



Item for Traffic Safety Committee Discussion

Meeting Date: October 15, 2021
From: Eric Burr, Police Chief
Item: Request for Crosswalk at A Street and Osage Avenue

Title: Discuss Jefferson Elementary School's request for a crosswalk at A Street and Osage Avenue.

Background:

Chief Burr was contacted recently by **Lauren Rosales**, the new principal at **Jefferson Elementary School**. She told him she has numerous children who walk to school from the north and asked about the possibility of installing a new crosswalk on the west side of the intersection of A Street and Osage Avenue.

Rosales reports the issue is mainly during afternoon pickup. Pre-K, kindergartners and first-graders all exit through door B, by the A and Osage intersection. The school has walkers who cross there, but also parents who park on A for pickup. She would welcome anyone who wants to come and observe dismissal to see the need.

Staff concerns include that Jefferson already has traffic congestion from parents dropping off and picking up students on Osage. Students only have to walk approximately 200 feet to the existing crosswalk from A Street.

An additional consideration is what happens when westbound traffic is stopped at the existing crosswalk and vehicles then back up to the proposed new crosswalk. Students may cross the new crosswalk to school behind the westbound cars that are at a standstill and eastbound cars might not see the students until it is too late.

Staff respectfully requests Committee input on the placement of all crosswalks in the Jefferson school area. An alternate option could include relocating an existing crosswalk rather than creating an entirely new one.

Staff and USD 470 met recently to discuss a possible scope for a focused traffic study in this congested area.

Committee Options:

1. Recommend addition of a new crosswalk on the west side of the A Street-Osage Avenue intersection.
2. Recommend relocation of another crosswalk to this location.
3. Recommend no action be taken at this time. ← *(Staff recommendation, pending traffic study)*
4. Table this item for further discussion January 21, 2022.

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager