



City of Long Beach

Working Together to Serve

Memorandum

Date: July 11, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.L.*

Subject: **Parking and Traffic Issues at Long Beach Schools - Update**

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, a motion was made to request the City Manager to work with the Police and Public Works Departments, Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Parent Teacher Associations, parent groups, and other interested stakeholders and report back within 120 days regarding options to streamline traffic circulation, improve traffic enforcement, and increase safety surrounding schools through Long Beach (Attachment A). This item opened discussion on a similar item was brought forward by the City Council on July 21, 2015. This item requested the City Manager to work with the LBUSD to address ongoing parking and traffic issues at Long Beach schools impacting residents and neighborhoods (Attachment B). This item was referred by the City Council to the LBUSD Joint Use Committee (Committee) as part of their motion to request this review.

The Committee, comprised of five members, three City Councilmembers and two School Board Members, was reinstated by Mayor Garcia on March 22, 2016 after being dormant since 2013. Three members were appointed by the Mayor – Lena Gonzalez, Chair, and Rex Richardson and Al Austin as Members (Attachment C).

On March 10, 2017, staff provided an update to the City Council on the July 21, 2015 item stating that the item was in Committee, pending discussion at an upcoming Committee meeting. At the time, it was staff's understanding that the Committee had not convened because it was awaiting the two LBUSD representatives (Attachment D).

On May 2, 2017, the Committee, comprised of Councilmembers Gonzalez, Austin and Richardson, and LBUSD representatives Megan Kerr and Diana Craighead, met. One of the Committee's five agenda items was the July 21, 2015 item on ongoing parking and traffic issues at Long Beach schools (Attachment E). Due to time constraints, the Committee laid over this item to the next meeting. A Committee meeting has not been convened since then.

City Manager staff will work with the Committee Chair to schedule a meeting soon to discuss and address these very important matters, and will add this item to the discussion as it addresses similar topics.

ATTACHMENTS

CC: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY
LAURA L. DOUD, CITY AUDITOR
TOM MODICA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
KEVIN JACKSON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
REBECCA GARNER, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
ROBERT LUNA, CHIEF OF POLICE
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MONIQUE DE LA GARZA, CITY CLERK (REF. FILE #15-0730, 18-0579)

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Dee Andrews
City of Long Beach
Councilmember, Sixth District

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Andrews, Sixth District Councilmember *DA*
Jeannine Pearce, Second District Councilwoman *JP*
Suzie Price, Third District Councilwoman *SP*
Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor *RR*

Subject: Safe School Traffic Circulation

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Manager work with Long Beach Police Department, Department of Public Works, Long Beach Unified School District, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Parent Teacher Associations, parent groups, and other interested stakeholders and report back within 120 days regarding options to streamline traffic circulation, improve traffic enforcement, and increase safety surrounding schools throughout the City of Long Beach. The report back should include but not be limited to:

- the possibility of implementing a school traffic control pilot program,
- potential grant opportunities promoting pedestrian safety
- partnership programs;
- volunteer utilization; and
- additional traffic engineering improvements for motorists and pedestrians.

DISCUSSION:

Many schools in the City of Long Beach, particularly elementary and middle schools, are located on narrow streets. These narrow streets, combined with well-known impacted parking citywide, have led to increasing congestion and safety issues around our schools particularly at pick-up and drop-off times. The combination of students walking to school and vehicle transportation poses a hazard within small communities. The Sixth Council District office has received resident reports of: one-way street signs and stop signs being ignored, double parking, speeding, and blocked driveways. These issues contribute to unsafe environments and to ensure our students, parents, teachers, and guardians are safe as they arrive and leave our schools coordinating efforts across jurisdictions is crucial.

One innovative school district and city partnership is between Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and the City of Glendale. At many elementary schools throughout GUSD, the City allows a traffic and/or parking lane to be converted into a drop-off lane for pick-up and drop-off. Please see attached documents for more information about the GUSD/Glendale program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, there will be no fiscal impact. Fiscal impact to be considered upon receiving report with implementation recommendations.

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Memorandum



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Date: July 21, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council

From: Stacy Mungo, Councilwoman, Fifth District *SMW*
 Suzie Price, Councilwoman, Third District *SP*
 Daryl Supernaw, Councilmember, Fourth District *DS*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LBUSD TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC ISSUES AT LONG BEACH SCHOOLS IMPACTING LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

12:15 PM 7/21/15

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request the City Manager to work with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to strengthen partnerships between the City and LBUSD in order to address ongoing parking and traffic issues at Long Beach schools impacting local residents and neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

Many Long Beach schools were planned and developed with the intention of primarily serving the neighborhoods in which they are located. As the City has grown, traffic in and out of these neighborhoods has increased as students are coming from farther away. Use of facilities after school hours and on weekends has increased as well.

Many Long Beach schools lie within residential communities, which experience periods of increased activity during school pick-up and drop-off times, after-school events, weekend sports leagues, festivals, and other events that draw large crowds from outside the neighborhood. These periods have a noticeable impact on surrounding neighborhoods, including traffic congestion, parking difficulties for residents, unsafe pedestrian activity, litter, and other disruptions.

DISCUSSION

It is respectfully requested that the City Manager identify neighborhoods with the greatest congestion issues due to activity at local schools and work with LBUSD leaders to mitigate such issues to the extent possible.

Solutions might include more specific permitting requirements, increased traffic officer presence, and enhanced enforcement for existing traffic laws and parking regulations.

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In concert with LBUSD, the City Manager might also consider:

- Redirecting traffic flow during times of increased activity, including school drop-off and pick-up, as well as for facilities use during sporting events and other activities taking place after school hours and on weekends;
- Creating a volunteer program that enlists parents and community members to promote a greater flow of traffic during school drop-off times;
- Establishing and expanding designated parking zones to relieve parking congestion in surrounding neighborhoods, and related enforcement;
- Examining the permitting process to ensure that neighborhoods' capacity are not otherwise adversely affected during special events and activities;
- Working with LBUSD to establish a 'good neighbor' policy for organizations using school property outside of school hours; and
- Addressing any need for specific signage to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic in order to minimize disruption to surrounding neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to the delivery of this analysis.



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 22, 2016

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the Mayor's nominations to the Long Beach Unified School District Joint Use Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Long Beach Unified School District Joint Use Committee was created to provide a forum for City Councilmembers and School Board Members to discuss opportunities to work together. Issues discussed may include joint use of resources including land as well as shared concerns such as the environment, public safety and services to our community.

The Long Beach Unified School District Joint Use Committee is comprised of five members: three City Councilmembers including the chair who are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by council, and two School Board Members selected by the LBUSD Superintendent.

The Mayor nominates the following members to the committee:

Lena Gonzalez, Chair
Rex Richardson, Member
Al Austin, Member

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

Dated: March 10, 2016



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Date: March 10, 2017
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*
From: Anitra Dempsey, Interim Deputy City Manager *AD*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) Joint Use Committee

This memorandum is to provide you with an update on the LBUSD Joint Use Committee (Committee).

On July 21, 2015, the City Council requested the City Manager to work with the LBUSD to strengthen the partnership between the City and LBUSD, to address ongoing parking and traffic issues at Long Beach schools impacting local residents and neighborhoods.

In August 2016, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Councilmember Al Austin were recommended to serve on the Committee. The LBUSD will recommend two representatives.

Staff continues work in this area and anticipates convening the Committee soon after all Committee members are onboard.

If you have questions, please contact me (562) 570-5028.

AD:ad

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura L. Doud, City Auditor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Rebecca Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager
Department Heads
City Clerk (Ref. File #15-0730)

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
LONG BEACH UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT
USE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 3:00 PM**

CITY COUNCIL

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Lena Gonzalez, 1st District, Chair
Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor, 9th District
Al Austin, 8th District

Megan Kerr, Vice President, District 1
Diana Craighead, Board Member, District 5

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:00 PM)

At 3:00 PM, Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:01 PM)

Members Present: Gonzalez, Richardson, Austin, Kerr and Craighead

Also present: Anitra Dempsey, Interim Deputy City Manager; Christopher Steinhauser, Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District; Charles Parkin, City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Gonzalez made opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:01 PM)

1. 17-001SD Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Long Beach Unified School District Joint Use Committee meeting held Monday, October 28, 2013.

A motion was made by Kerr, seconded by Craighead, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Gonzalez, Richardson, Kerr and Craighead

Absent: 1 - Austin

2. 17-002SD Recommendation to authorize City of Long Beach and Long Beach Unified School District to enter into conversations to create a Joint Use Agreement for the installation of Cameras at Washington Middle School.

Councilman Austin joined the meeting.

Commander Michael Lewis, Long Beach Police Department, presented the staff report.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Vice Mayor Richardson spoke.

Emily spoke.

A motion was made by Kerr, seconded by Chair Gonzalez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Gonzalez, Richardson, Austin, Kerr and Craighead

3. 17-003SD Recommendation to receive and file an update from LBUSD regarding Measure E.

Christopher Steinhauser, Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District, spoke; and introduced Alan Reising, Facilities Development and Planning Executive Director, Long Beach Unified School District.

Alan Reising, Facilities Development and Planning Executive Director, Long Beach Unified School District, presented the staff report.

Vice President Kerr spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Board Member Craighead spoke.

Vice Mayor Richardson spoke.

Emily spoke.

A motion was made by Craighead, seconded by Kerr, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Gonzalez, Richardson, Austin, Kerr and Craighead

4. 17-004SD

Recommendation to receive and file an update on Safety Measures at Schools in High Crime Areas and the Safe Passages Program.

Commander Michael Lewis, Long Beach Police Department, presented the staff report.

Jessica Quintana spoke; and provided handouts.

Alfredo Gomez spoke.

DJ Gibson spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Emily spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Jennifer Reyes spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Commander Michael Lewis, Long Beach Police Department, spoke.

Christopher Steinhauser, Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District, spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Councilman Austin spoke.

Jessica Quintana spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilman Austin and Jessica Quintana.

Vice Mayor Richardson spoke.

Vice President Kerr spoke.

DJ Gibson spoke.

A motion was made by Craighead, seconded by Kerr, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Gonzalez, Richardson, Austin, Kerr and Craighead

5. 17-005SD

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the City of Long Beach and Long Beach Unified School District strategies to address parking and traffic issues at Long Beach schools impacting neighborhoods.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Interim Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Kerr, that the item be laid over to the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Gonzalez, Richardson, Austin, Kerr and Craighead

NEW BUSINESS (3:54 PM)

Vice Mayor Richardson spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3:55 PM)

No members of the public addressed the committee.

ADJOURNMENT (3:55 PM)

At 3:55 PM, there being no objection, Chair Gonzalez declared the meeting adjourned.

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