

# NO PARIKING SURVEY 

## BAYNE ROAD

(No. 55)
FROM RIVER ROAD (PRIVATE) TO A POINT 1,320 FEET EAST TO MP 3.90, AND TOW AWAY ZONE REMOVAL MT. MURPHY ROAD TO RIVER ROAD

## Reviewed by the Traffic Advisory Committee on <br> DEC 162021

## $\triangle$ COMMITTEE APPROVED STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

I / COMMITTEE REQUESTED FURTHER ACTION.

Action:
APPROVED

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 

ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY

Location: From River Road (private) MP 4.15 to a point 1,320 feet east to MP $\mathbf{3 . 9 0}$
Subject: No Parking Survey
Date: $\quad$ August 18, 2020

## 2021 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR BAYNE ROAD PARKING RESTRICTION

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The California Vehicle Code, Section 22500 (along with CVC 22507), allows local authorities to establish Stopping, Standing or Parking Restrictions on County Roadways.

CVC Section (22500 - 22511), states in part:
(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
(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.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), Section 2A. 06 Design of Signs, CAMUTCD, Section 2B. 46 Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs and CAMUTCD, Section 2B. 47 Design of Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs; have relevant data for parking restrictions on State and County Roadways.

Refer to CVC 463, 587 and CVC Division 11, "Rules of the Road", CVC 21112 through 22658 regarding the authorities for the various parking, stopping and loading signs.
All "Engineering and Traffic Surveys" performed by the El Dorado County Department of Transportation for establishing speed limits, stop controlled intersections, crosswalks, painted traffic curbs, regulatory traffic signage, and other traffic control devices, use the current publications of the California Vehicle Code, CAMUTCD, California Manual for Setting Speed Limits, applicable County Ordinance Code, and other Civil Engineering publications and California Codes pertaining to the establishment and placement of traffic control devices.

## 2. ADD PARKING RESTRICTION ZONE ON BAYNE ROAD

This study was initiated in response to a request by Amy Bridge Day on behalf of the residents of Bayne Road. The parking concern was brought to the attention of The Department of Transportation on April 17, 2020. Mrs. Day's concern was in regards to vehicles parking on both sides of Bayne Road, in private driveways and turnouts along the roadway causing congestion and sight distance issues on the already narrow Bayne Road. The Department of Transportation received additional phone calls and emails from residents of Bayne Road including a "No Parking" petition submitted by resident Sheri Hillenga on March 29, 2021.

## GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITIONS:

| Limits: | - From Mt. Murphy Road east to MP 4.15 (Tow Away Zone) |
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|  | - From River Road to a point 1,320 feet east to MP 3.20 (No Parking) |
| Functional Classification: | Local Road |
| Length: | 1,320 feet |
| Width: | $14-20$ feet |
| Frontage Improvements: | None |
| Alignment: | Curvilinear with major grade changes |
| Surface: | Asphalt surface |
| Striping: | None |

Bayne Road is in fair condition and is classified as a Local road by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as depicted by the California Road System (CRS) maps. Bayne Road is a narrow two (2) lane undivided road with an overall width of 14-20 feet with dirt shoulders or no shoulder.

## RECORD DATA:

The Bayne Road "No Parking" request was heard as an open discussion item at the May 19, 2021 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting which resulted in direction to conduct this Engineering and Traffic Study. Chairman Brian Mullens also requested a review and consideration to retract the existing "Tow Away" Zone from Mt. Murphy Road to River Road (County Ord. 225-97).

The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is estimated to be 200-400 vehicles per day.
A review of the accident history for Bayne Road revealed that there has been zero (0) collisions reported by the California Highway Patrol within the limits proposed in this study on Bayne Road during the three (3) year period from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020. In 1986 "No Parking" signs were placed on Bayne Road from Mt. Murphy Road to River Road (County Resolution, 373-86). "Tow Away" Zones were also proposed in 1996 and approved in 1997 by the Traffic Advisory Committee from Mt. Murphy Road to River Road (County Resolution, 225-97).

## FIELD REVIEW AND OBSERVATION:

During the spring and summer months of 2020 El Dorado County experienced an unusually high increase in visitors (due to Covid-19 restrictions) to rural regions of El Dorado County with access to recreation outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and water sports. Bayne Road, from River Road to approximately 6300 Bayne Road, was one of these locations. The increase in visitors was thought to be a temporary issue and the existing "No Parking" restrictions would suffice with enforcement by CHP and the California State Park Officers. With parking issues on Bayne Road escalating in spring and Summer of 2020, California State Park Officers began issuing tickets to vehicles parking on the asphalt/impeding the travel lanes of Bayne Road during the summer and fall months of 2020 and into spring of 2021.

Numerous site visits were made by Jim Hunnicutt, Sr. Engineering Technician, and Darryl Brown, Traffic Superintendent, to observe and document parking conditions between March $4^{\text {th }}$ and April $3^{\text {rd }} 2021$.

Bayne Road is a narrow roadway and easily blocked by vehicles parking along both sides of the roadway from River Road to approximately 6300 Bayne Road. Vehicles parking along Bayne Road have damaged the asphalt concrete edge, park on private property and park in tall grass along Bayne Road (creating a fire hazard). Parked vehicles block private driveways and block corner sight distance on the roadway curve at MP 4.04 (west of 6300 Bayne Road). The curve at MP 4.04 is a very tight; approximately 40 to 50 foot radius curve. Visiting parked vehicles during heavy spring and summer recreation have parked at this curve. Parking on either side of this curve would prohibit vehicles and especially emergency vehicles being able to navigate this curve during an emergency. See attached "Vicinity Photos" of the parking conditions on Bayne Road.

For any concerns as to the potential relocation of parking stalls off Bayne Road, there is additional parking for recreation at the nearby Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park.

After further study, and discussions with CHP concerning the existing "Tow Away" Zone from Mt. Murphey Road to River Road placed in 1997 (County Resolution 225-97), it was determined
by the Department of Transportation Staff to leave the existing "Tow Away" Zone in place as a deterrent to visitors from Mt. Murphy Road to River Road. There are no records of any towing from Mt. Murphy Road to River Road in the recent past. CHP Officer Andrew Brown and the Department of Transportation discussed and concurred that; because of the remote location, lack of cell phone service, towing vehicles could potentially leave visitors stranded especially during hot summer weather. The Department of Transportation is not going to place any additional "Tow-Away" Zones on Bayne Road for this Parking Restriction Survey. California State Parks Officers and CHP would be able to continue to issue citations to vehicles parked in the "Tow Away" and "No Parking" Zone when required from Mt Murphy Road to River Road, per County Resolutions, 373-86 and 225-97.

## CONTACTS:

Sheri Hillenga - resident
Amy Bridge Day - resident
Ray and Marcia LeVitt - resident
Officer Tom Pagan - CA State Parks - Marshall Gold Discovery SHP
Officer Andrew Brown - Placerville CHP
Commander Rick Hatfield - Placerville CHP

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Bayne Road, from River Road to MP 3.90, has been found to have the following:

- Overall Bayne Road roadway width is approximately 14 to 20 feet, including un-paved shoulders.
- Paved roadway limits on Bayne Road range from 8 to 14 feet, with an average of 10.5 feet of paved roadway surface as of April, 2021.
- Average Daily Traffic is estimated to be 200-400 vehicles per day.
- There were zero (0) collisions reported along this portion of Bayne Road for the three (3) year period from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.
- There is a moderate vertical grade change and curvilinear characteristics from River Road to MP 3.90.
- Vehicles are parking on both sides of Bayne Road are creating narrow passing widths (12-14 feet or less) for local traffic, and emergency vehicle access.
- Damaged edge of roadway is visibly present on Bayne Road from River Road to 6300 Bayne Road.
- Vehicles recreating in the Bayne Road area are parking on private property and often in tall grass.
- Parked vehicles are blocking corner sight distance in curve at MP 4.04.
- Vehicles parking at the sharp curve at MP 4.04 would easily impede through traffic and emergency vehicles at this location.


## RECOMMENDATION:

1. Based on the findings of this survey it is recommended that the Traffic Advisory Committee approves the request for the "NO PARKING" zone from River Road to a point $1,320^{\prime}$ east, both sides of Bayne Road for traffic safety.
2. That the Board of Supervisors be requested to adopt a Resolution, pursuant to Section 10.12.010 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code, to add Resolution 252-81:

## ADD:

"(eh) "No Parking" zone on both sides of Bayne Road (No. 55) beginning at River Road (MP 4.15) and continuing east for 1,320 feet (MP 3.90)."
3. Subsequent to and predicated on adoption of the above resolution by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:
a. County staff to be directed to install signage as necessary to reflect the above recommendation.
b. County staff advise the California Highway Patrol of the changes and request that they commence enforcement.


Attachments: Vicinity Map (1 page)
Vicinity Photos (5 pages)
Detailed No Parking Zone Map (1 page)
Resident letter and petition (5 pages)


BAYNE RD - THURSDAY, 3/4/21 10AM


BAYNE RD - SUNDAY, 3/7/21 2:30PM


BAYNE RD - SATURDAY, 4/3/21 12:30PM


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Supervisor Lori Marlin and Darryl Brown,
During this past year (2020) of complaints and concerns about cars parking on the one lane downhill Bayne Road, many promises and excuses have been made by the county.

Last spring Mr. Brown inspected the road and told neighbors that signs would be posted July 2020. Nothing happened! Now we are going through a time consuming and lengthy process to get action. This process was NOT mentioned last year!

One excuse for not placing NO PARKING/TOW AWAY signs was that the "public" has the right to park along a road easement. Ridiculous! This is a ONE LANE road and any area along the pavement is needed for cars to pull over for passing cars. Private lands are encroached on and erosion is another factor. The pavement is also being broken up, allowing cars to park off the pavement so that they do not get ticketed. This fact is advertised on the internet (park off the pavement).

Suggestions were made to contact the sheriff and the park rangers to ticket the cars. However, without NO PARKING/TOW AWAY signs their hands are tied for ticketing vehicles.

We would like to see "read" the law that states that vehicles can park along the "easement" portion of the road on a downhill one lane road. There should be some verbiage referring to a pull over or turnout areas.

This is a year around problem, not just during the poppies blooming or the water falls flowing. Every day of the week we are impacted. Granted there may be a day or two without cars. The hours are from morning to afternoon to late afternoon. Now we are expected to deal with this dangerous situation another year! A summer is before us with the high risk of fires. The county should be responsible for loss of homes due to fire trucks not being able to get through Bayne Road.

In case of emergencies, FIRE or Medical, an emergency vehicle could not pass through. Our homes and lives are at risk due to the county NOT taking this matter seriously and taking immediate action.

Signs need to be placed on both sides of the road and closely spaced so that there is no question of the area for no parking.


Sheri Hillenga
PETITION FOR ROAD, PARKING RESTRICTIONS, SIGNING, AND/OR STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS



PETITION FOR (STATE REQUEST AND LOCATION)
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    date of request: March 2021
    Bayne Road, a one-lane road beginning at intersection with River Road in Coloma, extending 3/10ths of a mile eastward uphill.
    Complaints have been made regarding dangerous situations for approximately one year.
    Cars have been parking on both sides of the road encroaching on private property; causing erosion; creating a dangerous situation
    for residents using the road; blocking turnouts needed for two-way traffic to pass on the one lane road; and encroaching on road
    width needed for delivery trucks and large emergency vehicles such as fire apparatus.
    This very unsafe condition continues year-round, seven days a week - heaviest on weekends. The hiking trail to Dutch Creek Falls
    and spring wildflowers are the attractive nuisances bringing these vehicles into the area.
    Very often, passengers from these vehicles stand and walk in the roadway creating increased danger for themselves.
    REQUESTED REMEDY:
    "No Parking - Tow-away" signs should be extended 3/10ths of a mile east on Bayne Road from the end of the existing signs at River
    Road, on both sides of the road.
    Please Protect our homes, property, County roadway, access for emergency vehicles, and pedestrians.
    Contact: Shari Hillenga, P O Box 406, Coloma CA 95613, Phone 5309577804 , Email vmh67@connpoint.net
    Petition signatures attached.

