



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Safe Route to School Grant Applications to the California Department of Transportation

**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2005

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of two Safe Route to School grant applications in the total amount of \$197,000 to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In the past, the City has been successful in receiving funds from the Safe Route to School (SR2S) program for pedestrian improvements. It is time again to submit grant applications for SR2S program, 6<sup>th</sup> cycle. The program is intended to improve and enhance the safety of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Over the past year, the SR2S program funded the lighted crosswalk on Lockford Street at Calaveras Street, and this year, it will fund two additional projects – the lighted crosswalk on Elm Street at Loma Street along with the flashing beacons and school signage on Mills Avenue and Elm Street at various locations, and construction of a new roadway with pedestrian and bicycle pathway on the Pacific Avenue extension between Walnut Street and Lodi Avenue.

City staff has worked closely with Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) to identify candidate projects and, upon Council approval, will submit the following two grant applications:

- Woodbridge School – pedestrian (sidewalk) improvements on Lilac Street and Academy Street
- Citywide elementary, middle and high schools – school warning signage

#### Woodbridge School

LUSD is currently remodeling Woodbridge Elementary School on Lilac Street. As part of the project, they are required to construct the curb, gutter and sidewalk surrounding the school. Working with LUSD, the City will be submitting this application and cost estimate based on preliminary plans prepared by their architects. The cost estimate for this project is \$150,000. We submitted this grant application in previous program cycles, but funding was not provided.

#### Citywide Elementary, Middle and High Schools

Recently-adopted federal and state guidelines mandated additional school pedestrian warning signs at school sites. The compliance date for installation of these new signs is January 2011. The new signs include School Advance Warning Assembly (S1-1 "two pedestrians walking" and W16-9p "ahead") in advance of the existing school signs and School Crosswalk Warning Assembly (S1-1 "two pedestrians walking" and W16-7p "downward arrow") at school crosswalks (see attached exhibit). The new guidelines have eliminated the crosswalk lines from the crossing signs. This signage provides additional warning for motorists entering a school zone and approaching school crosswalks. The estimated cost for this project is \$47,000

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Blair King, City Manager

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City staff considered submitting a grant application for pedestrian safety improvements on Elm Street at Pacific Avenue. However, given the current SR2S Pacific Avenue extension project adjacent to Lodi High School, we prefer to wait until after the project has been completed. Traffic patterns will change after the extension is completed, as well as with the upcoming attendance boundary changes. If typical pedestrian safety improvements were installed, such as flashing beacons or lighted crosswalk, the estimated cost would be at least 550,000. However, these typical measures would do little to alleviate the congestion that occurs at this location during the peak times.

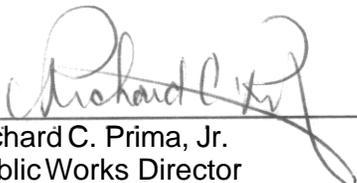
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

LUSD is responsible for any matching or additional costs on the Woodbridge School grant, Ongoing maintenance costs would be per City policies. The sign grant would actually reduce the City's costs over the next few years, as these signs would be required by 2011.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

The Safe Route to School program provides up to 90% of the total project costs. The remaining 10% of the project is the local agency's responsibility. The City will work with LUSD to cover these costs. Any City matching funds would be from the Transportation Development Act or Measure K funds.

  
James R. Krueger, Finance Director

  
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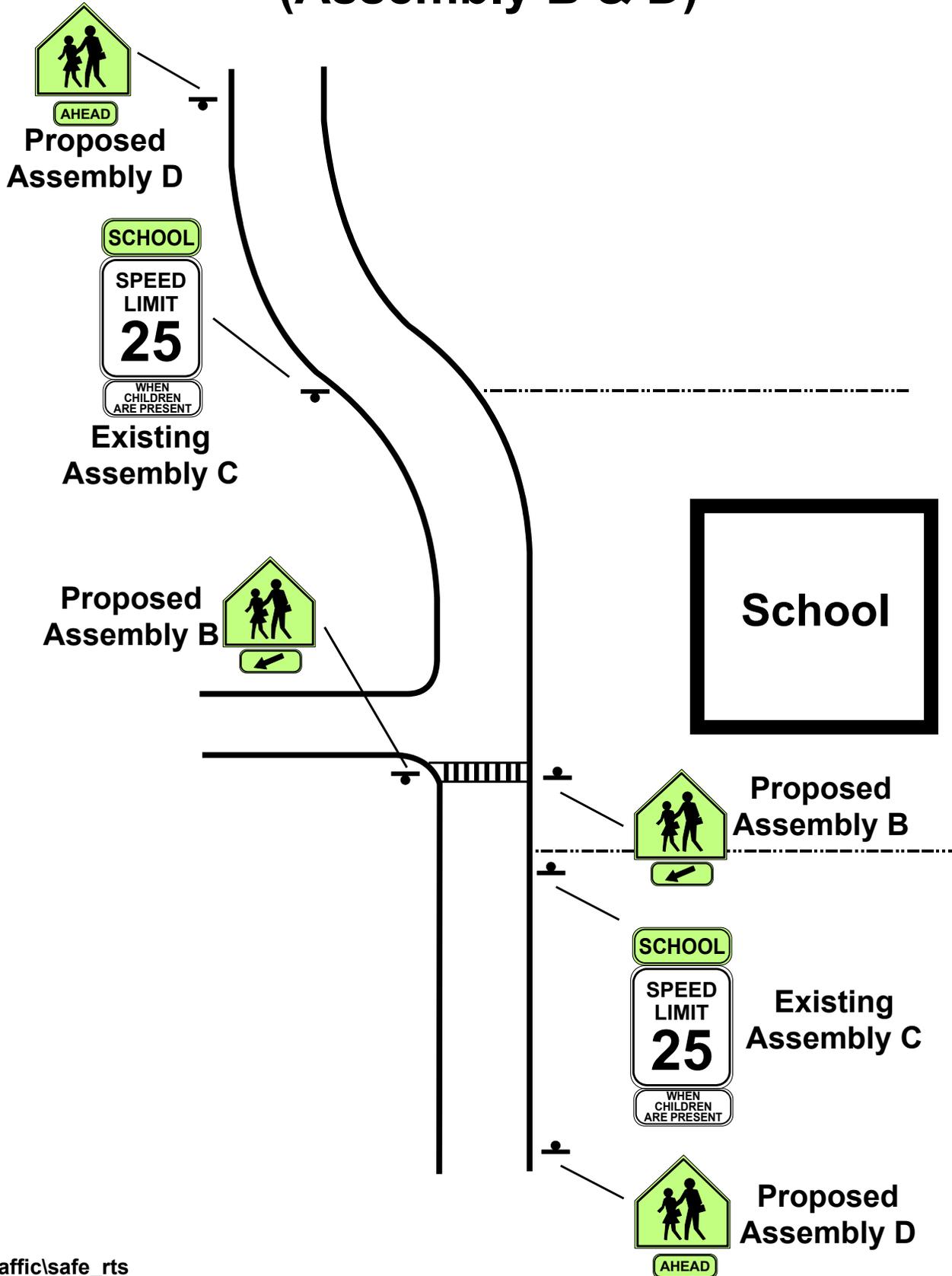
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Attachment

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LUSD Construction Project Specialist, Gary Yokum

# SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT PROPOSED SCHOOL SIGNING (Assembly B & D)



RESOLUTION NO. 2005-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT  
APPLICATIONS TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)

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WHEREAS, Caltrans has developed the "Safe Routes to School" Program under the Federal Hazard Elimination and Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi recognizes the need for additional funding from the Safe Routes to School Program to reduce accidental injuries and improve safety for those students walking and bicycling to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi, in conjunction with the Lodi Unified School District, has worked to identify candidate projects for the submittal of grant applications for Caltrans' "Safe Routes to School" Program and have prioritized a list of proposed improvements as follows:

Priority	Location	School	Type of Improvement
1.	Lilac Street and Academy Street	Woodbridge	Pedestrian (Sidewalk) Improvements
2.	Citywide	Citywide Elementary, Middle and High Schools	School Warning Signage

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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Safe Route to School Grant Applications to the California Department of Transportation

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, June 15, 2005. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez, Senior Traffic Engineer, at 333-6800, extension 2667.

*for:*   
Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk