

**City Of Piedmont  
Council Agenda Report**

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DATE: March 21, 2005

FROM: Lawrence A. Rosenberg, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **Consideration of a Proposal for a Crossing Guard at the Intersection of Bonita Avenue and Oakland Avenue**

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RECOMMENDATION:

Implement one of two options, namely moving the existing crossing guard from Oakland Avenue and Hillside Avenue to Oakland Avenue and Bonita Avenue on a trial basis or as an alternative hire an additional crossing guard on a trial basis at Oakland Avenue and Bonita Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

At the Council meeting on February 7, 2005, the Council considered traffic improvements on Oakland Avenue and Magnolia Avenue. A report was presented by Mr. Moses Wilson, Consulting Traffic Engineer regarding recommendations on crosswalk improvements and locations, signage, striping and parking based upon a comprehensive review of the travel patterns of students.

Among the issues discussed was the safety of students crossing at the intersection of Oakland Avenue at Bonita Avenue. Two options were considered at the meeting, namely, moving the existing crossing guard from Oakland Avenue and Hillside Avenue to Oakland Avenue and Bonita Avenue on a trial basis or as an alternative hiring an additional crossing guard on a trial basis at Bonita Avenue (from April 1 to the end of the school year in June) at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

The remaining issues in Mr. Wilson's report will be brought back to the Council for consideration at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Wilson will be in attendance at both the March 21<sup>st</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Attached for your information is a copy of Mr. Wilson's December 23, 2004 Pedestrian Safety Study and a letter dated March 14, 2005 in which Mr. Wilson reiterates his recommendations regarding a crossing guard. Also attached is a letter to residents dated March 11, 2005 inviting them to attend this Council meeting.