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From: Rooney, John
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Loop, Nicole
Cc: Schulz, Mark; Payne, Nancy; Beth, Darrell
Subject: RE: Mid Session Crossing Guards

Importance: High

Nicole,

We'll include the request for the August Traffic Commission meeting. Is this for the 2013-14 school year? If so, we'll have to wait until September to start doing the studies when we can measure pedestrian traffic. We will need every location a guard is deployed at along with the times for each location. We use the ITE and Madison Methods to perform gap studies. It may take a while to study each location so the results may not be ready until the October meeting.

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John,

A request for the Traffic Commission from the PD.

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From: Schulz, Mark
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Nicole,

With the upcoming budget process about to start I am looking at some cost saving options at the PD. One issue that came up last year was the use of crossing guards during the mid-session for 4 year old kindergarten. It is my understanding that no child is released from the school unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. We have some elementary schools that have mid-session crossing guards and others that do not. I was told that the schools that do not have mid-session guards were some of the first schools with 4 year old kindergarten and a guard was never assigned for the reason stated earlier. When the other schools started 4 year old kindergarten the guards were assigned to the mid-session. I am not sure why this was done as I was not in this position at that time.

I have personally observed some of the mid-session corners and assigned a traffic investigator to spot check some of the corners. Some of the corners had no activity and at other corners the crossing guard would cross the parent with the child.

I have attached a spread sheet of the schools/corners covered by a mid-session crossing guard and the overall cost. As you can see I could save approximately \$40,000 a year by eliminating the mid-session crossing guards.

I believe the Traffic Commission should review the issue of mid-session crossing guards and determine if there is a true need for the guards at those locations, especially since not all schools with mid-sessions have crossing guards.

Thanks,

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