



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Safety Members

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: September 6, 2023

Re: Lafayette High School - Student Pickup in Westglen Farms

Background

This concern was re-introduced to the Board at your July meeting. As you may recall, two years ago with the start of fall classes changes were made to student bus routes by the Rockwood School District. Due to a lack of bus drivers, the district reduced the number of bus routes providing service to schools. To achieve this goal, bus service is no longer provided to homes for students who live within approximately one mile. As a result, more students were walking or being driven to school. This caused an increased demand for student drop-off and pick-up occurring in Dartmouth subdivision, immediately north of Lafayette High School (LHS). Please refer to **Exhibit A** for the location of Lafayette High School.

To respond to this concern and discourage the practice of students being dropped off or picked up on Dartmouth Crossing Drive, the Wildwood Precinct and Department worked with the subdivision trustees as well as the Rockwood School District. The Wildwood Precinct worked with the Rockwood School District to review the District's arrival and dismissal procedures, to assure that traffic flowed as safely and efficiently onsite. The goal was to alleviate traffic congestion from occurring on Clayton Road and to encourage parents to follow the District's internal procedures for student drop-off and pickup.

Ultimately, with the approval of the City Council, additional parking restrictions were implemented, which included the installation of "No Stopping or Standing" signs which are in effect from 8 am-9 am and from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm. These signs have been in place for a few years and have had some success discouraging parent pickup on Dartmouth Crossing Drive, however, they are ignored at times.

Since the implementation of the above changes in 2021, the Department was not aware of any further concerns regarding parent pickup of students on streets adjacent to LHS. However, last May, immediately prior to the end of the school year, the Department received a contact regarding a resident who resides on Westglen Farms Drive near Clayton Road. The resident has now requested that the parking restrictions, as installed on Dartmouth Crossing Drive, be installed on Westglen Farms Drive. After the start of the recent school year, field observations of the dismissal period were made prior to the Labor Day weekend. These observations indicated that students were being picked up on Westglen Farms Drive just south of Clayton Road.

Current Request

The Board is requested to consider the installation of additional "No Stopping or Standing" signs as shown on **Exhibit A and B**. The signs would be effective from 8 am-9 am and from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm on school days, and be placed both on Westglen Farms Drive, south of Clayton Road, and on Dartmouth Crest Drive, north of Clayton Road.

Assuming the Board approves a motion recommending the installation of additional “No Stopping or Standing” signs, the Department will prepare the necessary legislation, to be considered by the City Council, which will amend the traffic schedules and authorize the installation.

Captain Mundel and I will be available for questions or comments on this matter at the September 7th, 2023, Board of Public Safety meeting.

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Exhibit A – Lafayette High School and Vicinity





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Exhibit B