

Proposal to Establish a School Safety Zone

City of Hinckley, Minnesota

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City of Hinckley

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Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to formally request the designation and installation of a clearly marked School Safety Zone near our school campus to improve pedestrian safety for students and families crossing the roadway throughout the school day.

Due to increased student foot traffic during arrival, dismissal, and other school-related activities, we believe enhanced traffic control measures are necessary to ensure the safety of children and compliance with Minnesota school zone traffic regulations.

Safety Concerns

Students regularly cross the roadway throughout the day for:

- Arrival and dismissal
- Outdoor programming
- Community education activities
- After-school events and athletics
- Family pick-up and drop-off

Current traffic patterns and vehicle speeds create concerns regarding driver awareness and pedestrian safety. Establishing a designated School Safety Zone with appropriate signage would significantly improve visibility and encourage drivers to reduce speed and remain alert in areas heavily traveled by children.

Requested Action

We respectfully request the City of Hinckley consider:

1. Designating the area surrounding the school as a School Safety Zone
 2. Installing official School Zone signage
 3. Adding flashing school zone signals if deemed appropriate
 4. Reviewing traffic speed limits during school hours
 5. Evaluating crosswalk placement and pedestrian visibility
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Compliance With Minnesota Statute

This proposal supports adherence to Minnesota traffic safety requirements, including maintaining proper placement of signage in accordance with state guidelines.

Specifically, we request compliance with the following provision:

“Within 30 feet upon the approach of any flashing school signal, stop sign, traffic control signal, or school sign at the side of a roadway.”

Proper placement of school zone signage within the required distance will help ensure legal compliance while maximizing visibility and effectiveness for approaching drivers.

Benefits to the Community

Establishing a School Safety Zone would:

- Increase driver awareness near the school campus
- Reduce vehicle speeds in high pedestrian areas
- Improve safety for children and families
- Support safer walking and biking routes
- Demonstrate the City of Hinckley’s commitment to student safety
- Encourage stronger school-community partnerships

Signage

Below are some examples of some signs that we would be looking to have installed.

Example School Zone Sign

