

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: 1/24/11  
Item No.: 12 . a

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Approve Resolution Requesting Ramsey County Establish Further Parking Restrictions on County Road B-2

**BACKGROUND**

Last summer the Traffic Safety Committee received a request to review the safety of current parking regulation on County Road B-2 from Hamline Avenue to Lexington Avenue. Residents were concerned with the allowed parking on both sides of B-2 during the increasing number of events held at the Roseville High School Stadium. Currently parking is allowed on both sides on this stretch of road except during the hours of 7am to 3pm. This allows parking on both sides during sporting events at the stadium. The residents are concerned with the narrowness of the street not allowing two large vehicles to meet when vehicles are parked both sides. There are also concerns for the occupants of those vehicles when entering and exiting their vehicles and crossing the street between vehicles under these conditions.

Staff reviewed the street width and determined the existing road is 34 feet wide. With vehicles parked on both sides there is only 16 to 18 feet left for two way traffic to pass. This is inadequate for a street with 6100 vehicles per day under current design standards. It would be hazardous for a fire truck or any large vehicle to meet another vehicle with parked vehicles on both sides. Staff contacted the School District on this issue and received a response that they would support further restricting parking to only allow parking on the south side.

The Committee requested the residents provide a petition indicating a majority of the residents support a restriction of no parking on the north side of the street. Attached is a copy of the petition received. (Attachment B) Seventy three percent of the single family parcels appear to support the change. Staff will notify the affected parcels that this will be under consideration at the Council meeting.

This roadway is under Ramsey County jurisdiction and will require them to concur with the proposed change and to make the physical improvements. This would include signage and possibly restriping the pavement. Ramsey County staff has indicated support for the change if the city requests it.

**POLICY OBJECTIVE**

The City cooperates with the County and State to provide a safe transportation network for motorists, pedestrians, and residents. Regulating parking is necessary to achieve that objective based on the needs and safety of all stakeholders.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

This request should have no financial impact on the City of Roseville.

30 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
31 Staff recommends the Council approve a resolution requesting Ramsey County to establish no parking  
32 anytime on the north side of County Road B-2 from Hamline Avenue to Lexington Avenue.

33 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**  
34 Approve Resolution requesting Ramsey County to establish no parking anytime on the north side of County  
35 Road B-2 from Hamline Avenue to Lexington Avenue.

**Prepared by:** Duane Schwartz, Public Works Director  
Attachments: A. Resolution  
B. Petition  
C. Location Map

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota was duly held on the 24th day of January, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent: .

Member introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION No.  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING RAMSEY COUNTY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY ROAD B-2**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roseville, as follows:

WHEREAS, County Road B-2 from Hamline Avenue to Lexington Avenue is a County State Aid roadway;

AND WHEREAS, such roadway is under Ramsey County jurisdiction and maintained by Ramsey County Public Works;

AND WHEREAS, Ramsey County sets parking restrictions on it roadway system;

AND WHEREAS, The city has received a petition from residents of this segment of roadway seeking further parking restrictions on this segment of County road B-2 due to roadway width and safety concerns

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Roseville, that the City of Roseville requests Ramsey County to establish no parking anytime on the north side of County Road B-2 from Hamline Avenue to Lexington Avenue;

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member

, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same: none.

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



*JANET A. HENQUINET, Ph.D.*

1187 County Road B2 West, Roseville, MN 55113 ·651-483-3098 ·janethenquinet@comcast.net

October 29, 2010

Duane Schwartz, Public Works Director  
City of Roseville  
2660 Civic Center Drive  
Roseville, MN 55113

Hi Duane,

As you requested, I have contacted my neighbors about banning parking on the north side of County Road B2 between Lexington and Hamline. The petition with signatures is enclosed.

My visits with the petitioners provided an opportunity for them to express numerous concerns about the degradation of the quality of life and property values for the neighbors of the high school.

I identified several concerns in my June 2, 2010 email (copy attached):

1. Those of us who live across from the school have great difficulty safely exiting (and even entering) our driveways. I now have friends inquire about the traffic situation before making plans to come to my house.
2. Many times people will park with 1-3 feet of their vehicle on my grass since large vehicles do not really fit within the white lines on the street.
3. Most important is the safety hazard created when trying to drive down the street with cars lining both sides. Car doors swinging open into the lane of traffic, adults and children darting out from between cars, and generally heavy pedestrian traffic when there is extremely limited visibility for drivers are the proverbial "accidents waiting to happen". This situation is obviously exacerbated further when we have both athletic events and the evening rush hour backup from the Lexington Avenue traffic light. Tooting horns and screeching brakes always make my heart beat a bit faster.

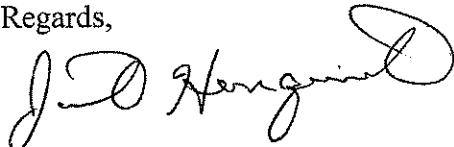
In addition, my neighbors reminded me:

4. Emergency vehicle access is a problem and a critical issue (noted by former fire truck driver) when cars park on both sides of the street.
5. The noise pollution for neighbors of the high school has increased significantly since the athletic field is now rented out and used more frequently so we should at least get some relief from the parking problems.

6. Parking in front of mailboxes is a problem for both the post office and the residents.
7. Private driveways are now frequently used for U turns creating a safety issue on private property.
8. The designated "exit only" on the east end of the school parking lot is used for both exit and entrance but the designation creates another hazard when drivers ignore it and block traffic.

You have previously indicated that the road, if being built today using state or federal funds, would not meet current design standards for parking on both sides. Given that situation and the problems indicated by residents we sincerely hope that the Traffic Safety Committee and the Roseville City Council will request Ramsey County to ban parking on the north side of the road. I will be glad to appear at either a committee or council meeting if that is appropriate/necessary.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Henquinet". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janet Henquinet

TO: ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
 FROM: RESIDENTS ON COUNTY ROAD B2 W

**PETITION TO RESTRICT PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD B2 WEST  
 Between Lexington and Hamline Avenues**

As current residents of County Road B2 West between Lexington and Hamline Avenues we request that the City of Roseville and Ramsey County limit parking to one side of the road.

We make this request due to traffic congestion and serious safety issues when there are school events.

It is our understanding that if the road were being built today it is not wide enough to allow parking on both sides under state and federal funding guidelines. This is further justification for our request.

To ease both congestion and address safety concerns we request that parking be allowed on the south side of B2 (high school side) and no parking be allowed on the north side of B2.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
Jonathan Hengquind	1187 Co. Rd B2 W	10/1/2010
Trung Nguyen	1181 County Rd B2 West	10/05/10
Dienhuyen	1181 County Rd B2 W	10/3/10
Arden Nguyen	1181 County Rd B2 W	10/5/10
John Krakovich	1195 County Rd B2 W	10/16/10
Andrew Lakowich	1195 Co. Rd B-2 W	10/18/10
Michael Skowich	" " " "	10/18/10
Tom W. Anderson	1201 W. Co. Rd B2	10/18/10
Norm & Waldemarson	" " " "	"
Alfred C. Jones	1207 Co. Rd. B-2	10-18-10
William Allen	2403 N. DANCAP ST	10-18-10
Rudrey J. Swenson	1145 Co. Rd B-2 W	10-18-10
Norman J. Hryg	1137 W. Co. Rd. B-2	10-18-10
James M. Hryg	" " " "	10-18-10
Pat Buckholz	1115 Co. Rd B2	10-18-10
Vic Buckholz	1115 Co. Rd B2	10-18-10

1129 Co. Rd B2 currently vacant/for sale

Questions? Contact Jonathan Hengquind 651-483-3098

**Janet Henquinet**

8/17/10  
please message

**From:** "Janet Henquinet" <janethenquinet@comcast.net>  
**To:** <duane.schwartz@ci.roseville.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:06 AM  
**Subject:** B2 parking restrictions (Lexington to Hamline)  
 Hi Duane,

As we discussed yesterday I am requesting further parking restrictions on the north side of County Road B2 between Lexington and Hamline.

I live at 1187 County Road B2 and have been here since 1973. Traffic continually increases on this road as one would expect but since the enlargement of Rosedale and the addition of the movie theatres the increase has been even more noticeable. In addition to the general increase we now have daily traffic backups from the Lexington Avenue intersection past my house during evening rush hour.

Most importantly, there is a serious safety issue when there are athletic events at the high school. Even though there may be parking spaces available in the school parking lot many people choose to park on both sides of B2 and be as close to the gates as possible. This creates a number of problems:

1. Those of us who live across from the school have great difficulty safely exiting (and even entering) our driveways. I now have friends inquire about the traffic situation before making plans to come to my house.
2. Many times people will park with 1-3 feet of their vehicle on my grass since large vehicles do not really fit within the white lines on the street.
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My request is for a general parking ban on the north side of B2 between Lexington and Hamline. If that is not possible/feasible I am requesting that, at minimum, there be a north side parking ban during school or athletic events. In the latter case I am not sure what signage could be used to avoid confusion and enforcement problems so I leave that up to the city and county to determine.

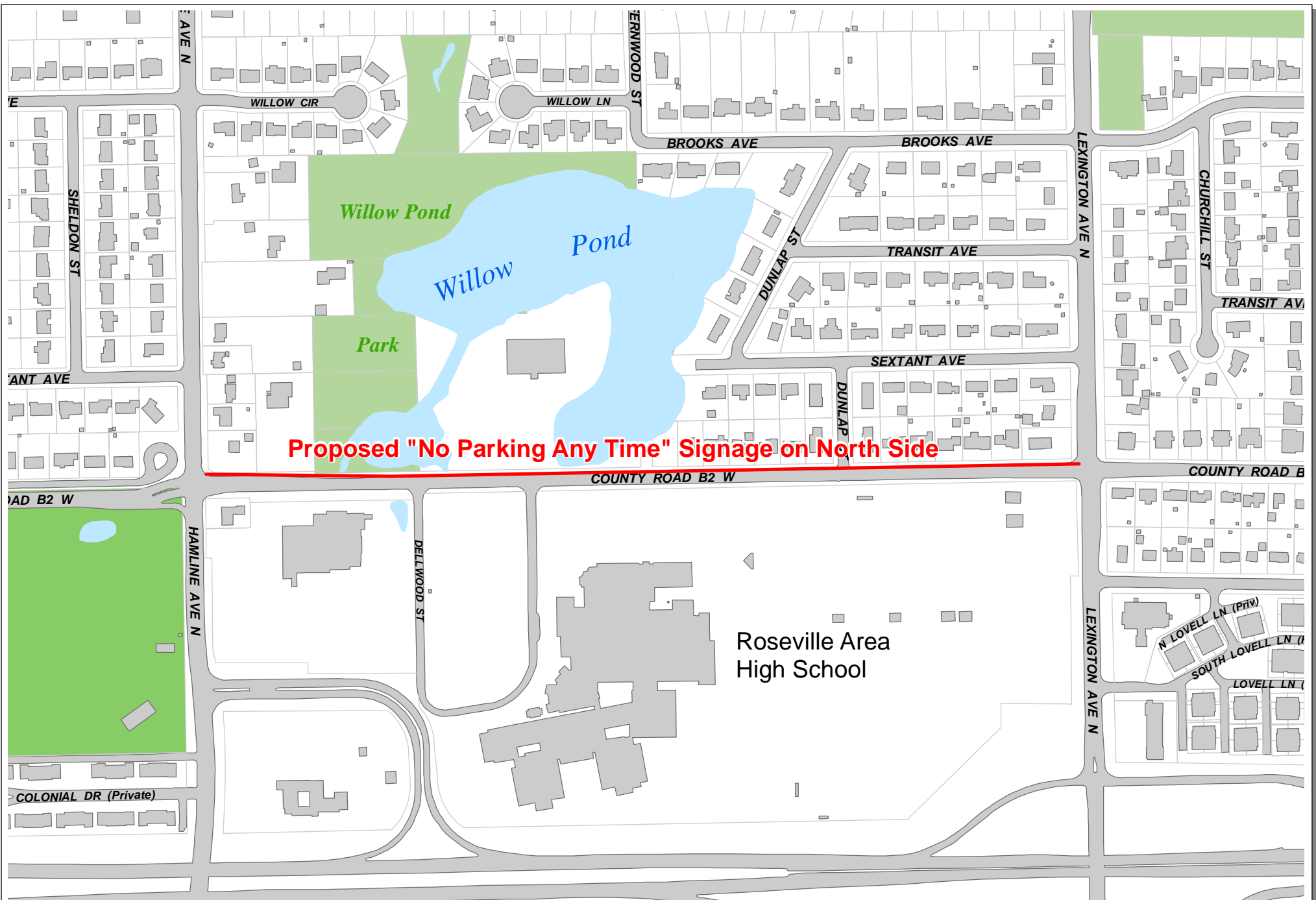
I definitely am not complaining about state fair parking but would like to add that a general parking ban on the north side would also help the safety situation during the two weekends of the fair when fairgoers park on both sides of the street.

Please feel free to call me if I can provide any further information 651-483-3098 and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,  
 Janet

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# County Road B2 Parking Signage



Prepared by:  
Engineering Department  
January 14, 2011

Data Sources and Contacts:  
\* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (11/29/10)  
\* City of Roseville Engineering Department  
For further information regarding the contents of this map contact:  
City of Roseville, Engineering Department,  
2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville MN

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