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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(1)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/16/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/04/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0600-S126

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The WHWC NC both supports the Transportation Committee request for LADOT to provide an action plan for staffing all crossing guard positions, and we call for immediate interim measures to provide school crossing safety during the review period. Additionally, in our role to advocate for stakeholders in Woodland Hills, we thank LADOT and LAPD for some initial actions taken to address the complaints we received from school administrators, parents and parent groups at three area elementary schools regarding traffic safety. We also ask that more permanent solutions be explored. The motion acknowledges that sometimes parents rushing their kids to school or illegally parking are, regrettably, a part of the unsafe conditions – which are further exacerbated by other drivers that use certain streets near schools for cut-throughs at both excessive speed and with little regard for Stop signs and other warnings. These issues combined with unstaffed Crossing Guard positions and extremely limited LAPD Traffic resources create an unacceptable risk to students and others during school drop-offs and pick-ups throughout LA. Included are recommendations for temporary traffic control measures and we ask that LA City and LAUSD work to better address these issues.

Community Impact Statement / 10-16-19

To: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)

Re: CF 19-0600-S126 Crossing Guards/Public School Traffic Safety & Control

Position: FOR with comments/request for action

The Board Approved this CIS on 10/16/19 by a vote of:

Aye (17) – Nay (0) – Abstain (0) – Ineligible (2) {Recusal (1)}

Update to Previous Input: NO

WHEREAS pedestrian fatalities and injuries are an ever-growing issue in the City of Los Angeles and the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee, and board members, have received complaints about pedestrian safety from parents and/or parent groups at three area elementary schools, Serrania Ave Elementary, Woodland Hills Elementary and Calabash Elementary; and,

WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles is responsible for the hiring of Crossing Guards to protect students and others during school drop-off and pick-up at LAUSD Schools, and;

WHEREAS some schools, including in the Woodland Hills area, are not staffed with their full complement of Crossing Guards and parents and administrators are being told that the it could three to four months from the point of a job offer to brining a guard on staff, and;

WHEREAS the availability of LAPD Traffic Enforcement is extremely limited in the West Valley relative to the number of residents and the number of schools in need; and,

WHEREAS, regrettably, many of the people who drive or park recklessly are, in fact, parents rushing their children to school as well as commuters seeking “short-cut” routes to Ventura Blvd and other major streets,

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and the City Council Transportation Committee work with the City Council, the Mayor’s Office on school traffic safety in general. In addition we request that CM Blumenfield work with LAUSD Board Members Melvoin and Schmerelson, and CA Assemblymember Gabriel, with regard to the specific schools for which complaints were received. We offer the following recommendations:

First, we appreciate the work that LADOT and LAPD have done to address our initial concerns regarding these schools and we recognize that there is a shortage of staffing and a backlog of projects throughout Los Angeles. We ask that while more permanent solutions work through the pipeline (*ie: crossing guard staffing*), we would like to work with CD3, LADOT, LAPD, CHP and LAUSD and local schools to explore solutions that can be implemented more quickly.

We ask that the following options be considered individually, and grouped as needed to best fit impacted school sites:

- 1) LAUSD consider implementing a student generated take-home safety awareness project for kids to show their parents, or other non e-mail outreach in conjunction with school site councils, governing boards and parent-teacher groups.

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- 2) The use of LADOT Traffic Control Officers at schools where Crossing Guard positions are vacant (*Serrania Ave* - main entrance) or additional guard positions might be warranted (*WH Elementary* - San Feliciano at De La Osa).
- 3) LADOT Parking enforcement during drop-off and pick-up times to enforce red-zone restrictions close to school cross-walks. Could start with a “warning only” period and move on to citations (*Calabash*, *Serrania*, and *WH Elementary* among others)
- 4) LADOT and Caltrans work to make the Topanga Canyon Blvd / De La Osa St. crossing safer by replacing the flashing yellow crossing signal with a Hawk type signal and that CHP monitor the crosswalk more proactively, via regular or volunteer car, during the school drop-off period from 7:45a-8:15a (*Woodland Hills Elementary*)
- 5) Allow for schools and DOT to work together to experiment with the use of safety equipment not currently in-use by LADOT such as: portable “in-street” stand up “stop for pedestrian” signs that could be used by school administrators, and/or the installation of permanent in-street stop signs on certain “one lane each direction” streets where circumstances warrant - such as when the crosswalk is wider than average (*Serrania Ave*).
- 6) LAPD use volunteer, cadet or reserve staffed cars to help enforce and calm traffic during school drop-off and pick-up hours.
- 7) LAPD/LADOT consider the use of a rotating unstaffed “dummy” LAPD car to help control reckless driving near schools. The car could have a **speed feedback sign mounted inside or on top – which could trigger the red-blue flashing lights of the car.**
- 8) LADOT and City Personnel Department work to safely speed up the background check & training process in order to get open crossing guard positions filled more quickly; and that LADOT promote open jobs more effectively in order to have staff in place at the beginning of the school year before there are more fatalities.
- 9) Work with willing school administrators, parent valets, or others to deploy cones in red zones and other safety devices to better protect pedestrians during the drop-off/pick-up times at crosswalks without crossing guards.
- 10) We ask that during the CD3 street-sweeping schedule review process, that DOT, Street Services and LAUSD explore modifying parking restriction and street sweeping times in order to allow easier parent parking near schools during pickup times (ie; Tuesdays are 1:33p dismissal days at LAUSD elementary schools and there are Street Sweeping restrictions in place from Noon - 2p Tuesdays on many streets near, for example, *Woodland Hills Elementary*).

Finally, we ask that all agencies from LADOT and LAPD to LAUSD work to find permanent, creative solutions to the ever-increasing rate of reckless driving throughout the city.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Joyce Fletcher
President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC



Sheppard Kaufman
Vice President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Cc: Councilmember Blumenfield (CD3)

Attachments: Serrania petition, Calabash letter

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Printed Name	Signature	Phone	Date
Bodie Hyman		333 781 6343	8/29/19
Kimberly Campbell		209 745 2647	8/29/19
Dana Graves		888-632-7197	8/29/19
Don Alaim		747-204 8677	8/29/19
Laura Rabinov		310 918 3059	8/29/19
Robert Anderson		818 389 0620	8/29/19
Cindy Werner		310 500-8288	8/29/19
Ten Hernandez		925-833-8331	8/29/19
Ann Armenta		818-888-1077	8/29/19
Ali ADDAY		218 493 8535	8/29/19
ADELINE SUMNEY		415 990 0345	8/29/19
Danielle Cohen		818-414-3134	8/29/19


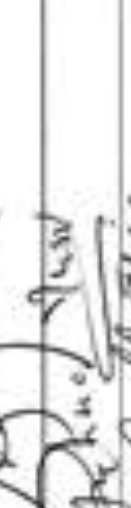
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Holly Smutzynska		514589708	8/29/19
Robert Ferran		818-773-1555	8/29/19
Bill Chen		818 5925-216 0263	8-29-19
Yanlu Chien		408-839-7788	8-29-19
Salvica Cunningham		661-992-3203	8/29/19
Cherha Shields		818-406-2185	8/29/19
Marion Corra		818-854-8051	8/29/19
Sag Pande		310433 9554	8/29/19
Chy Kon Aaashiray		618-602-3229	8/29/19
Aydim Derakhishidelo		310 920 3391	8/29/19
Bryan Tonlin		(605) 189-1911	8/29/19
Julia Neal		(818) 431-0128	8/29/19

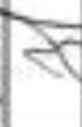

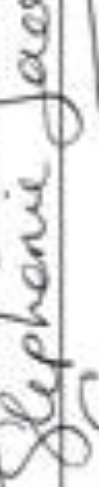









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Carrie Weingarten		818 493 0884	8/29/19
Joseph Tinter		213 448 3966	8/29/19
LINDA SALGADO		(323) 474-5577	8/29/19
Jamie Harris		(818) 359-3374	8/29/19
Lynnette Moore		818 225 1945	8/29/19
Rehna Yusuf		714-417-3182	8/29/19
Carlos Pimentel		(310) 594-6340	8/29/19
Jacquie Bounds		818 599 3525	8/29/19
Helen Tseng		(310) 462-2645	8/29/19
DR. ORTEGA		(323) 363-7746	8/29/19
Anna Lopez		323 777-9957	8/29/19
James Grant		818 746 6421	8/29/19


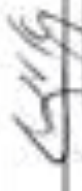
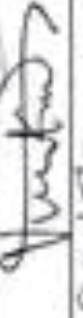





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Printed Name	Signature	Phone	Date
Gen Stein		(818) 441-3316	08/29/19
Irma Bautista		323) 702-4905	08/29/19
Stephanie Jara		(818) 554-6033	8/29/19
Carolee Frost-Duclos		818-723-1098	8/29/19
WAW LAWRENCE		818-264-4467	8/29/19
HEATHER LAWRENCE		818-577-7828	8/29/19
Margaux Gamba-Wong		(818) 943-6045	8/29/19
Kimberly Hill		918-647-368	8/27/19
Giti Dastgari		818 632 4484	8/27/19
Debra Corizzo			
Adrienne Bright		310-746-6899	8/29/19
Archie Sefian		310-309-9268	8/29/19


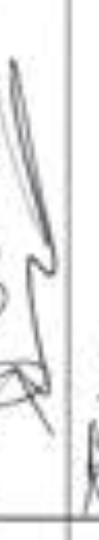

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Jessica Campbell		323 828 1824	8/29/19
Savit Amur		212-612-7900	7/29/19
Ashia Chambers		818 8144580	~
C. Farahat		318-4252880	~
VENTURA BECKMAN ALLMAN		424-558-7539	8/29/19
Tech Kadara		310 857 8332	8/29/19
Vida Solheim		818 290 1595	8/29
Brianna Chambers		818 674 3887	8/29/19
Don Levy		213 332-9861	8/29/19
Natasha Rickard		818 855 1518	8/29/19
Bryn Horne		310 562 1300	8/29/19
For Teachers			

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Tina Rabeni		818-297-4897	8-28-19
Bruce Farnsworth		310-809-6493	8-28-19
Michelle McKean		310-795-9506	8-28-19
Carolla Kyland		412-557-6028	8-28-19
Pixie Polowy		917-767-5673	8-28-19
A Jewells		818-264-5573	8-28-19
Cindy Fonseca		561-351-4021	8-28-19
MARTIN MITANI		818-884-3899	8-28-19
Ryan Zeng		951-201-2121	8/28/19
Shoni Taylor		805-610-0324	8/29/19
Richard Hays		425-45-6261	8/29/19
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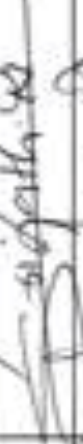


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Jean Nasquevarney		88 636-8726	8-29-19
Stefany Romero		818 404-0327	8-29-19
Nikpon		(818) 252-5790	8-29-19
SUL REBAY		818-381-7775	8-29-19
Patricia Uy		818-266-2425	8/29/19
GILLIAN MAMMONE		818-741-8294	8/29/19
Melina Sattari		818-448-2735	8/29/19
Jessica Cooper		415-990-7956	8/29/19
Seda Macgarian		818-564-8088	8/29/19
Jessica Harris		818-448-6360	8/29/19
Dorina Gherasim		747-204-8115	8/29/19

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Scott Farber		(323) 326-9017	8-28-19
IDA DE LOS		714 714 1671	8-28-19
Patty Romero		612-415-3771	8-28-19
Sri Narendra		818-414-7502	8-28-19
Andrea Penu		951-764-1471	8/28/19
Mercados Hernandez		(818) 317-5273	8/28/19
Curtis Saulnier		310 857 8603	8/28/19
RUPESH MAGANTI		818-456-4944	8/28/19
Emma Carbajal		(818) 625 6285	8/28/19
Salvador Narvaez		(818) 805-7298	8, 28, 19
Sayind Asghar		(818) 793-4009	8-28-19
MIMI STANISLAUS		918-432-4578	8-28-19

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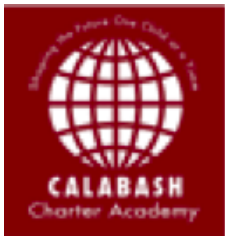
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Krista Zimmerman		818-309-6458	8/29/19
Shirley Ferien		818 521 2081	8/29/19
Alex Tolies		318 876 2522	8/25/19
Arturo Khachaturyan		(818) 414-1404	09.03-19
KE Bonds		818 312-6092	9/3/19
Ted Anwarshof		818-433-2040	9/3/19
RICKY MAMMONE		650-892-7474	9/3/19
Chelsea Maros		310-985-4122	9/3/19
Denisha Bondz		818) 679-1591	9/3/19
Dany McLean		310 339-3789	9/3/19
Angela Stroth		310 663-8032	9/3/19

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Elizabeth Stolarski-Foster		323-359-5616	9/3/19
Steven Rajic		818-585-3822	9-3-19
Nancy Manoukian		818-640-3372	9-3-19
Nikki Varady		818-681-3556	9/3/19
Kari Vaccaro		818-262-3725	9/3/19
VERONICA SANTOS		951-201-5037	9/3/19
Mike Peterson		818-800-6467	9/4/19
Yvette Worliss		818-378-3068	9/4/19
Priella Vaccaro		213-309-5903	9/4/19
Sara Lawrence		523-377-4414	9/4/19



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Superintendent of Schools

JOSEPH NACORDA
Superintendent Local District Northwest

ESTHER GILLIS
Principal

October 28, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Calabash Charter Academy is requesting support during our morning drop off starting at 7:30am-8:10am and afternoon pick up at 2:28pm - 2:45pm (1:28pm-1:45pm on Tuesdays).

We currently have parent volunteers who are in charge of the Safety Valet program during morning drop offs but we need assistance with crosswalks and additional law enforcement support for the many parents who do not adhere to safety laws and procedures.

Any support given to Calabash Charter Academy and our community will be appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at (818) 224-4430 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,
Esther Gillis, Principal