

## **COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2001**

### **ST. ANDREWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD STATIONS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Development Services & Public Works recommends:

That an adult school crossing guard be implemented at each of the following locations:

1. Sonoma Boulevard and Forest Fountain Drive, east intersection approach; and
2. Forest Fountain Drive and Montebello Avenue, north intersection approach in front of St. Andrews Elementary School.

#### **Purpose**

The new St. Andrews Elementary School was completed and opened to students this September within the south east sector of Block 53, the Woodbridge Expansion Area. Requests have been received for adult crossing guard assistance at intersections near the school where walk-in student activity is prevalent.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Staff have reviewed the feasibility of implementing a supervised school crossing guard at the intersections of Sonoma Boulevard and Forest Fountain Drive, and also at the intersection of Forest Fountain Drive and Montebello Avenue. Pedestrian counts at these locations were completed during the morning student arrival and afternoon class dismissal peak periods.

The amount of pedestrian crossings and conflicting traffic at the Forest Fountain Drive and Sonoma Boulevard intersection justifies that an adult guard be stationed there during the morning, lunch hour and class dismissal peak.

Similarly, conditions warrant the stationing of a second adult guard in front of the school on the north leg of Montebello Avenue and Forest Fountain Drive. It was noted during staff on-site observations that a large percentage of parents or grandparents accompany younger age students to and from school. This factor, along with provision of the two supervised crossing stations, as recommended, indicates the balance of student walking routes in the area should involve acceptable crossing situations. It is suggested that student walking paths in the area become more established, before additional crossing warrant studies are conducted.

Staff are arranging to have school area warning signs installed for the Montebello Avenue approaches to St. Andrews Elementary School.

#### **Conclusion**

The provision of adult crossing guards, at both investigated intersections, is justifiable. Accordingly, staff recommend that supervised school crossing guard stations be implemented at the subject intersections.

#### **Attachments**

N/A

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