



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 4/1/2025
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Cypress Drive and Greenwood Road – Bus Stop Red Flashing Lights Stop Compliance Issue

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

Reichert Bus Service has noticed stop compliance concerns for northbound Cypress Drive traffic when southbound school buses are stopped at Greenwood Road, despite the school buses having red flashing lights and bus stop signs extended during the stop. As a result, Reichert Bus Service has requested signage to warn drivers of the upcoming bus stop and warn drivers that they are required to stop for buses with flashing red lights.

Currently, school buses stop at the intersection of Cypress Drive and Greenwood Road along southbound Cypress Drive to pick-up and drop-off children living in the multi-family residential units on Greenwood Road, west of Cypress Drive. No children cross Cypress Drive from the east side to get to the bus stop on the west side of the roadway. The bus stop cannot be relocated onto Greenwood Road, west of Cypress Drive, because the existing cul-de-sac on Greenwood Road is not large enough for buses to turn around.

Based on the existing issues, SEH evaluated potential signage and other options to improve compliance for buses with red flashing lights.

4/1/2025 Update – Justin Anibas, SEH

With no children currently crossing Cypress Drive, the compliance issues with northbound vehicles not stopping for the bus stop at the intersection of Cypress Drive and Greenwood Road does not present an immediate safety issue for children trying to get on or off the bus. However, it is still illegal for drivers to not stop for a bus with flashing red lights and stop sign extended and compliance issues at this location could lead to compliance issues elsewhere where it may present significant safety issues.

Based on review of MnMUTCD guidance, it is recommended that “State Law Stop for School Bus When Red Lights Flashing” Signs (R16-X1) be placed in advance of the intersection of Cypress Drive and Greenwood Road for both directions of Cypress Drive traffic to improve stop compliance for the school buses stopping at the intersection. Other than signing, additional targeted police enforcement and bus stop compliance education could be considered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If “State Law Stop for School Bus When Red Lights Flashing” Signs (R16-X1) are added, the cost is estimated to be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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