



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 16, 2024

Agenda Item: Elizabeth Street Staff Report

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The school district inquired last year about trying to improve visibility of students who are crossing Elizabeth Street at Laurel Street and Court Street. Discussions were had about adding crosswalks or producing an ordinance change to the parking limitations to try and eliminate motorists from parking on Elizabeth Street to pick up kids. Through discussions it was determined to try a temporary solution which blocked off parking areas on the east side of Elizabeth Street at Laurel and Court Streets. Barricades were used to delineate these areas in the hopes that students would have better vision of vehicles on Elizabeth Street and motorists would have better vision of students trying to cross at these two locations. At the end of the school year, school officials determined they did not see any safety benefit from this temporary solution. Motorists were double parking on the east side of Elizabeth Street, it created a traffic hazard with vehicles trying to maneuver around the barricades, and some students were still darting across the street in between vehicles.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff met with the school district after the school year to discuss potential alternatives. The school district indicated they are looking at forming a transportation committee to look at traffic safety issues at all their schools, in particular the student pick up/drop off on Elizabeth Street. A member of the Public Works Committee will be a member of their transportation committee as a City representative.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. N/A