

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
ALLIANCE OF COASTAL MARIN VILLAGES (“ACMV”)
Parking Problems and Proposed Solutions**

1. Bolinas

Problems: Illegal parking (including but not limited to parking in “no parking” areas, parking within 6 feet of the center line or in front of driveways, parking for more than 72 hours, abandoned vehicles/equipment parked and used as storage containers) on downtown County roads (Wharf, Brighton, Terrace and Park), as well as County and non-County roads on the Bolinas Mesa and at the Palomarin Trailhead (insufficient parking available).

Proposed Solutions: Regularly enforce existing parking laws in downtown Bolinas, on the Bolinas Mesa and on Mesa Road near Palomarin Trailhead; amend laws as necessary to facilitate enforcement; consider establishment of “tow away” zones; consider implementation of a locally-developed parking plan for downtown Bolinas with time-limited and resident-only parking areas on a trial basis after enforcement effort is in place.

2. Inverness and Inverness Park:

Problems: Overflow parking, double parking and unsafe backing out (particularly from the Inverness Park Market) pose public safety issues for pedestrians on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and on Vallejo Avenue (blocked driveways) and at Chicken Ranch Beach (blocked traffic due to overflow of visitors).

Proposed Solutions: Enforce existing parking laws; also, road shoulders should be filled and regularly maintained with road base right up to the level of the pavement, and as wide as possible (with vegetation removed from right-of-way) for easier parking and greater safety for pedestrians and bikes.

3. Marshall/East Shore Planning Group:

Problems: Illegal parking on Highway 1 due to inadequate off-highway parking for some visitor-serving facilities (particularly acute at the intersection of Highway 1 and the Marshall/Petaluma Road). Also, as many/most Marshall residents regularly shop in Point Reyes Station, they share the concerns of residents there about the parking problems in the village core.

Proposed Solutions: Enforce existing parking laws.

4. Muir Beach:

Problems: Illegal parking near the “no parking” signs on Pacific Way off of Highway 1 to the beach parking lot (and traffic jams on Pacific Way when beach parking lot is full as visitors wait for spots in the lot to free up) and illegal parking in residential neighborhoods (Sunset Way, Seascapes and Ahab) where there is no shoulder, blocking residents and blocking parking for the community center. Muir Woods overflow parking along Frank Valley Road reducing traffic to less than two safe passable lanes, made more dangerous by pedestrians walking in the roadway (no shoulder available because of overflow parking)

Proposed Solutions: Install Caltrans sign on Highway 1 (and possibly elsewhere en route to beach) to indicate when beach parking lot is full and hire traffic control to flag drivers against turning into beach parking lot when it is full. Possible resident-only parking permits (need to poll community). Enforce

existing parking laws (specifically, in “no parking” areas and where cars are blocking lane of traffic and/or facing wrong direction). Prohibit parking along the shoulder of Frank Valley Road.

5. Olema:

Problems: Olema itself does not have a parking problem, but shares the concerns of Point Reyes Station residents about the impacts of tourist parking on the village core, which occurs primarily during limited times such as summer weekends, during local artist shows and on some holidays.

Proposed Solutions: A parking lot could be installed at the vacant lot across from the Mostly Natives Nursery; additional restrooms and trash facilities could be located there, as well.

6. Point Reyes Station:

Problems: Overnight camping in cars (resulting in vandalism, theft, drinking, raucous behavior, uncontrolled dogs, human feces dumped on the roadsides with garbage) on Third and C Streets. Overwhelming parking issues in Village Core due, in part, to (1) large Caltrans signs (at north and south ends of town) drawing tourists off the highway into Point Reyes Station in search of public restrooms, parking and a playground, (2) picnic tables drawing tourists to village core to picnic, and (3) crowd events hosted in the village core and the Giacomini Wetlands.

Proposed Solutions: “No overnight parking” signs should be installed and enforced, initially on C Street and later in residential areas. Caltrans signage for public restrooms (behind Toby’s) and children’s park should be removed and replaced with signage directing tourists to Point Reyes National Seashore Bear Valley Visitor Center, which is equipped with visitor-serving facilities.

7. Stinson Beach:

Problem: Illegal parking on Highway 1 from the water district building and north during extremely busy beach weekends.

Proposed Solutions: Enforce existing parking laws.

Tomales:

Problems: Parking shortage on Highway 1 on weekends due to lack of adequate parking spaces for tourists (most residences have no driveways and residents must park on the street); weekend motorcycle groups back motorcycles into curbs adjacent to businesses and residences, bringing noise and toxic pollution within feet of sidewalks and doorways; and bicycles parking on sidewalks block pedestrians, business and residence access due to no designated bike parking.

Proposed Solutions: Community needs to be surveyed about potential local parking solutions (there are no “No Parking” signs in Tomales); consider creating a designated parking area for motorcycles along eastern side of Highway 1 just south of the downtown intersection. Develop designated bicycle parking with racks on the lower south side of First Street and consider another rack on east side of Highway 1 across from the hotel (1/2 for bicycles and 1/2 for motorcycles).