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**City of Long Beach**  
**Councilmember, Sixth District**

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**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**

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**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.

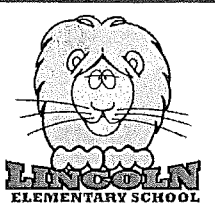
**DISCUSSION:**

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:**

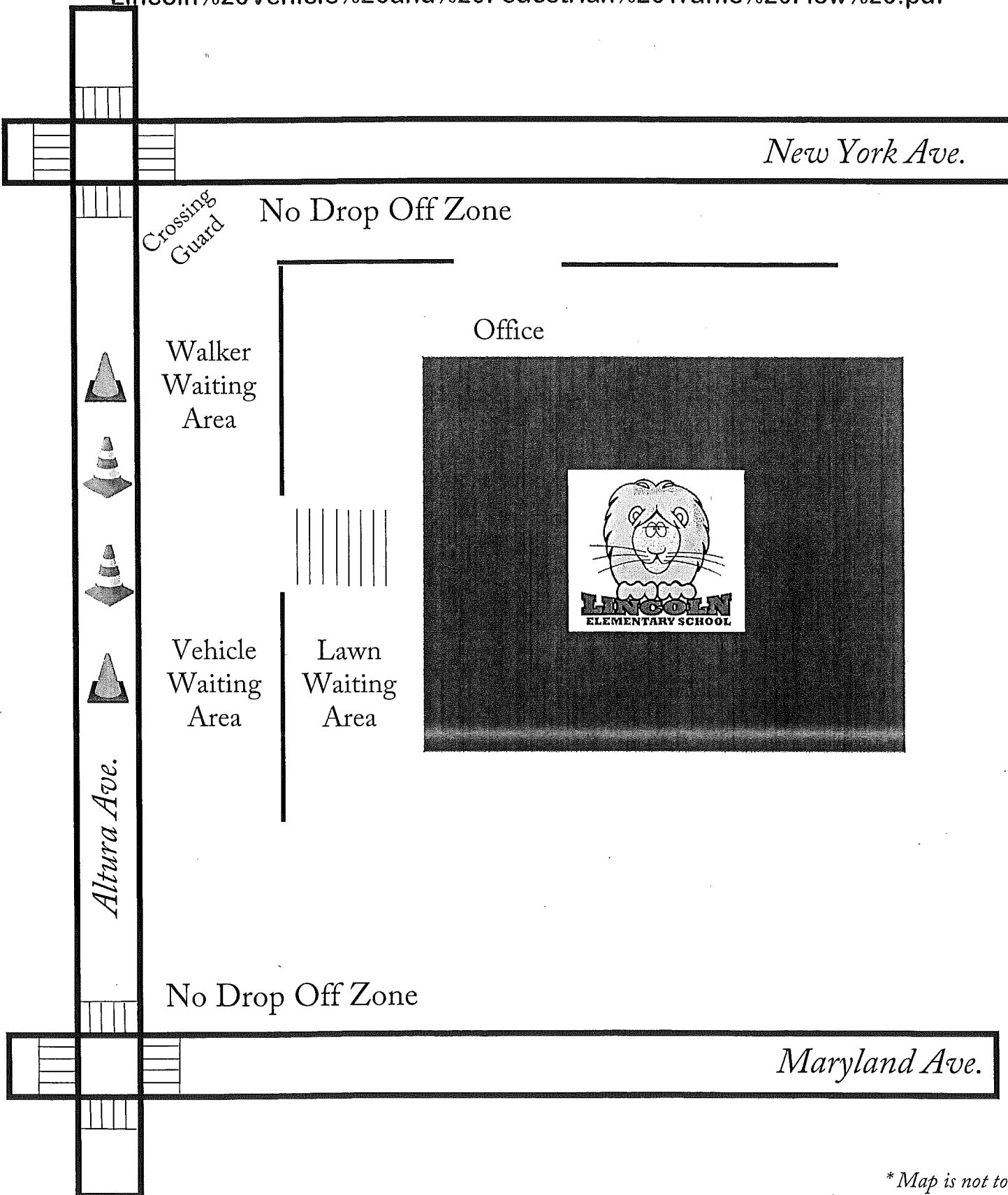
At this time, there will be no fiscal impact. Fiscal impact to be considered upon receiving report with implementation recommendations.



# Lincoln Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Flow

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# Lincoln Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Flow

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## Friendly Reminders for Drop Off & Pick Up

- Designated drop off/pick up lane on Altura Avenue at 7:30am-9:00am and 12:30pm-3:30pm; during these times, parking is not available in this zone
- The front of the school on New York Avenue is not a drop off or pick up zone
- For student safety, student pick up and drop off is not available in "No Parking", red zones, intersections, or crosswalks
- Vehicles should follow traffic rules at all intersections surrounding campus, including Altura Avenue, New York Avenue, and Maryland Avenue
- To maintain safety, Glendale PD will cite immediately for failing to follow traffic rules

## Drop Off Success Plan

- As you approach the drop off lane, backpack and belongings should be ready to go. This is the perfect time to wish your student(s) a great day!
- To enhance traffic flow, pull forward as much as possible
- Once in the cone zone, student(s) should exit the vehicle in a timely manner and walk directly into the gate
- Vehicles leaving the cone zone should follow traffic flow and avoid blocking the drop off lane

## Pick Up Success Plan

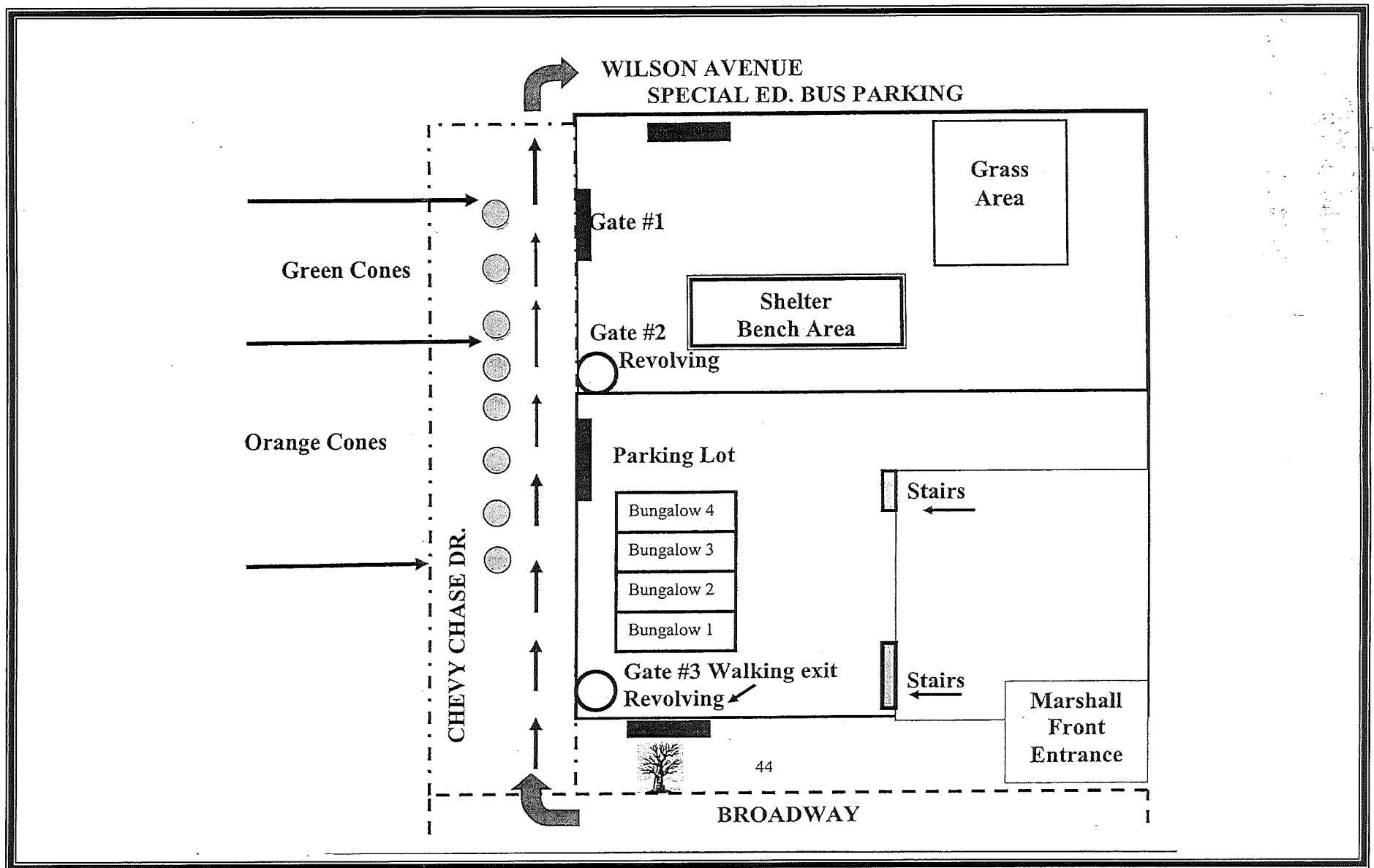
- Students wait in designated areas and must stay behind the yellow line until the vehicle comes to a complete stop
- If the student is not present when the vehicle reaches the cone zone, the vehicle must proceed around the block and re-enter the pick-up lane
- To encourage a continuous pick up line, Lincoln staff and volunteers will remind vehicles they are unable to wait in the pick-up lane on Altura Avenue
- Primary grade students who have older siblings will wait inside the gate on the lawn area

## Walking Success Plan

- Students are encouraged to use the High Five plan for crossing at intersections, which means students will wait for at least 5 friends to cross as groups are more visible for safety purposes and allows for traffic to flow efficiently
- Glendale Unified School District suggests students are at least 11 years old to walk home without an adult present. If a student is walking home without an adult, a liability waiver should be on file with the office.

## Designated Waiting Areas

- Lawn: Available for all students, including primary students waiting for older siblings
- Vehicle Waiting Area: Student(s) waiting for vehicle pick up will wait along the wall inside the yellow line
- Walker Waiting Area: Student(s) waiting to walk will wait along the wall at the top of the cone zone



# TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

Keeping our students safe is a team effort. We have a Glendale City Crossing Guard at the intersection of Broadway and Chevy Chase for student safety, and a drive-through lane that is manned with School Safety Patrol personnel before and after school to assist with safe entry and exit to school. For our process to work successfully, **ALL** drivers must follow the traffic lane procedures. We need **YOUR help** in the traffic lane when dropping off and picking up your student.

## PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Remain calm, courteous to other drivers, and model appropriate behavior at all times for your children. They learn from watching you.
2. Follow the instructions of all school staff working the drivers' lane. They are there for your child's safety. All capable students should open their car door.
3. The entrance to the traffic lane is at the first orange cone, and drop off / pick up is in the green cone area only. **Do not cut in front of other cars to enter.**
4. To ensure safety along the traffic lane, please do not park or stop for any longer than needed to drop off or pick up your child. Cars may not block traffic at any time.
5. **The playground opens at 7:30. Arrive early to avoid traffic and tardiness.** When the Tardy Bell rings at 8:10, the gates close immediately.
6. In the morning, walkers enter through the rotating gate to the playground; drivers enter through the Chevy Chase gate. There are no exceptions.
7. If your child is not there when you come to pick them up, you need to go around the block and re-enter the traffic lane. **You cannot park and wait.**
8. In the afternoon, if you drive to pick up your child, they must be picked up at the drivers' gate, not the walkers' gate.
9. Follow driving laws regarding double parking and U-turns – do not double-park, stop, or do U-turns in the middle of the street. This is illegal and dangerous to children AND adults.
10. Cross only at the crosswalks, and instruct your child to do the same. Please don't call them to cross in the middle of the street. If necessary, walk across the street to your child and escort them to your car.
11. Do not block the Special Education bus area on Wilson. You will be ticketed.
12. Students cannot be dropped off or picked up at the front doors, even on rainy days. They must enter and exit at their usual gates.
13. Most importantly, please share these suggestions and procedures with all the people who pick up your child, including after-school tutors and children providers.
14. Parents witnessing unsafe driving may report to a special GPD traffic phone number: 818-548-3131. They will need the license number and description of the vehicle involved. Everyone's safety is our top priority. Please do not let an accident change your driving habits. Drive Safely Now!

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# MORE TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

- Drop off your children between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Avoid the traffic!
- The drop off / pick up lane on Chevy Chase is a **NO STOPPING ZONE** between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Students may not enter through the front doors before 8:10. We have a traffic lane for your child's safety.
- When the tardy bell rings at 8:10, students must come to the office for a tardy slip, which affects their attendance record.
- The District has a "No Loitering" policy for all schools. When students are picked up at the walkers' gate, you must leave the campus. Students cannot play on the front lawn. Children may not enter the school after dismissal without an adult.
- At dismissal, all walkers must exit through the walkers' gate. If you are driving to pick up your child, you must pick them up at the **drivers' gate**. You cannot park your car to wait for a student to exit the walkers' gate. You and your child will be directed to the drivers' gate.
- Primary students who have older siblings will wait inside the gate until their brother / sister joins them.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students only may walk home with a parent's handwritten note delivered to the office. Students who walk must go directly home as soon as they exit the walkers' gate.
- Remind your children that ALL strangers may be dangerous – young or old; male or female. Be careful when people in cars ask for directions. Always respond from a distance. Never get close to the car. If someone grabs at a student, attract help in any way you can, and report what happened to an adult immediately.

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