

## Aptos post office submits parking expansion plans

Plans to expand the public parking lot at the Aptos post office have been submitted to the Postal Service's regional headquarters, Aptos postmaster Carol Clyde said Friday.

Traffic jams in the post office parking lot with cars backed out onto Cathedral Drive and Trout Gulch Road are frequent occurrences.

The changes, Clyde said, should alleviate the congestion in the Post Office parking lot itself.

But the real problem, she said, lies in the Trout Gulch-Cathedral Drive intersection.

Clyde said the tentative plans are to nearly double the number of public parking spaces at the post office and rebuild the entrance and exit driveways to ease traffic congestion. The office now has 19 public parking space. Clyde said the proposal calls for adding 16

spaces.

Clyde said Friday that the new plans, which still have to be approved by the Postal Service hierarchy, call for building a new entrance on Trout Gulch Road through the area where the flag pole is now. Drivers wanting to simply drop mail in one of the curbside mailboxes can do so and then leave through the present exit driveway. Anyone wanting to park and go inside the post office will park in the existing parking area or in the new 16 space lot that will be built north of the existing parking. The present entrance into the employees' parking lot will become a one-way exit for employees and the public, Clyde said.

Post office employees will enter their parking lot through a separate entrance on Trout Gulch Road, Clyde said.