

**City of Costa Mesa**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Service Request Follow-up**  
**Meeting Date: October 4, 2004**

TO: Honorable City Council  
FROM: William J. Morris, Director of Public Services  
DATE: October 28, 2004  
SUBJECT: Request for crossing guard at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Monrovia Avenue

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At the October 18, 2004 City Council meeting, Mr. Richard Riser requested the placement of a school crossing guard at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Monrovia Street. The resident stated that motorists do not stop or yield to pedestrians at this location.

The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has established warrants for school crossing guards based on number of students, vehicles, traffic controls and traffic accident records. A study for a crossing guard was conducted at this intersection to determine if the minimum warrants are met.

The research of traffic collision records reveals that there have been no traffic collisions at this intersection within the past three (3) years. Additionally, 4-way stop sign traffic controls currently exist at this location that provides for efficient traffic flow and the necessary provisions for children to safely cross the street. Our field observations indicated that there are approximately 25 students crossing this intersection in the morning and 39 students crossing in the afternoon. During the morning period, all but one group of three students were accompanied by adults when crossing the street. Adults accompanied all the groups of children during the afternoon period. Furthermore, staff did not observe drivers failing to yield to the observed pedestrians as reported at the Council meeting. Caltrans warrants require a minimum of 40 students cross the subject intersection during each of the morning and afternoon periods. Based on staff's observations, these existing conditions do not indicate a need for a crossing guard at this location.

Please contact Peter Naghavi, Transportation Services Manager, at extension 5182, if there are any questions, or if additional information is needed.

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