



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Kansen Chu

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 25, 2011

Approved

Date

5/25/11

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: School Crossing Guards

Amount of City Funding Required: \$TBD

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) TBD

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Direct the City Manager to prepare an analysis for City Council consideration of a pilot program to allow school districts to organize a program to coordinate crossing guard services. The pilot program will include a stipend to each crossing guard used. The analysis should include projected program costs and the resulting cost savings.

Rather than continuing to employ 140 crossing guard positions at a cost of \$1,359,675 per year, the City of San José could give school districts a \$1,500 stipend for each guard they use and have them organize the program. Stipends for 140 crossing guards would total \$210,000 per school year, \$1,149,675 less than the current program cost.

The primary responsibility of School Crossing Guards is to ensure the safety of our children as they go to and from school. There is a strong community interest in preserving crossing guards at the most critical intersections of our schools. I recommend the City take a similar approach and implement a pilot program for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to minimize impacts to the General Fund while maintaining the current level of crossing guard service to our schools.

The City and School Districts cannot afford to fund the program at the current level on their own and a creative partnership may be a possible solution to ensure a safe environment for our neighborhoods.

**Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Crossing Guard Program

Amount of City Funding Change: \$TBD

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) TBD

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

This program should be designed to achieve cost savings for the City. By providing a stipend for each crossing guard at our schools, the City can continue to provide safe passages to school and cost savings for the city without the shifting of financial burden to the school districts.

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

       One-time        X   Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services