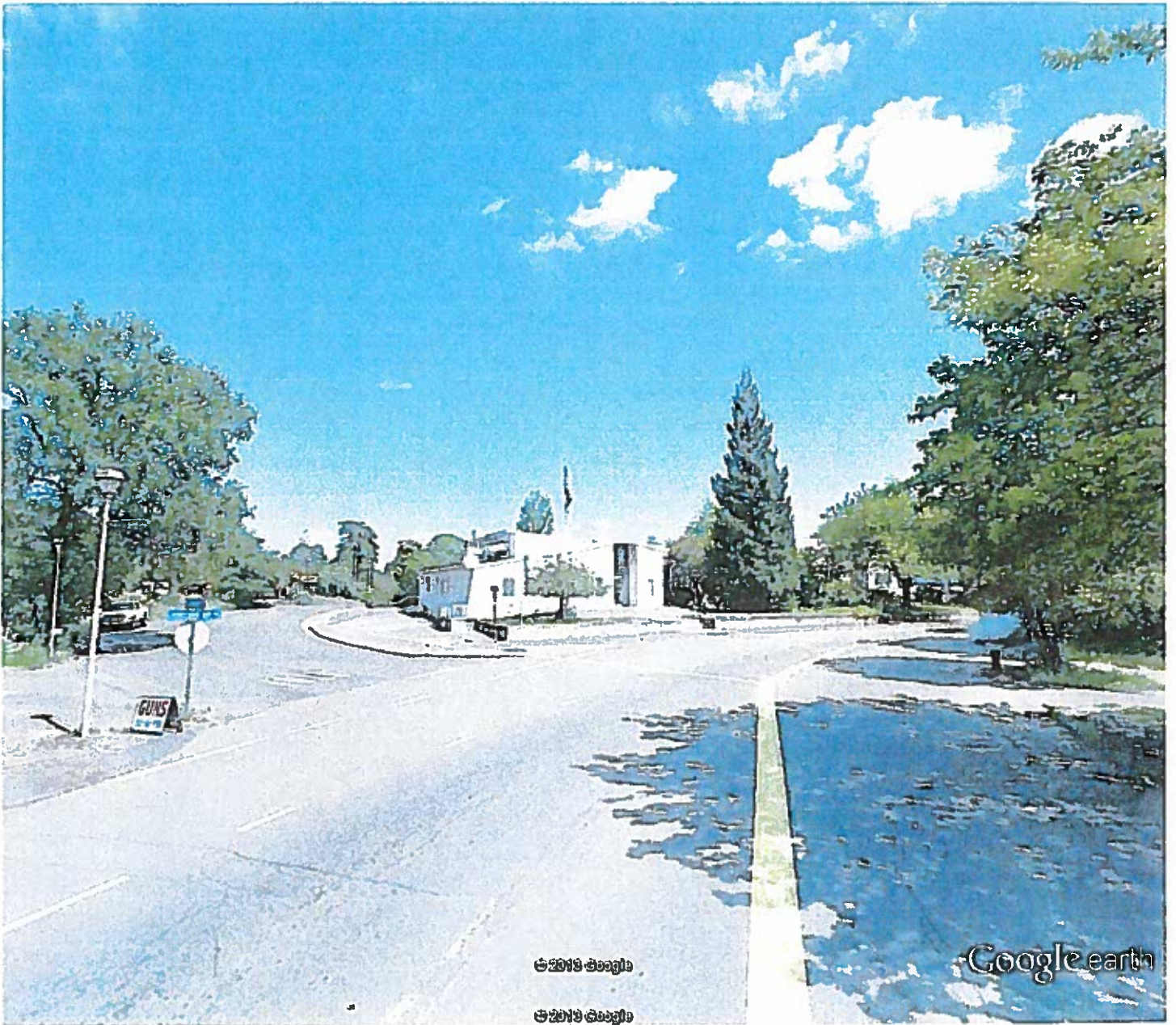
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Modified Golf Carts

A golf cart cannot be converted for registration as a NEV/LSV. If you modify your golf cart to go faster than 15 mph or seat more than two persons, the vehicle is considered a regular motor vehicle and must comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety standards (FMVSS) for regular passenger vehicles.

These standards include additional vehicle equipment, appropriate FMVSS labels, applicable emission standards, and a 17-digit conforming VIN. Failure to comply with all necessary regulations may result in a citation.

Equipment Requirements (CVC §24001.5)

Your golf cart must comply with certain equipment standards established by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to be registered for on-road use. The equipment requirements are outlined in form **CHP 888, Motorcycle, Motor Driven Cycle, and Motorized Bicycle Requirements**, which is available from your local CHP office or calling (916) 445-1865.

If you drive your golf cart on the road, it must be equipped with:

- At least one headlamp, tail lamp, and stop lamp
- A rear reflector
- Front/rear turn signals
- Front/side reflectors
- A mirror (located in a position to allow the driver a rear view of at least 200 feet)
- A horn
- Fenders
- Safety glazed windshield
- Windshield wipers

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 - Listen to general information
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- *To make a commercial driving test appointment or speak with a technician, call 1-800-777-0133 during normal business hours.
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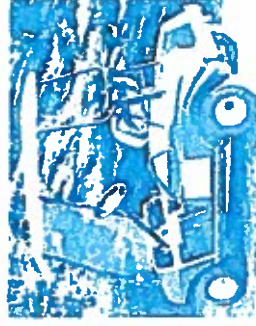


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Neighborhood Electric Vehicle/Low-Speed Vehicle and Golf Cart Information



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Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)/ Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) and Golf Cart On-Road Registration Checklist

To register your NEV/LSV or golf cart you may need:

- A properly completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
- The out-of-state title or Manufacturer's Certificate/Statement of Origin.
- A vehicle verification (REG 31) completed by an authorized DMV employee or law enforcement officer.
- Registration fees.
- For a golf cart only: A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the vehicle owner or authorized representative that states the vehicle meets the definition of a golf cart (per *California Vehicle Code* [CVC] §345) and has not been modified.
- If your golf cart is gasoline powered, it must have a label certifying the vehicle complies with California emissions requirements to be eligible for on-road registration.
- Appointment(s) are recommended for faster service.

NOTE: If you purchase your NEV/LSV from a California dealer, the dealer will submit your paperwork to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) (CVC §§385.5 and 21250) Definition

A NEV/LSV is a motor vehicle that:



- Has four wheels.
- Within one mile can reach a speed of more than 20 miles per hour

(mph) but **not more than 25 mph** on a paved level surface.

- Has a 17-digit conforming vehicle identification number (VIN).
- Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 3,000 pounds.
- Only NEV/LEVs certified to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) can be considered for registration.
- Neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) are also known as Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV). NEVs/LSVs may look like a golf-cart to the casual observer, but they are actually a motor vehicle requiring a **valid California driver license, registration, and insurance.**



Operation of NEVs

Dealers **must** provide buyers of an NEV with a disclosure statement regarding the operation of the vehicle (CVC §21252).

Local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, may restrict or prohibit the use of NEVs. The NEV may **not** be operated on any roadway with a speed limit above 35 mph. NEVs can cross state highways only at controlled intersections. Crossing at uncontrolled intersections is permitted with the approval of the agency responsible for that intersection.

NEVs may also cross at intersections that have a higher speed limit of 35 mph, if the crossing begins and ends on a road of 35 mph or less. NEVs can also be operated as a golf cart when operated within a distance one mile or less from a golf course or on roads designated for such operation by ordinance or resolution.

Modified or Altered NEVs/LSVs (CVC §21254)

If you modify or alter your NEV/LSV to go faster than 25 miles per hour, you will no longer qualify for the relaxed FMVSS established for low speed vehicles. Your vehicle will then be required to meet the same federal standards established for passenger vehicles. Failure to comply with all necessary regulations may result in a citation.

Equipment and Safety Requirements

NEVs/LSVs operated on public streets, roads, or highways must meet the FMVSS.

Golf Carts (CVC §345) Definition

A **golf cart** is a motor vehicle designed to:

- Carry no more than two persons, including the driver.
- Carry golf equipment.
- Have not less than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- Operate at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- Weigh no more than 1,300 pounds unladen (empty).



Operation of Golf Carts (CVC §§345, 21115, 21115.1, and 21716)

Registration is **not** required if you operate your golf cart on a highway designated for such use by ordinance or resolution within one mile of a golf course.

You may **not** operate on roads with speed zones above 25 mph except by ordinance or resolution by a local authority.