



# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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Agenda Date: 1/30/2015

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### 2015 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

#### **NUMBER**

DPW 15-05

**TITLE** Safe Routes to Walk and Bike to Nearby Schools Map

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Lead Department:** Public Works

Support Department(s): Public Safety

#### **Sponsor(s):**

Board/Commission: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

#### **History:**

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

##### **What are the key elements of the study?**

The study issue would develop a walking, biking, and drop-off map for each of the 21 schools in Sunnyvale. The study would review the enrollment radius for each school and develop the most comfortable travel paths by analyzing existing walking and bicycling facilities and crossing guard locations. In addition, the map would also identify alternative student drop-off locations to alleviate traffic congestion around schools. The study would require coordination with each school to fully understand their access needs.

##### **What precipitated this study?**

BPAC commissioners would like to encourage more walking and biking and reduce automobile travel. They identify a lack of information on the best walking and biking alternatives to schools as a key issue. The proposed maps would provide parents with additional information to further encourage walking and biking.

**Planned Completion Year:** 2015

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### **Cost to Conduct Study**

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Major

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$100,000

Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost: The cost associated with this study would be for consultant services to evaluate each individual school, determine an appropriate walking and biking radius, analyze the best walking and biking paths, incorporate crossing guard locations, identify alternative drop-off areas to minimize congestion, and complete the appropriate outreach. The consultant would be required to complete and finalize each map.

**Cost to Implement Study Results**

No cost to implement.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS**

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Position:** Drop

**Explanation:** In 2012 the City Council approved a School Traffic Study. The study identified a number of improvements to provide better transportation flow and increase safety to and around schools. Staff efforts and available funds should continue to be focused on identifying grants and other funding sources to continue to implement physical improvements. In general, parents are already knowledgeable of the access options to their schools.

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