

Board of County Councilors Inquiry Response – (PW2015-6)

Inquiry: Fazio Neighborhood Park, provide parking for the park along NE 21st Ave.

Inquiry Date: Spring 2015

Councilor: Tom Mielke

Public Works Staff Review

Responding Staff: Heath Henderson and Carolyn Heniges

Response Date: July 7, 2015

Background/Facts

Fazio Neighborhood Park

- The Park was constructed in 2010. Neighborhood parks are not required to provide parking on the park site, but use available parking within the neighborhood. At the site design phase, the intent was for the public to walk or bicycle to the park, not drive. There was a small area along NW 23rd Court that was designated for parking. The parking area is in a residential area and there is no signing identifying the park parking area.
- This neighborhood park has large open fields that have been used for soccer. On many days, park users park vehicles along the west side of NW 21st Ave. When they do so, they park in a striped bike lane, forcing any bikes to maneuver around the parked cars. Our parks department staff has contacted the soccer organizations to advise them that neighborhood parks are not intended for that type of organized use, and have offered to work with them to find other locations that are equipped for that type of use.

Public Works Improvements

- In order to prevent parking on NW 21st Ave., Public Works installed “NO PARKING ON PAVEMENT” which is consistent with the type of configuration built along the park frontage. They were installed in the east side of the NW 21st Ave. The signs received very little compliance.

Public Works Alternatives Considered

- Sign both sides of NW 21st Ave. “NO PARKING” and install signs that would direct park users to NW 23rd Court. Staff felt that this would push the parking into a residential area and the County would get push back from the residents
- Use the LDS Church parking lot for parking. Parks did approach the Church and propose parking in their lot. The Church was not receptive to this proposal.
- Reconstruct the east side of the park to provide parking off of NW 21st Ave. This was not a viable solution, because of cost and schedule.
- Restripe NW 21st Ave. to allow parking on the west side and sign the east side “NO PARKING”. This will eliminate the bike lane on the west side of NW 21st Ave. The bike lane along NW 21st Ave. is very inconsistent.

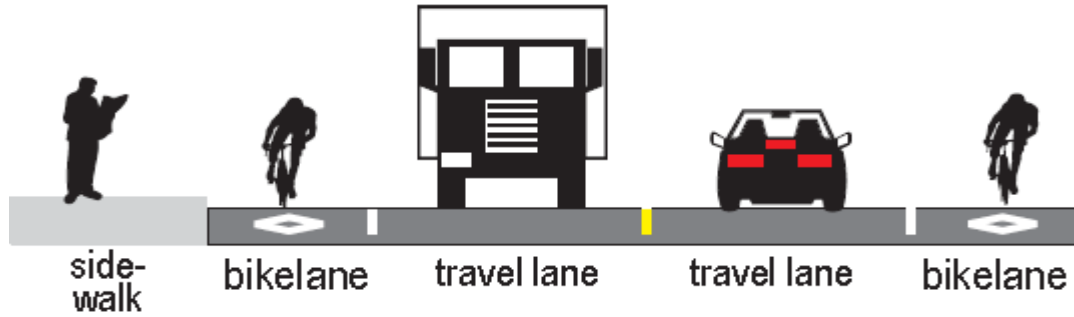
Public Works Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the last solution: restripe NW 21st Ave. to allow parking on the west side. This can be done with little cost and in a timely manner. NW 21st Ave. does not have constant bike lanes along it currently and staff feels the removal of the bike lane would not be a great impact to the operations and safety of NW 21st Ave.

PW Recommendation Accepted by County Manager: ___ Yes ___ No Date: ___
 County Manager Recommendation Accepted by BOCC: ___ Yes ___ No Date: ___

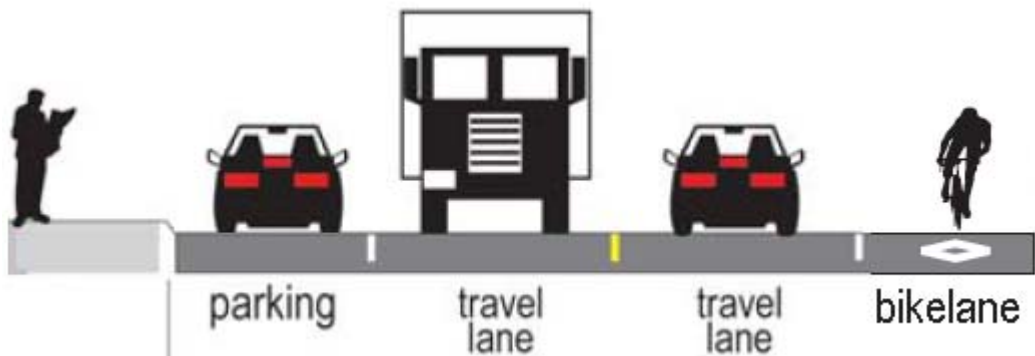
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Fazio Park Parking



Legend

- Building Footprints
- Taxlots
- Roads
- ImageOrtho
 - Red: Band_1
 - Green: Band_2
 - Blue: Band_3
- Cities Boundaries
- Urban Growth Boundaries

Notes:

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