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Attachment A

Date: April 13, 2006
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Gwendolyn Douthett, Chairperson, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
Subject: **CROSSING GUARD DEPLOYMENT PLAN SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007**

This correspondence is to provide a summary of investigations and actions of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) related to adult crossing guard assignments for the current school year. This correspondence also outlines proposed changes in adult crossing guard assignments approved by the Committee for implementation at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year in September.

At the September 2005 Committee meeting, the City Traffic Engineer outlined a proposed three-year crossing guard re-evaluation study plan comprising twenty-five existing adult crossing guard assignments. The City Traffic Engineer also presented the Committee with six requests received from the public for new crossing guard assignments. The Committee then agreed to review all six new locations received from the public and moved to direct the City Traffic Engineer to complete adult crossing guard re-evaluation studies at nine existing assignments.

The Committee's meetings in September, November and December were occupied with the review of the crossing guard studies brought forward by the City Traffic Engineer in response to the Committee's direction. During the course of these reviews, the Committee decided to review four additional locations, two in the vicinity of Bryant Elementary and two in the vicinity of Burbank Elementary, for a total of eighteen locations reviewed. Ultimately, the Committee moved to reaffirm the need for adult crossing guards at the following eight locations:

ADULT CROSSING GUARD ASSIGNMENTS REAFFIRMED BY PSAC

7 th Street and Locust Avenue	District 1
Junipero Avenue and 4 th Street	District 2
Junipero Avenue and 7 th Street	District 2
Anaheim Street and Termino Avenue	District 4
Palo Verde Avenue and Metz Street	District 5
Orange Avenue and 20 th Street	District 6
Carson Street and Orange Avenue	District 8
Market Street and Linden Avenue	District 8

The Committee also moved to deny the request for the assignment of new adult crossing guard at the following five locations:

REQUESTS FOR NEW CROSSING GUARDS DENIED BY PSAC

3 rd Street and Maine Avenue	District 1
2 nd Street and Tivoli Drive	District 3
Palo Verde Avenue and Conant Street	District 5
Atlantic Avenue and South Street	District 9
Orizaba Avenue and 68 th Street	District 9

The Committee also took action to approve one new adult crossing guard assignment, relocate one assignment closer to a school, and eliminate two other assignments. The details of these changes are noted below.

1. **Junipero Avenue and 5th Street (District 2)** This "T" intersection is immediately adjacent to Burbank Elementary School. A new uncontrolled "ladderwalk" marked school crossing was recently installed on the south leg of the intersection. There is currently no crossing guard assigned to this intersection. The crossing guard study revealed that both the student crossings and the vehicular volume at the intersection met ordinance thresholds. As recommended by the City Traffic Engineer, the Committee voted unanimously for the assignment of a new adult crossing guard at this intersection to begin in September of 2006.
2. **Termino Avenue and 14th Street (District 4)** – A crossing guard was initially assigned to this location when the intersection was two-way stop controlled. In April 1999, the intersection was converted to an all-way stop. There have been no reported accidents at this intersection since the installation of all-way stop control. The crossing guard study revealed that traffic volumes at the intersection fell short of the ordinance criteria in both the morning and afternoon periods and that student crossings in the afternoon also fell short of ordinance minimums. As a result of the study, work orders have been issued to renew curb paint, signs, and pavement markings at the intersection and within the school zone. After discussion regarding this location and the Termino Avenue and Fountain Street intersection, the Committee voted unanimously to relocate the existing crossing guard from the Termino Avenue and 14th Street intersection to the intersection of Termino Avenue and Fountain Street beginning in September of 2006.

3. **Termino Avenue and Fountain Street (District 4)** – This uncontrolled “T” intersection with a marked school crossing is immediately adjacent to Bryant Elementary School. Fountain Street provides the only access to the campus entrance and is discontinuous east of the school. There is currently no crossing guard assigned to this intersection. The crossing guard study revealed that both the student crossings and the vehicular volume at the intersection met ordinance thresholds. After discussion regarding this location and the Termino Avenue and Fountain Street intersection the Committee voted unanimously to relocate the existing crossing guard from the Termino Avenue and 14th Street intersection to the intersection of Termino Avenue and Fountain Street beginning in September of 2006.
4. **Artesia Boulevard and Orizaba Avenue (District 9)** – Students cross at this signalized intersection to access the pedestrian tunnel under the CA-91 freeway leading to McKinley Elementary School. The City Traffic Engineer indicated to the Committee that signal timing adjustments would be made to increase pedestrian walk time at the intersection and that the traffic signal is scheduled to receive new countdown pedestrian indications for the north and south leg crossings in the summer of 2006. The existing adult crossing guard was approved for this location before the intersection was signalized. The study revealed that this location met the ordinance criteria for the number of students crossing but fell short on the number of turning movements per minute of green required by the ordinance. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to no longer require the staffing of the intersection with an adult crossing guard.
5. **Harding Avenue and Coke Street (District 9)** – This intersection is a two-way stop controlled intersection of two two-lane residential streets north of Collins Elementary School near the border with the City of Lakewood. Although the student crossing volume exceeded the minimum ordinance criteria for consideration, the traffic volume fell short of minimum requirements. The intersection has had no reported accidents in five years. The City Traffic Engineer suggested that based on the characteristics of the intersection and the observed student activity that the intersection qualified for all-way stop control. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously, pending the installation of the all-way stop controls, to no longer require the staffing of the intersection with an adult crossing guard. The Committee also directed the City Traffic Engineer to send a letter to the Principal of Collins Elementary School apprising the school of the new traffic controls to be installed and the pending action to

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have the adult crossing guard reassigned. Subsequent to the Committee's action a work order was issued for the installation of the all-way stop controls and the notification letter to the school was sent. To date there has been no response from the school on this matter.

The Committee respectfully requests that the City Manager forward this matter to the City Council for their consideration and concurrence of the proposed adult crossing guard assignment modifications for the 2006-2007 school year beginning this September. It is the Committee's expectation that the City Council will consider and take action on this matter by the end of May so that parent notifications can occur before the end of this school year.

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