

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACTION BY PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – N. PORTER ROAD

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: On February 12, 2014, the City received a letter from Dr. John Snavelly, Superintendent of the Porterville Unified School District. Dr. Snavelly raised concerns regarding the parking of large semi-tractor trailers and the poor condition of N. Porter Road. The poor condition of N. Porter Road is a direct result from the parking of the large tractor-trailer rigs. The section of Porter Road in question is from Pioneer Avenue north for a distance of approximately 750'.

Porter Road at this location can be considered as Phase I of Parcel Map 4078 recorded in 1993. At full development, N. Porter Road will extend from Pioneer Avenue to Linda Vista and will serve as a frontage road. Even though Parcel Map 4078 shows 16 – ¾ acre parcels and one 5.6 acre parcel, the likelihood that the property will develop as shown in the parcel map is very remote.

Dr. Snavelly asks that the City act to prevent the parking of tractor-trailer rigs along N. Porter Road. This can be accomplished by “candy-striping” the curb or placing “No Truck Parking” signs. Further, Dr. Snavelly asks that the City and Porterville Unified meet to discuss the future use or non-use of N. Porter Road. Staff feels that it is important for the City to meet with Porterville Unified School District to fully understand the School’s position as it relates to their “non-use” statement.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Direct the Public Works Director to act in whatever manner is appropriate to eliminate truck parking along N. Porter Road; and
2. Direct the City Manager to schedule a meeting with Porterville Unified School District and appropriate City staff to discuss the future use of N. Porter Road.

ATTACHMENT: PUSD Letter Dated February 12, 2014
Locator Map

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February 12, 2014

The Honorable Cam Hamilton
Mayor of Porterville
291 N. Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257

Dear Mayor Hamilton:

At a recent City/School District Coordinating Committee meeting, the topic of the Porterville Unified School District's current and projected use of the District's facility at 900 West Pioneer Avenue (formerly known as the old Rockwell Manufacturing Plant) was discussed. This facility currently houses the Porterville Adult School, Butterfield Charter High School, the District's central kitchen, and is in the design phase of the Porterville Military Academy.

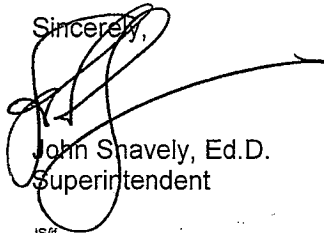
As part of this discussion, the condition and use of Porter Road, which separates our facility and Highway 65, was raised as a concern. Currently, large trucks and trailers routinely park on the street. Often trailers full of goods are placed there without the truck. In addition, the condition of the road, and especially the turn-around at the end, is horrible, if not dangerous.

The purpose of this letter is to seek support of the City Council to address the current condition and to consider the long range use and need of the street. On behalf of the Porterville Unified School District Board of Trustees, we request that City staff take immediate action to prevent the parking of trucks on this street. We also request that discussions between the administration of Porterville Unified School District and the City of Porterville take place to secure permanent solutions to the use, or non-use, of Porter Road.

The District has some very significant and positive plans for this facility that will be of great benefit to the community. It is our desire to work closely with the City to ensure our plans are aligned with the City's vision and goals for this area.

We look forward to further discussions regarding the future of Porterville.

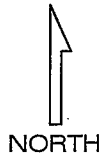
Sincerely,



John Snavely, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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C: PUSD Governing Board
John Lollis, City Manager
City Council
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NORTH GRAND AVE.



**SUBJECT
LOCATION**

REID AVE.

HWY 65

PORTER RD.

COBB ST.

PIONEER

OHIO ST

COTTAGE PL
AVE

CLOVERLEAF

LA VIDA

WISCONSIN

MILO ST.

LA VIDA AVE.

CHARLES LN

CLINTON LN

WESTFIELD

AVE

VILLA ST.

HOWLAND ST.

COBB ST.

COBB

LISA LN

MONTE VISTA
ELEMENTARY
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