

PARKING RESTRICTION SURVEY



WILLOW STREET (No. 1691)

Reviewed by the Traffic Advisory Committee on OCT 30 2014

COMMITTEE APPROVED STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMITTEE REQUESTED FURTHER ACTION.

Action: APPROVED

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY

Location: Willow Street (No. 1691)
Subject: Parking Restriction Survey
Date: September 3, 2014

This study was initiated in response to a petition from the residents living on and within the surrounding area of Willow Street, for “No Parking Anytime” zones on both sides of the roadway. The Transportation Division received a written request from residents located in the Pollock Pines area. The residents stated that they have had delays in traveling through Willow Street due to the cars blocking the roadway. There were additional concerns regarding delayed response times from emergency personnel due to the obstruction of parked vehicles along the roadway. They would like the Transportation Division to review the request with the intent to place “No Parking Anytime” signs along both sides of the roadway to improve public safety for the residents, pedestrians, and motorists in the area.

The scope of this study is to determine if the request for a “No Parking Anytime” zone is appropriate for Willow Street, in accordance with the uniform signing practices and current Transportation Division policies.

GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITIONS:

Willow Street is located in Pollock Pines, running from south to north between Pony Express Trail and Pine Street, with the following physical characteristics:

	<u>WILLOW STREET</u>
Function:	Local Road
Length:	0.14 mile total length
Alignment:	Straight
Grade:	Gentle grade
Surface:	Nominal 15 foot asphalt surface
Shoulder:	Unimproved
Striping:	None
Speed Limit:	Not posted

Willow Street consists of less than 750 feet in length and has a nominal width of 15 feet with minimal shoulder widths. There are ten (10) houses fronting Willow Street.

RECORD DATA:

There was no formal traffic counts collected for the purpose of this study.

A review of the accident history for Willow Street revealed that there have been no accidents reported by the California Highway Patrol on Willow Street during the three (3) year period from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013.

A review of the existing County of El Dorado Design Standards for local roadways, the minimum standard for new development creating the a roadway section between Pine Street and Pony Express Trail would require the roadway width to be 28 foot minimum asphalt concrete with curb, gutter and sidewalk (38 feet total). There would also be a requirement for fifty feet of right-of-way dedicated to the county per Standard Plan 101B (see attached).

CVC Section 22505 Stopping Standing or Parking on State Highway Segments
Stopping, Standing, or Parking on State Highway Segments states in part: "22505.

(a) The Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may place signs or markings prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles, including, but not limited to, vehicles which are six feet or more in height (including any load thereon), in any of the following areas and under the following conditions:

(1) In areas where, in its opinion, stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon...

(b) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on the signs or markings.

(c) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Public utility vehicles while performing a work operation.

(2) The driver of any vehicle which is disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping, parking, or leaving the disabled vehicle standing on the roadway.

Amended Ch. 455, Stats. 1987. Effective January 1, 1988."

California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), Section 2A.06 Design of Signs states in part:

"Standard:

Except as noted in the Option below, highway agencies shall not develop word message signs. In accordance with CVC Section 21401, only word message signs conforming to Department of Transportation standards and specifications shall be placed on streets and highways.

Option:

Local agencies may develop place/facility name or day, date, time portion of the word message on signs to notify road users of special events/circumstances or to warn road users of a situation that might not be readily apparent. Unlike symbol signs and colors, these place/facility name or day, date, time modified word message signs may be used without the need for experimentation.

Support:

Sign design details are contained in FHWA's "Standard Highway Signs and Markings" book and Department of Transportation's California Sign Specifications. Signs other than those shown in

these publications, the MUTCD or this California MUTCD may be required under special conditions. See Section 1A.11 for information regarding these publications.”

CAMUTCD, Section 2B.46 Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs states in part:

“Parking Regulations

Support:

The delegation of maintenance activities to local authorities is usually exercised under the authority of Streets and Highways Code Section 130. Under a proposal to delegate maintenance and parking regulation authority under CVC Section 22506, the Department retains the authority to regulate parking under the three conditions specified in CVC Section 22505(a).”

“Policy on Parking Restrictions

Guidance:

No Stopping Any Time – Stopping should be prohibited at locations where the prohibition would reduce the risk of collisions or where parking would unduly interfere with the movement of traffic.”

“No Parking Anytime – Parking should be prohibited at locations where the prohibition is necessary to accommodate other activities and objectives, such as street sweeping, snow removal, public safety or preferential parking.”

“Option:

Major factors that may be considered for No Stopping Anytime include:

- Narrow roadway width.
- Restricted visibility at intersections for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Narrow shoulder width.
- Conversion of a parking lane to a through lane or right-turn lane.”

“The NO PARKING ANY TIME with arrow (R28(CA)) or without arrow (R26(CA)) signs may be used to inform motorists of a parking prohibition at a specific location. The NO PARKING ANY TIME with arrow (R28A(CA)) or without arrow (R26A(CA)) signs may be used where a larger size is desirable.”

FIELD REVIEW AND OBSERVATION:

El Dorado County Transportation Division did not complete a speed survey on Willow Street due to its extremely low volume of traffic during non-peak periods and the short roadway section.

The southerly terminus of Willow Street intersects with Pony Express Trail with two commercial buildings adjacent to Willow Street, fronting Pony Express Trail.

Willow Street site visits resulted in counting several pedestrians on the roadway traveling to and from Willow Street to Pony Express Trail. There were vehicles parked along the shoulder of the roadway at each visit to the site. The motorists traveling through the roadway have to move around the parked

vehicles forcing the motorist to maneuver their vehicle to the opposite side of the roadway. Parked vehicles can also cause obstructed views of the pedestrians walking along the roadway.

Site visits were made to the roadway several times during the month of July in 2014. On the weekday field reviews, staff observed minimal to no traffic on the roadway; however, there were vehicles found parked along the roadway blocking a portion of the fifteen foot roadway width. During a site visit there was a mail delivery truck stopped along the westerly shoulder delivery mail along the westerly shoulder with additional vehicles parked along the easterly shoulder. Motorists traveling through at this time would have to wait or cautiously move forward to travel through the narrow roadway with vehicles stopped or parked along both sides of the road.

Willow Street is a very short section of roadway that is not wide enough to accommodate parking along one or both sides of the roadway with two-way traffic capable of traveling through the roadway safely. With the addition of parked vehicles and pedestrians along the shoulders of the roadway, Willow Street can be viewed as having obstructions with parked vehicles unduly interfering with the movement on the roadway.

CONTACTS:

The El Dorado County Fire District was contacted to review the roadway characteristics including widths and determine if “No Parking Anytime” restrictions would benefit the public for emergency access needs. Captain Brandon McKay, Deputy Fire Marshall of the El Dorado Fire District, stated that the department would be in favor of “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs at this location. He is aware of the narrow roadway at this location and believes that the narrow roadway would benefit from the proposed signage for pedestrians, motorists, and emergency response times in the area.

The County Of El Dorado, Sheriff Department, was contacted to review any history of complaints regarding parking or obstructions on Willow Street. In speaking with the Sheriff’s Department on July 11, 2014, numerous reports were found on file regarding public safety concerns related to the roadway. Deputy Sheriff Van Burden stated that the Sheriff’s Department would support the “No Parking Anytime” request, as the public would benefit from these restrictions on Willow Street.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Willow Street is 0.14 miles long and has ten residential parcels on the roadway. Based on the study, the following items were found to be the main items established during the course of this study:

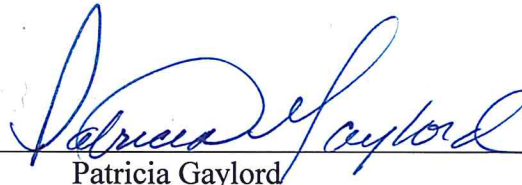
- The accident history for Willow Street is zero (0) reported accidents within the last 36 month period.
- Willow Street is a historic roadway that does not meet today’s standards for roadway width or shoulder area. The placement of “No Parking Anytime” signage would allow the roadway to maintain the existing 15 foot width without obstruction; thus allowing motorists to move through the narrow roadway in a safer manner.
- Willow Street is a low volume, local road with minimal shoulders that is not wide enough to accommodate parked vehicles along the roadway.

ADD:

() "No Parking" along the both sides of Willow Street from the northerly intersection with Pine Street to the southerly intersection with Pony Express Trail.

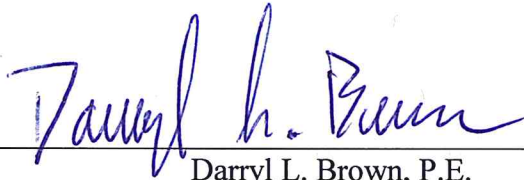
3. Following the adoption of the above proposed Resolution, R30B (CA) "No Parking" plates are installed on along both sides of Willow Street.
4. Following the installation of the signs, that the California Highway Patrol enforces the signs as needed.

Prepared by: _____



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Traffic Superintendent

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7/31/14
Date

APPROVED BY: _____



Bard R. Lower, Director
Transportation Division
Community Development Agency

on _____

9/9/14
Date

Attachments: Vicinity Map (1 page)
Photo Prints (3 pages)
Accident Summary from 2010 to 2012 (1 page)
Sign Inventory (1 page)
Standard Plan 101B (1 page)

Willow Street Vicinity Map



July 2014 – Willow Street - No Parking Survey

Willow Street

Entering from Pony Express Trail going northbound



July 2014 – Willow Street - No Parking Survey

Willow Street

Continuing northbound toward Pine Street



July 2014 – Willow Street - No Parking Survey

Willow Street

Entering from Pine Street going southbound



July 2014 – Willow Street - No Parking Survey

**EL DORADO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ACCIDENT SITE ANALYSIS SUMMARY FOR**

Willow St

For Use with "No Parking Anytime" Engineering and Traffic Survey

Report Date: 7/8/2014

For the period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2013

	Beginning at Mile Post 0.0	and Ending at Mile Post 0.14	Roadway Section Length = 0.14		
2011	Number of Accidents:	0	Number of Injuries:	0	Number of Fatalities: 0
2012	Number of Accidents:	0	Number of Injuries:	0	Number of Fatalities: 0
2013	Number of Accidents:	0	Number of Injuries:	0	Number of Fatalities: 0
Accident Total = 0		Injury Total = 0		Fatality Total = 0	

Sign Inventory for: **WILLOW ST**

08-Jul-14

Beginning at Mile Post- 0.0

and Ending at Mile Post- 0.14

Old Sign Code	2010 CA Sign Code	Location	Dir	Cross Street	Mile Post	Side	Fac	Date
SN	SN (E)	0 ft	S of	PINE ST	0.000	N	A	2/8/2013
W57(L)	W1-6(L)	0 ft	S of	PINE ST	0.000	N	S	2/8/2013
N1	N (CA)	0 ft	S of	PINE ST	0.000	N	S	2/8/2013
SN	SN (E)	45 ft	N of	PONY EXPRESS TR	0.000	NW	A	2/1/1995
R1	R1-1	45 ft	N of	PONY EXPRESS TR	0.000	W	N	10/5/1994
R26A	R26A (CA)	130 ft	N of	PONY EXPRESS TR	0.000	W	N	5/24/1984

Catherine & Dennis Staller

2894 Willow Street

Pollock Pines, CA 95726

530-644-0569

El Dorado County Department of Transportation

Attn: Darryl Brown

Traffic Superintendent, Transportation Division

Maintenance Unit, Traffic Section

2441 Headington Road

Placerville, CA 95667

June 30, 2014

Mr. Brown

Thank you for your concern and interest in helping our neighborhood become a safe and viable area for emergency access and evacuation. Enclosed you will find a petition to prohibit street parking on Willow Street in Pollock Pines. We understand that you needed this paperwork back to your office as soon as possible to present to the advisory committee. If you need additional signatures please let us know and we can easily obtain more.

While we walked around the neighborhood to obtain signatures of families that use and access Willow Street we were surprised to find that incidents that concerned us had already been an issue for neighboring homes. For example, one neighbor states that when she called the fire department due to an active fire in her bathroom (Pine Street) there was a delay in the response and was told by the firefighters that they could not access Willow Street as the shortest route to respond due to the roadway not having clear access due to vehicles and they had to choose an alternate route to respond (North Street). Another neighbor stated that he often uses Willow Street at 6:30am to go to work and frequently has to weave between parked cars on Willow Street to get his sub-compact vehicle through without hitting another vehicle. He mentioned that when "trailers" are parked on the street it is exceptionally difficult to pass. When we spoke to the mail delivery driver she stated that when she has

to deliver the mail to the cluster mailbox traffic is unable to pass and must wait for her to finish the mail delivery.

We understand that this process could take in excess of 6 months to a year. In lieu of the obvious concerns we have under the current conditions we are requesting, if possible, to put this request on a fast track. Law Enforcement has no way to enforce any street parking at this time. We are all at risk of losing our homes in case of fire, or worse not having the access for emergency personnel or evacuation. Again, we want to thank you and your department in considering our request and your departments assistance in making our neighborhood safe.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Catherine and Dennis Staller. Catherine's signature is in black ink and Dennis's is in blue ink.











Catherine and Dennis Staller

Petition to Prohibit STREET Parking on Willow Street in Pollock Pines

<p>Petition summary and background</p>	<p>Willow Street in Pollock Pines is a narrow street with only 18' width available (from ditch to ditch). 18' is the necessary minimum width required for emergency vehicles and evacuation. Currently, cars, trucks, trucks with trailers parking on Willow Street (straddling the ditch) are using a portion of the required/necessary space needed for emergency vehicles. Due to the increased fire danger in our community the El Dorado County Fire Department has made it clear to residents that if the 18' minimum space is not available they will not service our street in an emergency putting fire personnel in danger. In addition; if Willow Street is not accessible by local emergency personnel all the home owners are at HIGH risk of losing their home owners insurance. All the homes on Willow Street currently have a minimum of 4 off street parking spaces available, with the exception of 1 home that has open space available to park next door. Without "legal no parking signs" the residents have no control on keeping the street open for emergency vehicles requiring additional calls to local law enforcement to ask the vehicle owners to move their vehicles. Photo samples attached.</p>
<p>Action petitioned for</p>	<p>We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to move forward in light of the danger of residents on Willow Street (and adjoining streets-Pine Street) to have emergency personnel access to our homes and all the residents have a clear thoroughfare available with the shortest distance possible to get to Pony Express Trail for evacuation.</p>

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Dennis Staller	<i>Dennis Staller</i>	2894 Willow St. Pollock Pines		6/19/14
Cathryn Stuller	<i>Cathryn Stuller</i>	2894 Willow St Pollock Pines		6-19-2014
John Mallinson	<i>John Mallinson</i>	6178 BUCKTAIL	Pollock Pines	6-19-14
Elizabeth Mallinson	<i>Elizabeth Mallinson</i>	6178 Bucktail Pines		6-19-14
HELEN WANCHE	<i>Helen Wanche</i>	2882 Willow St. Pollock Pines		6-21-14
Joyce Shenefield	<i>Joyce Shenefield</i>	2899 Willow St Pollock Pines		6-21-14
Linda Marshall	<i>Linda Marshall</i>	2905 Fir Dr. Pollock Pines		6-21-14
Linda Marshall	<i>Linda Marshall</i>	6321 Pine St Pollock Pines		6-21-14

Five calls: I wish could not access Willow had to go up North. Very scary. A Lincoln

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Jim Gustafson		6321 pine st		6/20/2014
Friend Ware		2907 Willow St		6/20/2014
SIM O'Keefe		6396 Pony Express		6/29/14
Sonny Hester		6349 pine st.		6/20/14
Chad Casner		2840 Halderegger Ln		6/20/14
Mary Spidell		8285 Pine St. PP		6/21/14
		7347 Lakewood Pk		6/27/14
Meredith Sargent		2990 Willow St.		6.29.14
Heather Campbell		6897 Terrace Dr. Pallock Pines CA 95726	Street is regularly impinged by vehicles	6/30/14

WILLOW STREET, POLLOCK PINES

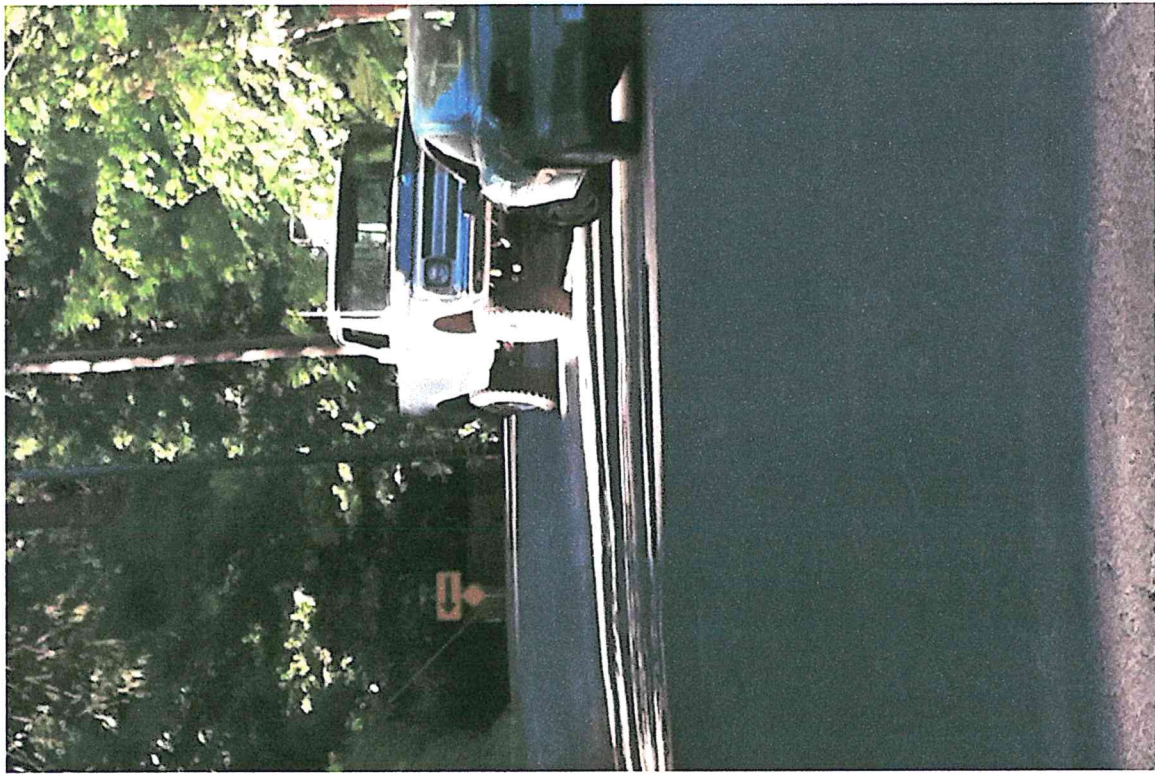


Photo taken: 4 June 2014

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Jim Gustafson	<i>Jim Gustafson</i>	6321 pine st		6/20/2014
Friend Ware	<i>Friend Ware</i>	2907 Willow St		6/20/2014
SIM O'Keefe	<i>OKeefe</i>	6396 Pony Express		6/20/14
Sonny Hester	<i>Sonny Hester</i>	6349 pine st.		6/20/14
Chad Colner	<i>Chad Colner</i>	2840 Halderger Ln		6/19/14
Mary Seidell	<i>Mary Seidell</i>	8285 Pine St. PP		6/21/14
John	<i>John</i>	7317 Lakewood Pk		6/27/14
Melvin Sayre	<i>Melvin Sayre</i>	2900 Willow St		6/29/14
Heather Campbell	<i>Heather Campbell</i>	6897 Terrace Dr. Pellock Pines CA 95726	Street is regularly impinged by vehicles	6/30/14
Kenneth Rountree	<i>Kenneth Rountree</i>	2914 Willow St Pellock Pines, CA 95726		7/17/14
Suzann Reynolds	<i>Suzann Reynolds</i>	2889 Willow Pellock Pines CA 95726		7-17-14
Shadawn Zink	<i>Shadawn Zink</i>	6325 Fairview DR Pellock Pines CA 95726		7-17-14
Bobby Zink	<i>Bobby Zink</i>	6325 Fairview DR Pellock Pines CA 95726		7-17-14
Billy Brown	<i>Billy Brown</i>	6324 Fairview DR Pellock Pines CA 95726	916-390-4804	7-17-14
LARRY BROWN	<i>LARRY BROWN</i>	2900 Willow St	530-644-2681	7-17-14

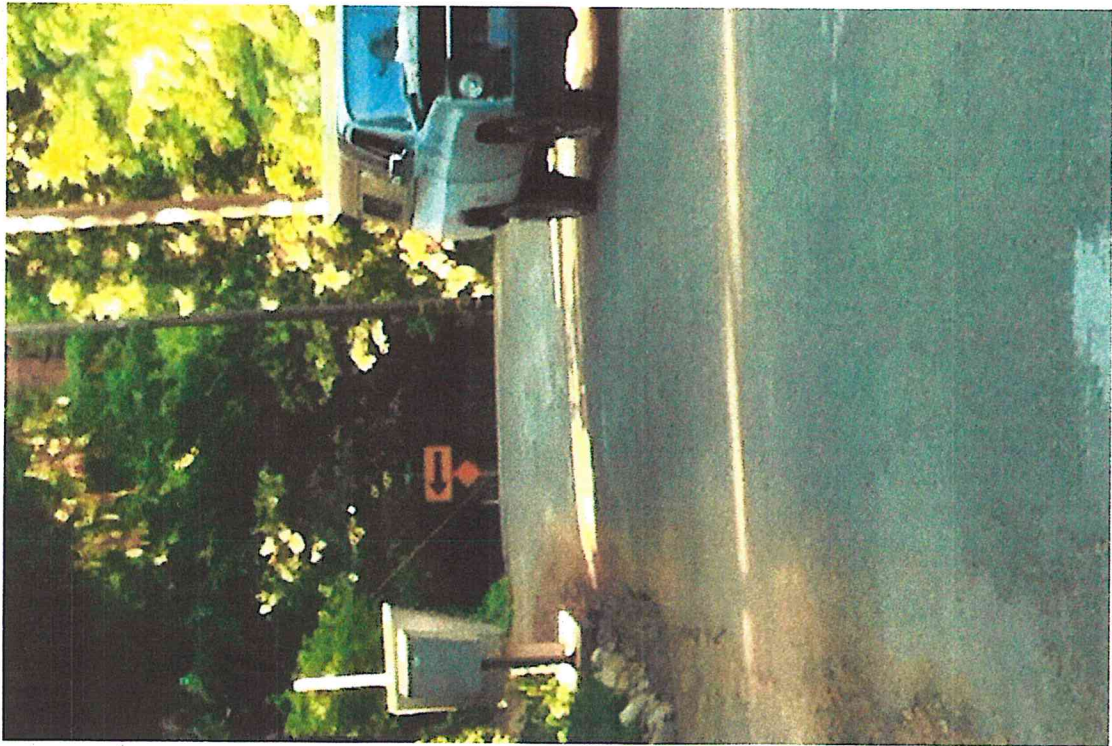


Photo Taken 07-17-2014

@bpm - notified CHP - Sheriff's Dept @ 7:30pm