



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 2/25/2025

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

Staff Name and Phone Number: Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2550

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Third

Title:

Parking Restrictions on a Portion of West Robles Avenue - Adopt

Recommended Action:

Adopt an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2300 to establish a No Parking zone on the north side of West Robles Avenue between Moorland Avenue and the Sonoma Marin Area Transit (SMART) railroad tracks (Post-Mile Designation, PM 10.11 to PM 10.27).

Executive Summary:

The Department of Public Infrastructure recommends establishing a no-parking zone on West Robles Avenue between Moorland Avenue and the Sonoma Marin Area Transit (SMART) railroad tracks.

The proposed parking prohibition on West Robles Avenue between Moorland Avenue and the Sonoma Marin Area Transit (SMART) railroad tracks in unincorporated Santa Rosa is designed to enhance safety for all road users, including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The prohibition addresses safety concerns while supporting necessary improvements for compliance with quiet zone requirements near the railroad crossing.

Discussion:

West Robles Avenue at between Moorland Avenue and the SMART railroad has a narrow roadway width that limits coexistence of parked vehicles, moving traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. Parked vehicles effectively reduce the usable roadway width, creating pinch points that increase the likelihood of vehicle conflicts and unsafe passing maneuvers.

Visibility along West Robles Avenue is obstructed at the entrance to Andy's Unity Park due to parked vehicles, roadside features, and limited sight lines. These issues may impair drivers' ability to detect and react to entering or crossing pedestrians and bicyclists. Sight distance limitations create a high-risk environment, particularly during peak park usage and for families with children frequenting the park.

The nearby SMART railroad crossing is part of a designated quiet zone, which requires supplemental safety measures to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Parked vehicles near the crossing can obstruct visibility of warning signs, signals, and approaching trains, reducing the effectiveness of quiet zone measures. Any visibility or safety issues at the railroad crossing could compromise the integrity of the quiet zone and lead

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to increased risk for road users.

The current annual cost of maintenance of the no parking signage and markers is estimated at \$1,500.

Strategic Plan:

This item directly supports the County’s Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

Pillar: Healthy and Safe Communities

Goal: Goal 5: Continue to invest in public safety so that residents and visitors feel safe in our community.

Objective: Objective 3: Invest \$5 million by 2024 on new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and adopt maintenance guidelines on roads to consider bicyclists and pedestrians.

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

2/11/25 - Ordinance First Read

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected	FY26-27 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Expenses associated with maintaining the signage and traffic markings is estimated to be \$1,500 per year and will be included in future Road Maintenance Recommended budgets (11051-34010102). Road maintenance utilizes multiple sources of funding for ongoing maintenance including State highway Users Tax (HUTA), Senate

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Bill 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (SB1), contributions for Sonoma County's General Fund, and allocations from Measure M.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

Ordinance

Location Map

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.