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John Neville  
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Dear Mr. Neville:

Thank you for sending the Marin County Department of Public Works' proposal, Engineering and Traffic Evaluation: Calle Del Mar Parking Configuration of March 14, 2012 (hereafter referred to as "the proposal"), suggesting angle-in parking on Calle del Mar in Stinson Beach in order to accommodate more cars and to control RV parking. The SBVA appreciates your efforts to include us in the environmental design process. The proposal was presented at the Stinson Beach Village Association (SBVA) meeting on April 7, 2012. This proposal was opposed unanimously by the SBVA Board and all in attendance: the Stinson Beach Fire Chief, business owners, and community residents.

To summarize the comments re the proposal:

Angled-in parking on the north side of Calle del Mar would require cars to exit parking spaces by backing into on-coming traffic coming from the nearby intersection with Highway 1, the most congested intersection in Stinson Beach;

Angle-in parked cars would have to back over the street's double yellow line, stopping the flow of traffic coming from the opposite direction;

Calle del Mar has county parks on both sides of the street with the resulting high volume of jaywalking pedestrians. Cars backing out of angle-in parking places would put pedestrians' safety at risk;

The issue of extended RV parking can be controlled by enforcement of existing statutes.

Additionally, to quote from the report, page 1, paragraph 3: "Traffic Operations evaluated the ITE guidelines for on street angled parking and found the dimensions could not be accommodated on Calle Del Mar." "Title 24 standards were developed for private roads, parking lots and other off street parking."

Neither of the angle-in parking configurations in the plan conforms to ITE guidelines nor to Marin County Development Standards' Title 24. The proposal adds more congestion to an already congested street and compromises the safety of both drivers and pedestrians. The SBVA recommends that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

The Stinson Beach Village Association Board:

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