



# CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: City Council  
 FROM: City Manager  
 MEETING DATE: November 15, 1988  
 AGENDA TITLE: Review Adult Crossing Guard Study at Elm Street and Mills Avenue and Elm Street and Loma Drive

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) sent the attached letters requesting the Public Works Department study the Elm Street and Mills Avenue, and Elm Street and Loma Drive intersections for an adult crossing guard.

Staff performed the necessary studies for an adult crossing guard in accordance with the guidelines adopted by Caltrans. The guidelines require that at least **40** elementary school pedestrians use the crossing when going to or from school each of any two hours daily and the traffic volume exceeds 350 vehicles when the major **street** has no control. The traffic volume must exceed 500 vehicles when the major street is controlled by stop signs. The results of the vehicle and pedestrian counts are as follows:

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONTROL ON MAJOR ST.	MORNING COUNT		AFTERNOON COUNT		VOLUMES NECESSARY TO SATISFY WARRANT		WARRANT SATISFIED
		VEH	PED*	VEH	PED*	VEH	PED	
Elm/Mills	Stop	424	34	412	46	500	40	No
Elm/Loma	None	389	35	416	53	350	40	No

\*Note: Student bicycles were included as pedestrians

While performing the traffic count, staff observed parents double parking on Elm Street, parking in the bus zone, and making illegal U-turns near Loma Drive. Parents exiting the school's driveway located near the Elm Street and Loma Drive crosswalks cause additional congestion.

Staff reviewed the accident records for the last 4 years and 10 months and there have been 8 vehicle versus vehicle accidents and 1 vehicle versus bicycle accident at Elm Street/Mills Avenue. A primary collision factor could not be determined for the vehicle versus bicycle accident. The officer felt the

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THOMAS A. PETERSON, City Manager

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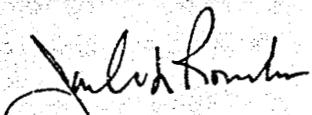
motorist had an unsafe starting movement and the bicyclist **was** illegally riding in the crosswalk. At the Elm Street/Loma Drive intersection, there have been 2 vehicle versus vehicle accidents and no bicycle accidents for the same time period. There have been no reported pedestrian versus vehicle accidents at either intersection.

Both intersections have student patrols and they appear to be controlling the student pedestrians properly.

Staff also considered redirecting pedestrians from **Elm Street/Mills Avenue** to Elm Street/Loma Drive in order to satisfy the adult crossing guard warrant. However, staff feels crossing pedestrians at a four-way stop intersection with student patrols is safer than at an uncontrolled street with an adult crossing guard.

The City of Lodi's crossing guard agreement with the LUSD states that the City has a statutory duty to reimburse the School District for costs of employing school crossing guards if the requisite criteria are met. The primary criterion is the data shall be measured against the warrants of the Traffic Manual published and adopted by Caltrans.

Since this criterion is not met, the City staff cannot recommend reimbursing the LUSD for costs of an adult crossing guard. This type of funding comes from the City's street maintenance accounts. However, the LUSD can employ an adult crossing guard at these locations with LUSD funding.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

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Attachments

cc: Street Superintendent  
Police Chief  
George Ellis, Director of Police Services, LUSD  
Don Shalvey, Assistant Superintendent, LUSD  
Mary Fuhs, Community Service Officer



# Lodi Unified School District

## POLICE SERVICES

525 West Lockeford Street, Lodi, California, 95240

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Mr. Jack Ronsko, Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Jack:

I have received a memorandum from Mr. Don Shalvey, Assistant Superintendent of Lodi Unified School District. Mr. Shalvey requests research be performed by your department regarding the possibility of the City of Lodi placing an adult crossing guard at Erma Reese Elementary School.

The principal of Erma Reese Elementary School believes there is a significant amount of increased traffic on Elm Street to meet the Cal Trans guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding this request, or if I may be of assistance to you, please contact me at 331-7200.

Sincerely,

*George R. Ellis*  
George R. Ellis  
Director of Police

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**CITY OF LODI**  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Paula Fernandez  
Department of Public Works  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Paula:

Reference to your message dated October 13, 1988, regarding an adult crossing guard at Erma Reese Elementary School:

1. Intersections: Mills Avenue and Elm Street  
Elm Street and Loma Drive
2. Current Control: Student Traffic Patrol
3. Contact Person: Millard Fore/George Ellis
4. Peak hourly pedestrian time periods: 7:45am-8:00am and  
1:55pm-2:05pm. During the year, we have experienced several  
"close calls" of vehicle/pedestrian incidents, which were  
reported to Lodi Police Department.

Erma Reese School is located with close proximity to Lodi High School and vehicle traffic from the high school adds to the traffic congestion.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*George R. Ellis*

George R. Ellis  
Chief of Police Services  
Lodi Unified School District

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Director of Police Services  
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SUBJECT: Adult Crossing Guards

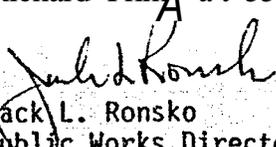
Please be advised that the study made by staff on your request for adult crossing guards at Elm Street/Mills Avenue and Elm Street/Loma Drive was presented to the todi City Council at its November 16, 1988 meeting.

The criterion was not met for either intersections; however, staff was informed by the Reese PTA President that the vehicle and pedestrian counts were not performed during the peak months. We verified this through the District office. Staff informed City Council that an adult crossing guard would probably be justified at Elm Street/Loma Drive if the count was taken when Tracks A, B and C were in session.

Following the presentation by staff and discussion, Council voted to approve an adult crossing guard at Elm Street/Loma Drive.

On further requests, please provide track enrollment figures along with the other necessary information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Paula Fernandez or Richard Prima at 333-6706.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

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cc: Mr. Don Shalvey, Assistant Superintendent, LUSD  
Millard Pore, Erma Reese Principal  
Cathy Farrington, PTA President  
Mary Fuhs, CSO  
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