

Councilmembers,

In 2015, Snohomish County's own Traffic Investigator's Report documented three large concrete pillars blocking the public right-of-way at Hillman Place. Fire District 14 — now North County Fire/EMS — told the County this was their **only access point to the beach** for emergency response. County staff assured the pillars would be removed.

It is now 2025. Those pillars are still there, or have been replaced, and they continue to obstruct emergency access. For ten years, the County has known this location is critical for fire and rescue, yet the hazard remains.

This is not just about public access. It is about life safety. If someone on the beach needs emergency response, firefighters and medics cannot reach them quickly. The Fire District itself asked for these barriers to be cleared. The County promised action and has not delivered.

I urge the Council to direct immediate removal of the concrete pillars at Hillman Place. The Fire District must have unimpeded access to the beach for emergencies, as the County recognized ten years ago.

Thank you.

TRAFFIC INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Received By: Dale

Assigned To: Curt

15- 354

Last Name: Durham

Date of Request: 6/29/2015

First Name: Alessandra

Date Assigned: 6/29/2015

Address: Legislative Aide to Councilmember Ken Klein

Date Due:

City, State, Zip:

Date Completed: 7-1-15

Email:

Phone # (1):

(2)

Ext:

Date WO Sent: N/A

Service

Type: STI

Priority: /

Budget #: /

Estimate: /

Sign: ☐

Paint: ☐

Other: ☐

Guidepost: ☐

Therm: ☐

RPM: ☐

Road Log #:

63210

Milepost:

1.440

Atlas

Street:

Soundview Dr NW

Cross Street:

End of County Road

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Description:

Request to investigate cement blocks at the end of the county road.

Date / Actions:

6/29/15 received a chain of emails from Dale requesting investigate barricades/blocks at the end of Soundview Drive that block the public beach access.

6/30/15 Field review, photos taken three large cement pillars were placed on their side to cross the beach access west of the edge of pavement. Road log TIR 09-360 dealing with parking issues has note that Fire District 14 needs emergency access to the beach at this location. Dale suggested placing type II barricades in front of the cement pillars until they are removed.

Called North County Fire 360-629-2184, spoke with Battalion Chief Scott Johnston. Explained to him about the large cement pillars found blocking the public beach access on Soundview DR NW. He was familiar with the area and stated that that is their only access to the beach. He said he has to verify that it is a public access before he starts his investigation with the area homeowners association to have them removed. I explained that pillars are off the county paved road but the county would like to install signs to warn vehicles of the end of roadway and potential hazard if the pillars were left in place. He said their plans would be to remove the pillars but would need to know what they looked like. I told him I would forward a photo of them along with right of way information.

His email address is : sjohnston@northcountyfireems.com

Emailed photo and information to Battalion Chief Scott Johnston.

Emailed update to Alessandra Durham.

7/1/15 Called Keith Swezey, Road Maintenance advised him that two Type II barricades are needed in front of the cement pillars.

Conclusions:

Traffic operations responded to a citizen reporting large cement blocks placed at the end of Soundview Drive NW. The cement block/pillars were recently placed (within the last month) according to reporting citizen and found to be west of the paved roadway. Traffic operation forwarded the photos and information onto Fire District 14 that will work with the homeowners association to remove the cement blocks due to blocking the emergency access onto the beach.

Recommended By:

CTA 7-1-15

Approved By:

Approved By:

MT Min 7-1-15

Greg Niden 7-1-15

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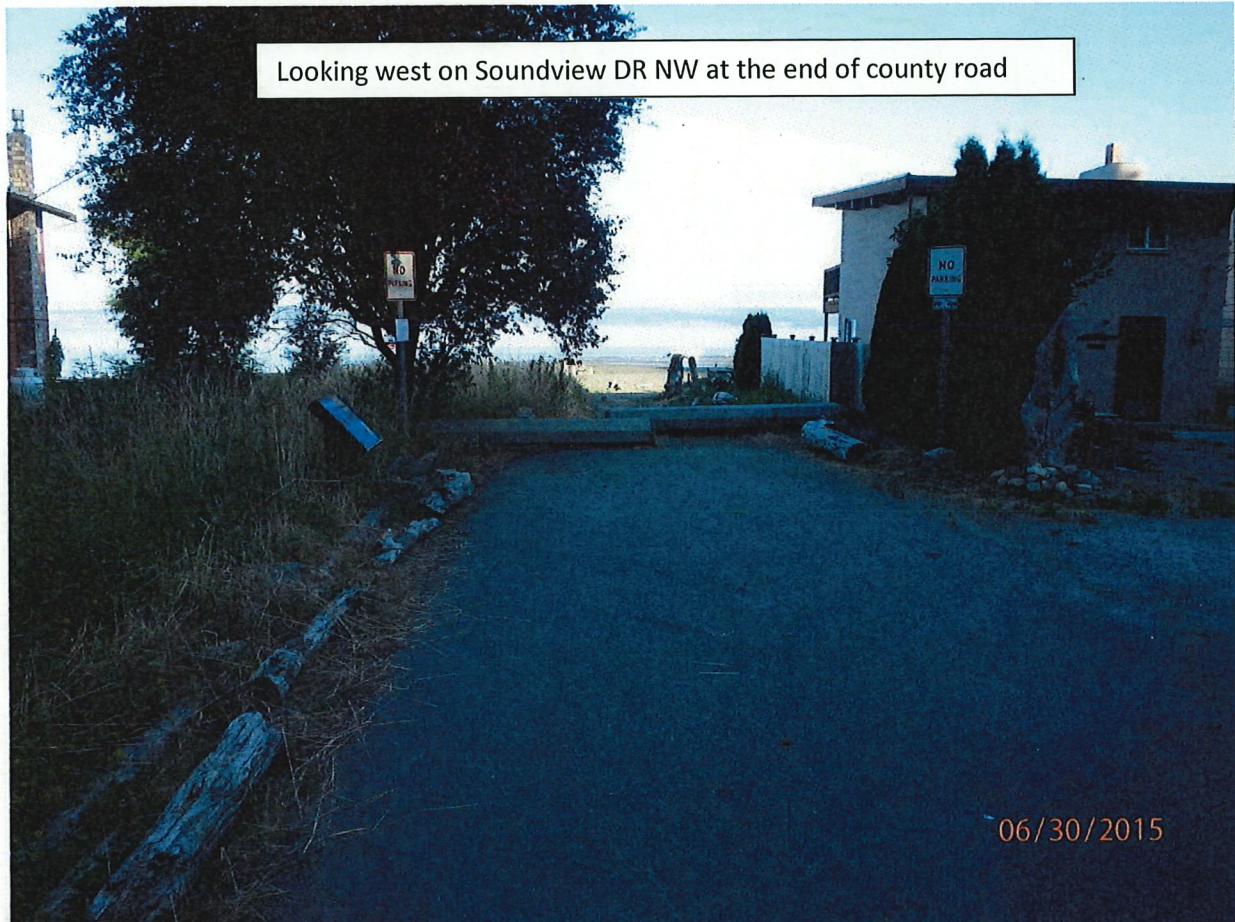


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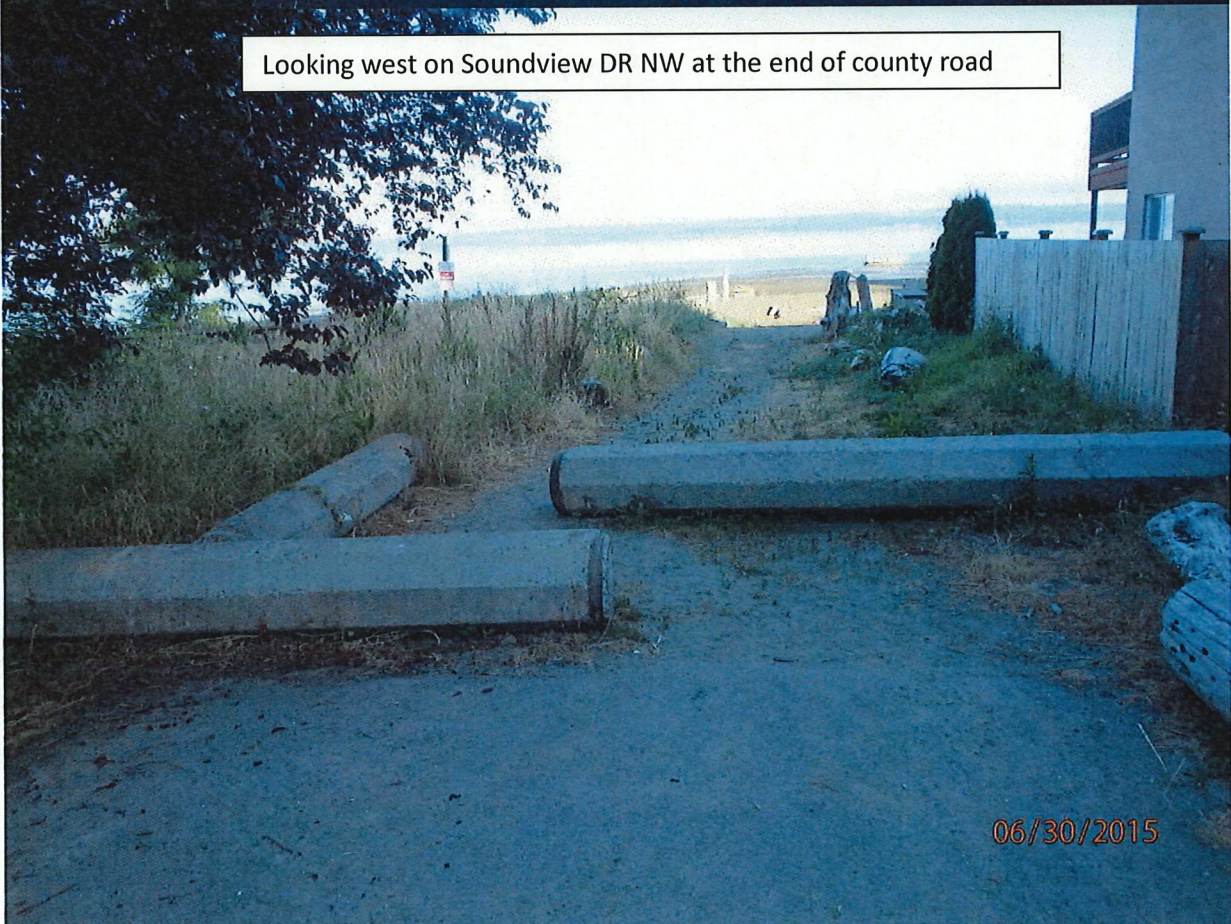
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Index	Mpost	Feature	Detail
1721	01.250	Reference Point >>	SOUNDVIEW DR NW @ 188TH ST NW
48384	01.252	Sign <>	ACTIVE-DEAD END W/ARROW ✓
7139	01.252	Sign <>	ACTIVE-DEAD END ✓
7140	01.254	Sign <>	ACTIVE-STOP ✓
15884	01.330	Sign <>	ACTIVE-TOW AWAY ZONE
6181	01.330	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ON PAVEMENT
6182	01.371	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING BEYOND THIS POINT ✓
51843	01.395	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ✓
59266	01.404	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ✓
59267	01.407	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ✓
59268	01.411	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ✓
59269	01.418	Sign <>	ACTIVE-NO PARKING ✓
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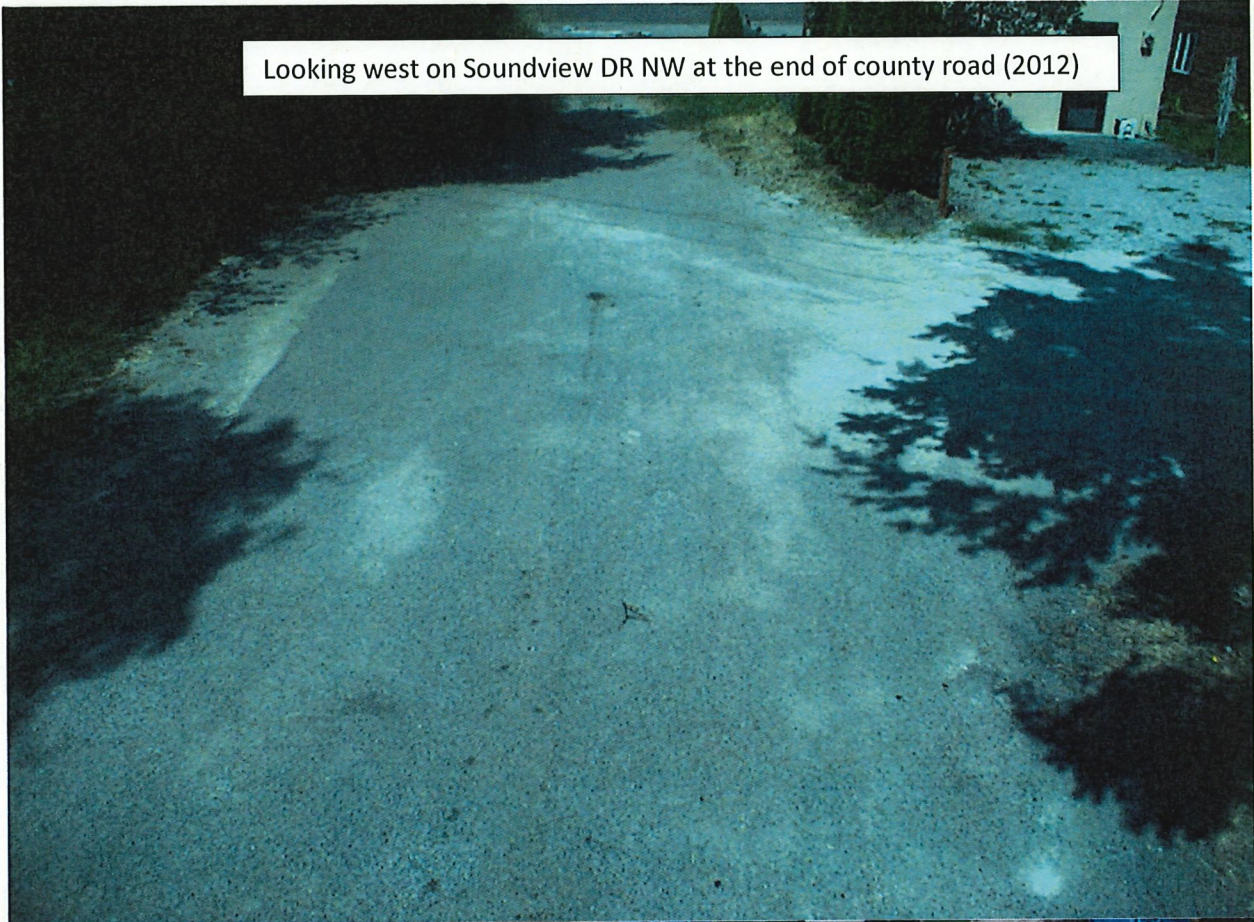


Looking west on Soundview DR NW at the end of county road

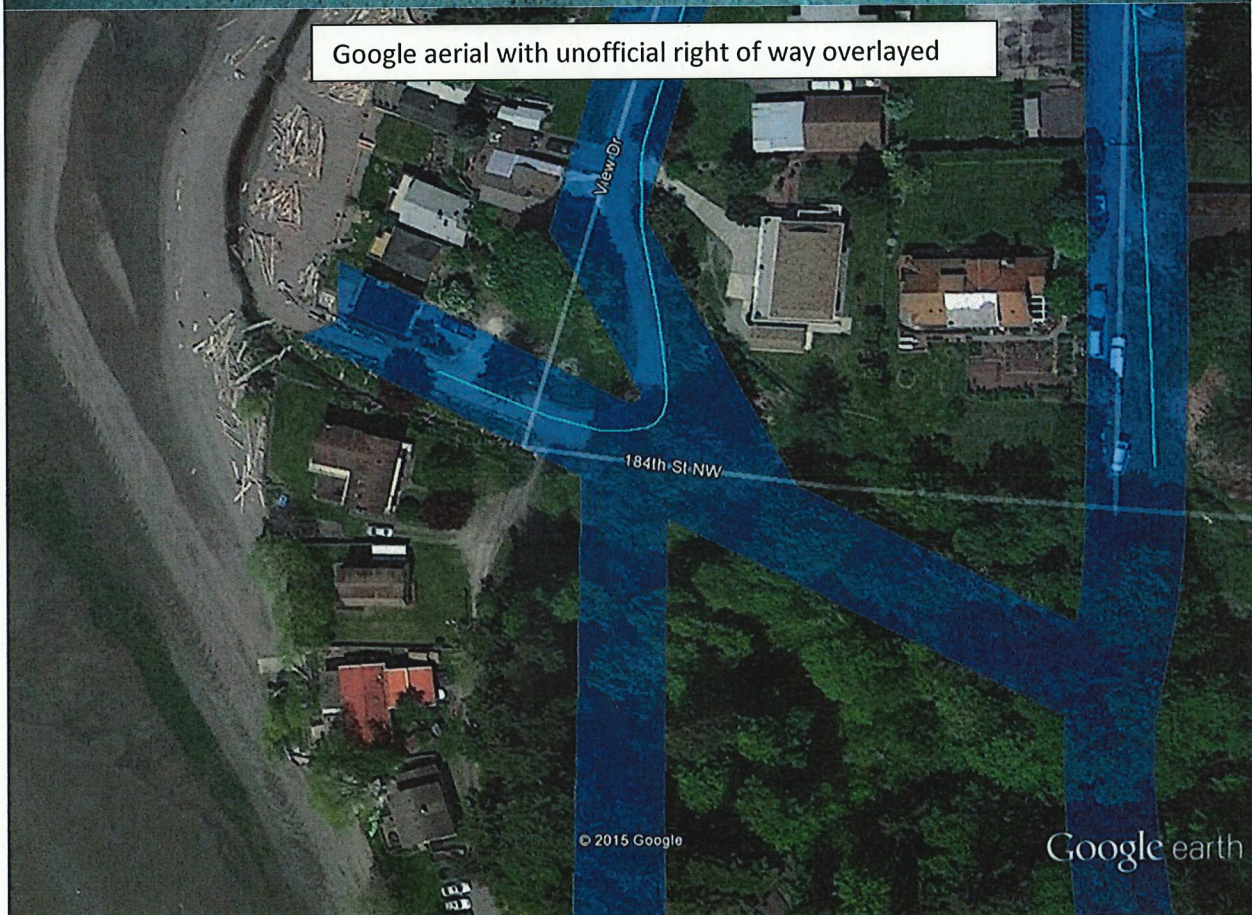


Looking west on Soundview DR NW at the end of county road

Looking west on Soundview DR NW at the end of county road (2012)



Google aerial with unofficial right of way overlaid



Ladines, Curt

From: Ladines, Curt
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:50 AM
To: 'sjohnston@northcountyfireems.com'
Subject: Soundview Drive NW (Beach Access)
Attachments: 20150630084543419.pdf; P6300002.JPG; P6300003.JPG

Scott,

Attached are photos of the cement pillars that are at the end of the County road and deed map for that area. I found this name in a separate communication, the president of Warm Beach Community Association is Anna Porter with phone of 425 753-0385. She had contacted Public Works on another issue and not about these cement pillars.

If you have additional questions on the right of way a good contact is Jeanne-Marie Lane at 425 388-6440.

We are planning on placing type II barricades in front of the pillars. Once the pillars are removed you can give me a call and we will pick up the signs.

I hope this helps.

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Ladines, Curt

From: Durham, Alessandra
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Ladines, Curt
Cc: Valliant, Dale; Durham, Alessandra
Subject: RE: Stanwood Parking Issue/Soundview Drive

Thank you, Curt and Dale! We really appreciate how quickly you were able to get to this. We'll follow up with the constituent.

-Alessandra

From: Ladines, Curt
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Durham, Alessandra
Cc: Valliant, Dale
Subject: RE: Stanwood Parking Issue/Soundview Drive

Good Morning Alessandra,

Traffic operations looked into the barricade/blocks at the end of Soundview DR NW and found that they were west of the paved portion of the roadway. We have been in contact with Fire District 14 to advise them of these barricades and they are going to contact the local homeowners association to make arrangement for their removal. Fire District 14 needs to have this access clear as they stated it is their only access to this beach.

I have attached a photo that was taken this morning.

Thanks,

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From: Durham, Alessandra
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Valliant, Dale
Cc: Ladines, Curt
Subject: RE: Stanwood Parking Issue/Soundview Drive

Thank you, Curt and Dale! Ken and I appreciate your help with this.

-Alessandra

From: Valliant, Dale
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 1:01 PM
To: Durham, Alessandra
Cc: Ladines, Curt
Subject: RE: Stanwood Parking Issue/Soundview Drive

Hello Alessandra,

No, this is the first I've heard, and we wouldn't authorize such action. Better have a look.

Curt: could you please drive out and see what's going on?

Thanks,

Dale Valliant | Supervisor
 Traffic Operations

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From: Durham, Alessandra
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 11:43 AM
To: Valliant, Dale
Cc: Klein, Ken; Durham, Alessandra
Subject: Stanwood Parking Issue/Soundview Drive
Importance: High

Good Morning Dale,

I received a call from a second constituent regarding park at Soundview Drive (specifically 188th St. NW. The same area Cameron Kane would like parking). The caller stated that a barricade/blocks have been placed there in the last month or so preventing access to the area. Did Snohomish County place this there? Have you received any other complaints about this? Thank you for your help with this!

All the best,

Alessandra Durham
Legislative Aide to Councilmember Ken Klein
Snohomish County Council | District 1

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