

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
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Security Reports

ITEM 6b

Proposed Street Parking Restrictions for Trash Day

Director Breeding has asked for a discussion to explore the possibility of prohibiting on-street parking on Mondays to ease traffic congestion and access during trash collection.

On trash day with barrels sitting along the curb and cars parked on the opposite side, the available space is very tight and drivers can get trapped behind the trash truck and can't get by the truck – drivers are forced to creep along until a gap opens up then try to dart around quickly – it's a miracle there haven't been any head-on crashes yet.

In the southern half of Beach Road past the turnaround at 35535, there would be no impact since there is already a NO PARKING restriction on any part of the pavement in that area with the small exception of the three homes squeezed in the narrowest area at 35771, 775 and 777.

The northern half of Beach Road would experience some impact/hardship along the zone where there is no RR parking from 35165 to 35315. This area (165 to 315) has no RR parking for the reason that the RR tracks pass immediately behind the block wall and there is no possibility of pushing the wall back to create parking in this stretch of road. In this area there is strong competition for the available curb-side parking.

The great majority of vehicles parked along the curb are construction and service related and would suffer the greatest hardship and create the most difficulty for any enforcement action. A vehicle count on Thursday at 10:30 am revealed 21 cars total parked along the curb from 35051 to 35531 – there were 17 cars/trucks for construction and 4 cars for homeowners or renters. Regardless of the hardship on these people, service and construction parking are creating the greatest negative impact to traffic on trash day.

The District controls the road and can legally pass an ordinance that regulates parking on Mondays, say from 8 AM to NOON, for example, but in order to enforce the ordinance, more signs would have to be posted notifying drivers of the Monday parking limits. In addition, a strong public awareness effort to get the word to the community would be necessary, probably a regular program, as well, of handouts at the gate to service people coming in on Monday mornings and regular proactive monitoring by our duty security patrol officer.

Another possibility for controlling the construction parking would be to limit construction hours on Monday to no access until the last trash truck has left the community.