

WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN BOLINAS

11/15/21 @ 10 A.M.

Organized by Members of the BCPUD Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee

The Chair of the committee, Bruce Bowser, plus one other member will accompany. Different committee members will join as others leave the walk. A BCPUD Board member will join as noted. Fire Chief Krakauer, will also join for a part of the walk, time tbd. Items proposed to be addressed during this walk are shown below in 2 separate lists. List A. Items sent to DPW and List B. Response from DPW. The numbers shown on the itinerary reference the items.

Walking times are approximations. Committee members are fully vaccinated and will have face masks.

- At 1 p.m. Meet at the boat dock across from the College of Marin site (72 Wharf Rd.) Chair of committee, **Bruce Bowser (415-868-2494) and Sherry Hirsch (510-220-3191)**, committee member, will greet.
- Walk to Wharf Rd beach entrance, 5 minutes and then walk to Hardware Store Parking area at Brighton intersection. **Bruce and Sherry**, 10 minutes Item (#1 & 2.)
- Meet at Hardware Store and walk towards Resource Recovery and back to Brighton intersection. Committee members, **Bruce and Will Bartlett** along with **BCPUD Board member Don Smith**, 15 minutes Item (#3.)
- Meet at Hardware store and walk Brighton intersection to Park Ave. Committee members **Bruce and Al** 5 minutes Item (#1)
- Park Ave to Beach entrance and return to County Park, **Bruce and Committee member Al Minvielle**, 20 minutes Items (#2,4, 5,6,7,8.)
- At **2 p.m.** Meet up at county park of **all participants**, for as long as remaining time allows

FOR REFERENCE:

A. LIST OF ITEMS SENT TO DPW (on 10/19/21) - MOST ITEMS WERE ADDRESSED IN FOLLOW UP EMAIL FROM DPW AS SHOWN BELOW THIS LIST.

1. Stop sign at corner of Olema-Bolinas Rd/Brighton. This is a safety concern and a request for this sign has been ongoing.
2. Restriction of large vehicles on Brighton/Wharf entering and blocking turn around points. This is especially a problem on Wharf Rd as the road significantly narrows as you get closer to the beach entrance. Existing signage at entrance to town is not sufficient.
3. A pedestrian walk-way from bike path on Olema-Bolinas Rd to the intersection. Currently extremely unsafe for pedestrians. In addition to safety concerns it could offer a safe access point for residents and visitors parking nearby to get into downtown and the beach. Furthermore, lowering the speed limit from the intersection of Mesa Road and Olema/Bolinas stop sign to Brighton entrance increases pedestrian safety.
4. Speed humps on Brighton at Park, Altria and Hill: Need to slow traffic from start of Brighton at Olema/Bolinas intersection, entry to town.
5. Speed limit reduced on Brighton after Park, on Wharf Rd. New state legislation allowing jurisdictions to reduce speed limits may enable this action.
6. Striping of legal parking places. Striping the street enables a determination of the legal number of spaces and also demarcates size of vehicles. Currently visitors park in every nook and cranny and large vehicles take up more than one parking area.
7. Demarcation of center of streets to limit large vehicles from blocking access.
8. Bicycle parking at beach entrance on Brighton to encourage use.

LIST B. REPLY NEXT PAGE.

B. EMAIL FROM DPW STAFF ADDRESSING ITEMS LISTED ABOVE.

From Carey Lando, Senior Project Planner, on 10/27/21, additional information about some of the topics in listed in request:

1. DPW completed an All-Way Stop Sign Warrant Analysis on 4/27/21 and an All-Way Stop was not warranted.
2. We are working with Fire to provide an advisory sign for the restriction of large vehicles on Brighton/Wharf. A sign could be placed within the next two months, but we would like your input on the DRAFT, attached sign that would warn drivers that Wharf Rd narrows at the end and vehicle length over 22' is not recommended. Feel free to reply with your input on this and we can keep it moving forward before our meeting.
3. Regarding a pedestrian walkway from the bike path on Olema-Bolinas Rd to the intersection: BCPUD owns the path. Any proposed connection changes should be handled through the County Encroachment Permit process. Speed limit changes are hard to make with State rules. The recent change mentioned in #5 does not go into effect until details are worked out and could be as late as 2024.
4. Speed hump noise along with cost/maintenance are issues that need further evaluation and vetting with the community and neighboring residents/property owners. This issues often turn out to be more problematic than originally anticipated when suggested as a solution.
5. Striping of parking spaces and the street centerline is something that DPW is considering. This will need to be added into our future work program, so this would be a medium term project.
6. Bicycle parking at the beach entrance is a possibility, with securing grant funds to do so.

Also, I wanted to note that the County has applied for a Coastal Permit to extend the existing overnight parking restrictions in downtown Bolinas for one year so we can continue working with the community on other possible solutions, such as these above and the larger program for residential parking permit program. The pandemic halted some of the efforts, especially as they related to working with community members. This would simply extend the CP for 1 year; otherwise the CP would expire on November 21, 2021. We can continue working in parallel on these other options while the overnight parking restrictions continue.