

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 1
General Subject: Public Safety
Specific Subject` School Route Plan
Date Approved February 18, 1974

PURPOSE

To establish a method for prescribing for all elementary school children a recommended route to and from school so that the City may plan, coordinate, and provide traffic control measures including signals, adult guards and signs.

RATIONALE

In order for the community to provide adequate safety protection for students walking to and from school, it is necessary to “channel” students along prescribed routes. This practice will permit the City and Schools to plan effective traffic control measures that will benefit the greatest number of students and will assure that no student is exposed to an unreasonable traffic hazard.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The City using residence-location data for each student as provided by each school shall develop school route plans. Before the City finally approves a plan, the principal of the affected school shall be contacted and shall be given the opportunity to review and to suggest modifications of the proposed plan.
2. The Public Works Committee shall be responsible for approving an official school route plan for elementary schools, both public and private.
3. School route plans shall be developed to take advantage of protection devices (especially traffic signals) existing at the time of the adoption of this policy. In addition, the City will review the need for any additional protection measures as are required.
4. Routes may not be designated that will require a student to walk a distance of approximately 1,000 feet more than the shortest possible route. It is estimated that the time required for a student to walk an additional 1,000 feet would be less than five minutes.
5. It is the responsibility of the school to encourage students to use approved school routes and to disseminate to both parents and students adequate information about the plan. It is the responsibility of the school to encourage students to use approved school routes and to disseminate to both parents and students adequate information about the plan. It is the responsibility to instruct their children to follow the approved routes so they will benefit from the protection, which is provided.