



Date: December 11, 2015
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*
From: Ara Maloyan, PE, Director of Public Works *M*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Update on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and School Crossing Guard Program

The City Council, through an agenda item initiated by Councilmember Austin, requested the City Manager to provide: the status of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee; an overview of the City's school crossing guard program; and the City's overall efforts to ensure traffic safety in school zones. This memorandum responds to that request.

Background

The need for school crossing guards evolves over time as a consequence of neighborhood changes, new school construction, population redistribution, school schedule changes, and traffic control signalization upgrades. To ensure that crossing guards are appropriately deployed, in 1978, Long Beach voters, through a City ballot initiative, established the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to advise the City Council on the assignment of crossing guards locations throughout the City.

For many years, the PSAC operated as intended; however, over time, it became inactive for the following reasons:

- Turnover in the volunteers serving as Committee members;
- A requirement that Committee members undergo Live Scan fingerprinting;
- A requirement that Committee members file a Form 700; and
- An inability to achieve a quorum.

In 2013, the City Manager's Office, along with the Public Works Department and Long Beach Police Department (LBPD), worked closely with Council Offices, the Parent Teacher Association, and the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to re-activate the PSAC. After much effort, a sufficient number of Committee members was secured, and the PSAC met on May 7, 2015 - the first time since 2008. This first meeting served as an orientation for the new Committee members.

The PSAC convened again on August 13, 2015. The main order of business was to evaluate a request from the LBPD related to the status of six intersections that, at an earlier point in time, were staffed with crossing guards. Over time, due to neighborhood changes, new school construction, population redistribution, school schedule changes and traffic control signalization upgrades, the crossing guards, in coordination with LBUSD, were removed. The PSAC's evaluation concluded that

these six intersections, listed in the table below, no longer meet the criteria for crossing guard assignment.

Intersection	School	District
4th St. / Junipero Ave.	Burbank Elementary School	2
Bellflower Blvd. / Monlaco Rd.	Burcham Elementary School	5
Metz St. / Palo Verde Ave.	Cubberly K-8 School	5
Palo Verde Ave. / Willow St.	Emerson Elementary School	5
Arbor Rd. / Clark Ave.	Twain Elementary School	5
Pacific Ave. / Willow St.	Lafayette Elementary School	6

School Crossing Guard Program

The School Crossing Guard Program has 82 positions to support 65 locations, of which 17 of the locations are assigned two crossing guards; however, due to high turnover, these 17 locations are currently staffed with one guard. The Program currently has 42 crossing guards for deployment to cover all locations. An additional 20 applicants are currently undergoing background checks and Live Scan. Assuming all applicants are cleared for hire, this will bring the total complement of crossing guards to 62 for deployment.

For FY 16, the School Crossing Guard Program has a budget of \$972,050 with 25.23 approved full-time equivalent positions.

Safe Routes to School Program

To encourage safety, Public Works collaborated with LBUSD to create its Safe Routes to School Program. This website, located at <http://www.longbeach.gov/pw/resources/general/school-walking-route/>, provides maps of safe walking routes for schools located within the District. These maps encourage an interactive conversation between a parent or guardian and their child by providing a map that identifies a school route, traffic signal locations, and crossing guard locations. The map also provides instructions to parents and guardians to identify the preferred walking route collaboratively with their child, and to walk the route in advance. The website provides additional safety tips and advice for parents, guardians, and children. Additionally, to facilitate traffic safety in school zones, signs demarcating a school zone are posted, cautioning motorists to heed a 25-mile per hour speed limit when children are present.

Next Steps

The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee continues to meet and periodic updates will be provided to the City Council, including a deployment plan for the 2016-2017 School Year.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, at 8-6537.

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Attachments

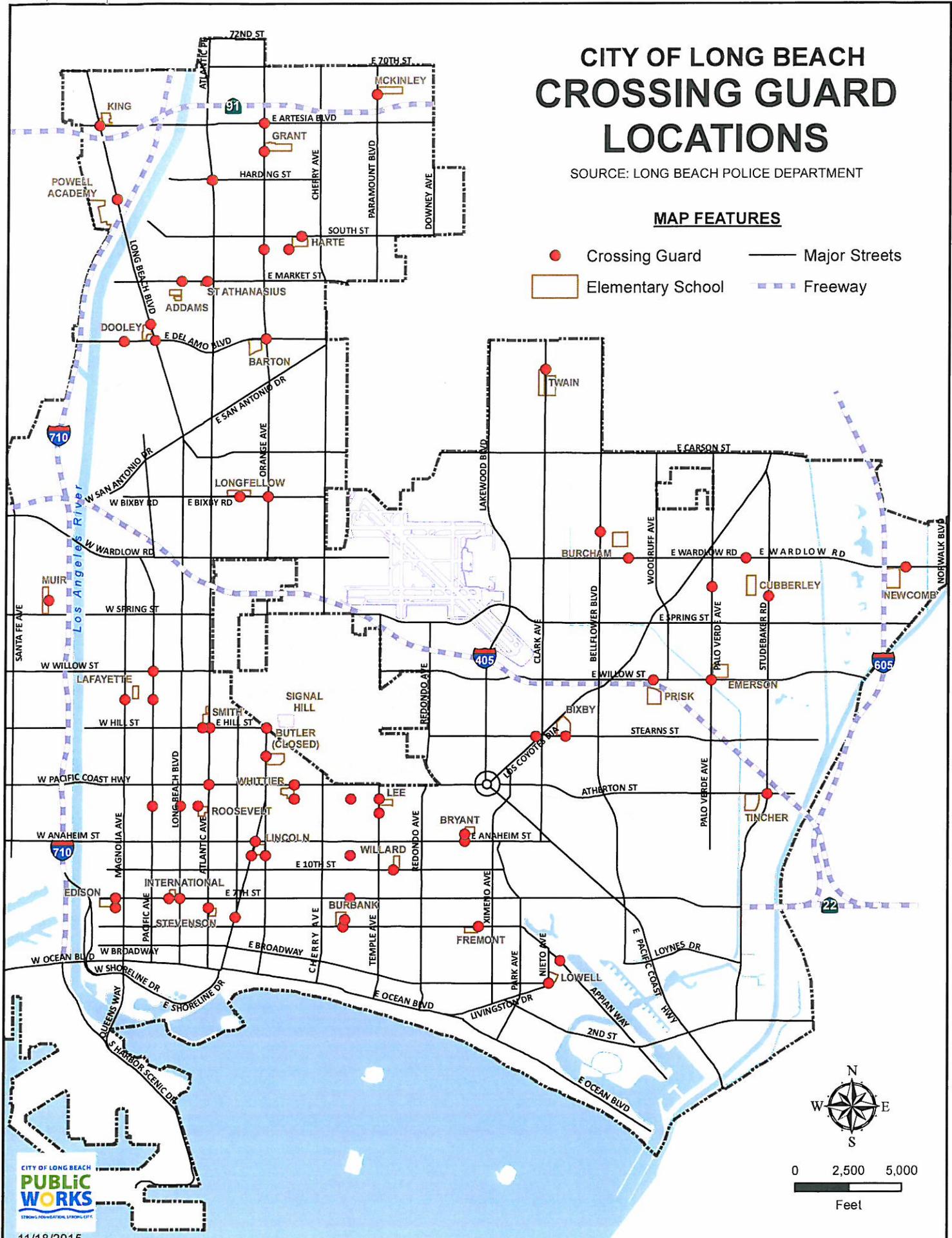
CC: Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Arturo M. Sanchez, Deputy City Manager
Robert Luna, Chief of Police, Long Beach Police Department
Jyl Marden, Assistant to the City Manager

CITY OF LONG BEACH CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS

SOURCE: LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAP FEATURES

- Crossing Guard
- Elementary School
- Major Streets
- - - Freeway



Crossing Guard Locations

(As of November 18, 2015)

	School	Location	2nd Guard
1	Adams	Locust at Market	
2	Barton	Del Amo at Orange	
3	Bixby	Los Coyotes at Stearns	
4	Bixby	Los Coyotes at Stearns	X
5	Bixby	Rutgers at Stearns	
6	Bryant	Anaheim at Termino	
7	Bryant	Fountain at Termino	
8	Burbank	4th at Junipero	
9	Burbank	7th at Junipero	
10	Burbank	7th at Junipero	X
11	Burbank	5th at Junipero	
12	Burcham	Bellflower at Monlaco	
13	Burcham	San Anseline at Wardlow	
14	Butler CIS	20th at Orange	
15	Cubberly	Metz at Palo Verde	
16	Cubberly	Monogram at Wardlow	
17	Cubberly	Rosebay at Studebaker	
18	Dooley	Del Amo at Long Beach Blvd	
19	Dooley	Del Amo at Long Beach Blvd	X
20	Dooley	Daisy at Del Amo	
21	Dooley	51st at Long Beach Blvd	
22	Edison	6th at Daisy	
23	Edison	6th at Daisy	X
24	Edison	7th at Daisy	
25	Emerson	Palo Verde at Willow	
26	Fremont	4th at Roswell	
27	Grant	64th at Orange	
28	Grant	Artesia at Orange	
29	Grant	Artesia at Orange	X
30	Harte	Gaviotta at South	
31	Harte	Orange at Phillips	
32	Harte	Phillips at Walnut	
33	International	7th at Locust	
34	International	7th at Long Beach Blvd	
35	International	7th at Long Beach Blvd	X
36	King	Artesia at Long Beach Blvd	
37	King	Artesia at Long Beach Blvd	X
38	Lafayette	Burnett at Magnolia	

Crossing Guard Locations

(As of November 18, 2015)

	School	Location	2nd Guard
39	Lafayette	Burnett at Pacific	
40	Lafayette	Pacific at Willow	
41	Lee	17th at Temple	
42	Lee	15th at Temple	
43	Lee	17th at Junipero	
44	Lincoln	11th at Orange	
45	Lincoln	11th at Orange	X
46	Lincoln	11th at Alamos	
47	Lincoln	Alamos at Anaheim	
48	Lincoln	Alamos at Anaheim	X
49	Longfellow	Bixby at California	
50	Longfellow	Bixby at Orange	
51	Lowell	Appian Way at Monrovia	
52	Lowell	Broadway at Nieto	X
53	Lowell	Broadway at Nieto	
54	McKinley	68th at Paramount	
55	Muir	31st at Easy	
56	Newcombe	Claremore at Wardlow	
57	Powell	Long Beach Blvd at Victoria	
58	Powell	Atlantic at Harding	
59	Prisk	San Vicente at Willow	
60	Prisk	San Vicente at Willow	X
61	Roosevelt	16th at Linden	
62	Roosevelt	16th at Linden	X
63	Roosevelt	16th at Long Beach Blvd	
64	Roosevelt	16th at Long Beach Blvd	X
65	Roosevelt	16th at Pacific	
66	Roosevelt	Atlantic at PCH	
67	Roosevelt	Atlantic at PCH	X
68	Signal Hill	Hill at Orange	
69	Smith	Atlantic at Hill	
70	Smith	Hill at Linden	
71	Smith	Hill at Linden	X
72	St. Athanasius	Linden at Market	
73	Stevenson	5th at Alamos	
74	Stevenson	6th at Atlantic	
75	Stevenson	6th at Atlantic	X
76	Tincher	Atherton at Studebaker	

Crossing Guard Locations

(As of November 18, 2015)

	School	Location	2nd Guard
77	Twain	Arbor at Clark	
78	Whittier	17th at Walnut	X
79	Whittier	17th at Walnut	
80	Whittier	PCH at Walnut	
81	Willard	10th at Orizaba	
82	Willard	11th at Junipero	

CITY OF LONG BEACH

FIRE AND PARAMEDICS: **911**

POLICE:

Emergency: **911**

Traffic Enforcement: 570-7209

Crossing Guards: 570-7240

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 570-6331

BURBANK

501 Junipero Avenue, 90814

Telephone: 439-0997

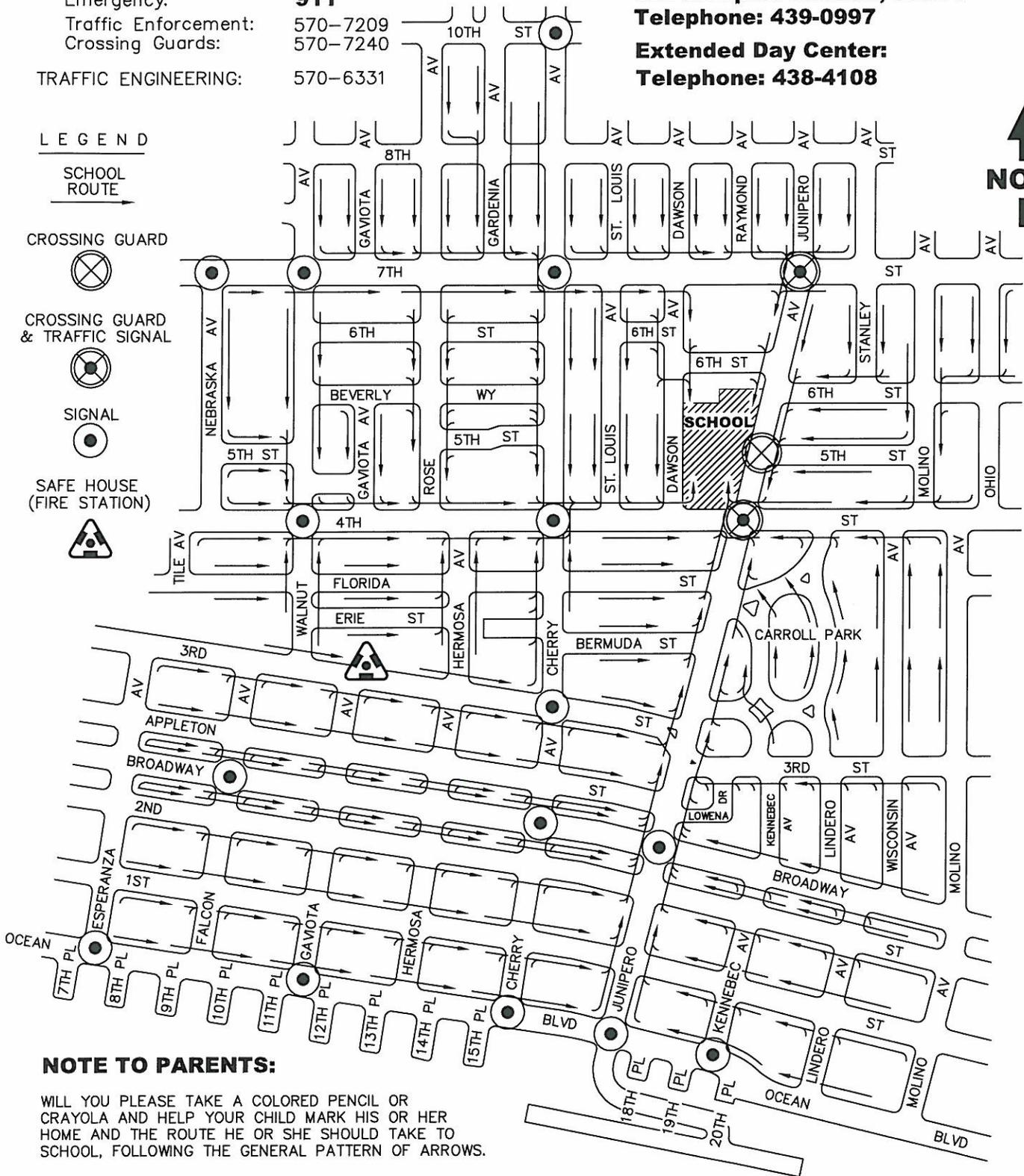
Extended Day Center:

Telephone: 438-4108



LEGEND

- SCHOOL ROUTE
- CROSSING GUARD
- CROSSING GUARD & TRAFFIC SIGNAL
- SIGNAL
- SAFE HOUSE (FIRE STATION)



NOTE TO PARENTS:

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BURCHAM

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Emergency: **911**

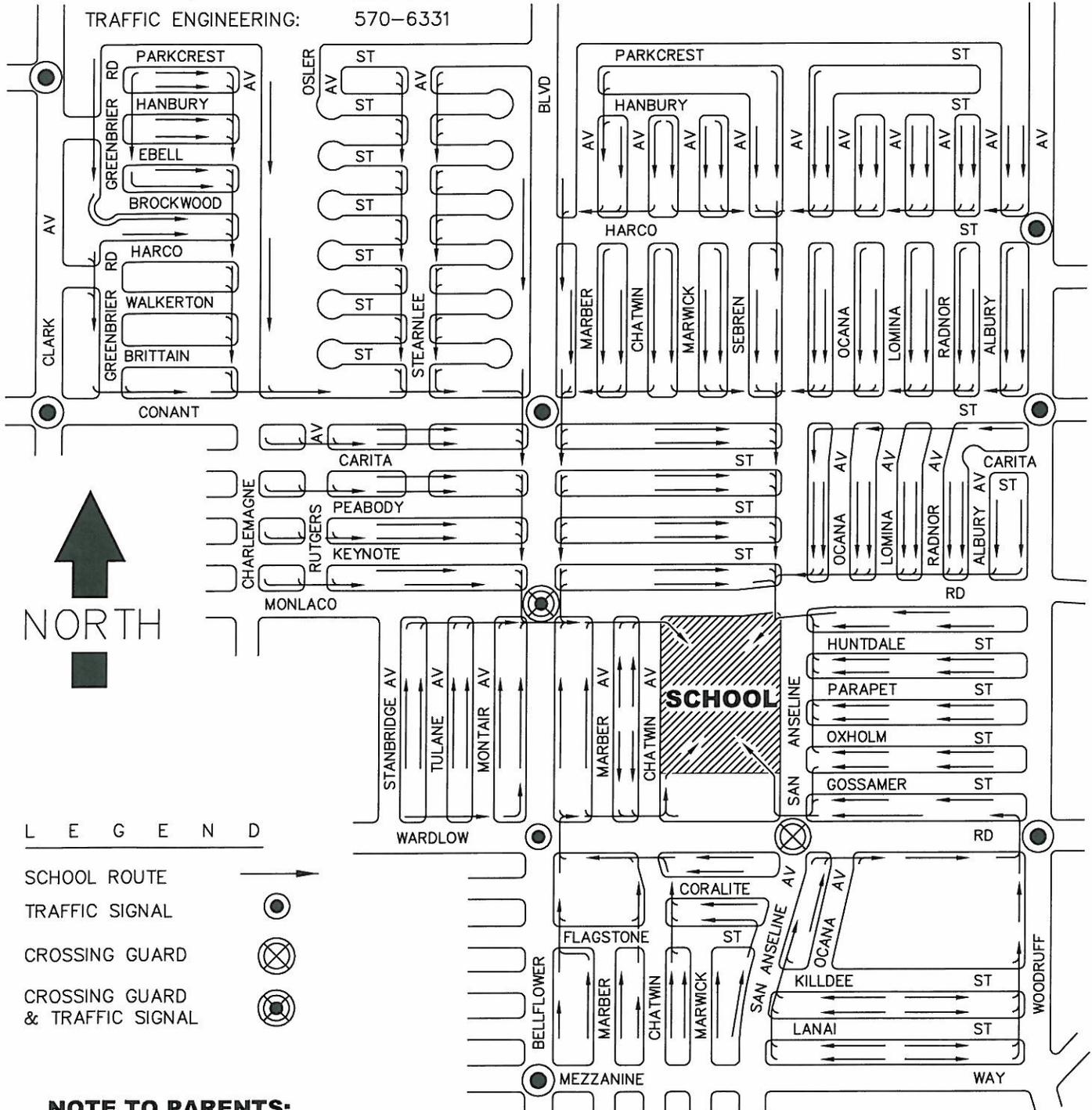
Traffic Enforcement: 570-7209

Crossing Guards: 570-7240

5610 Monlaco Road, 90808

Telephone: 420-2685

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 570-6331



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CUBBERLEY

3200 Monogram Avenue, 90808

Telephone: 420-8810

LEGEND

SCHOOL ROUTE →

TRAFFIC SIGNAL (circle with dot)

CROSSING GUARD (circle with X)

SAFE HOUSE (FIRE STATION) (triangle with fire symbol)



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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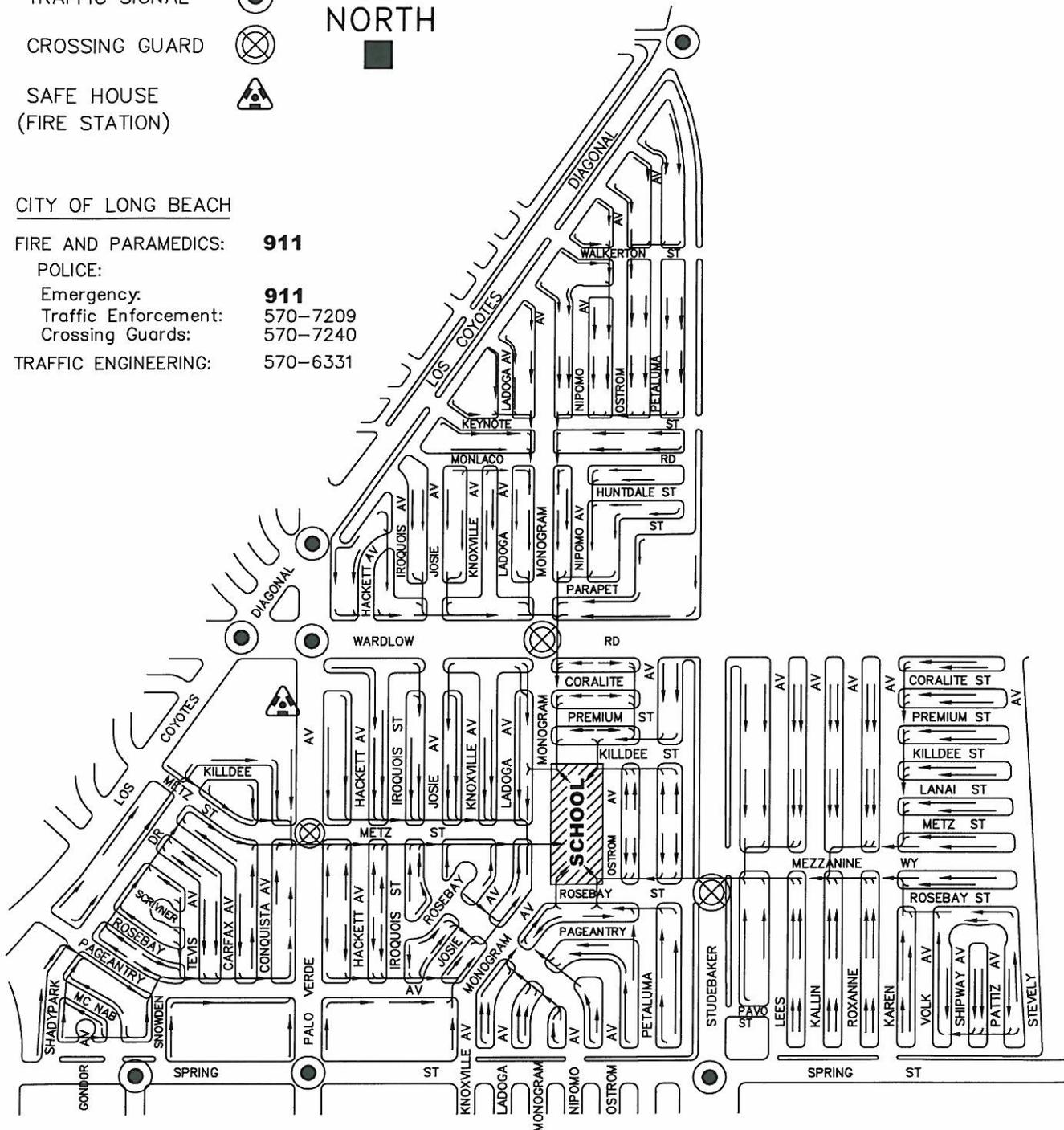
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Crossing Guards: 570-7240

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 570-6331



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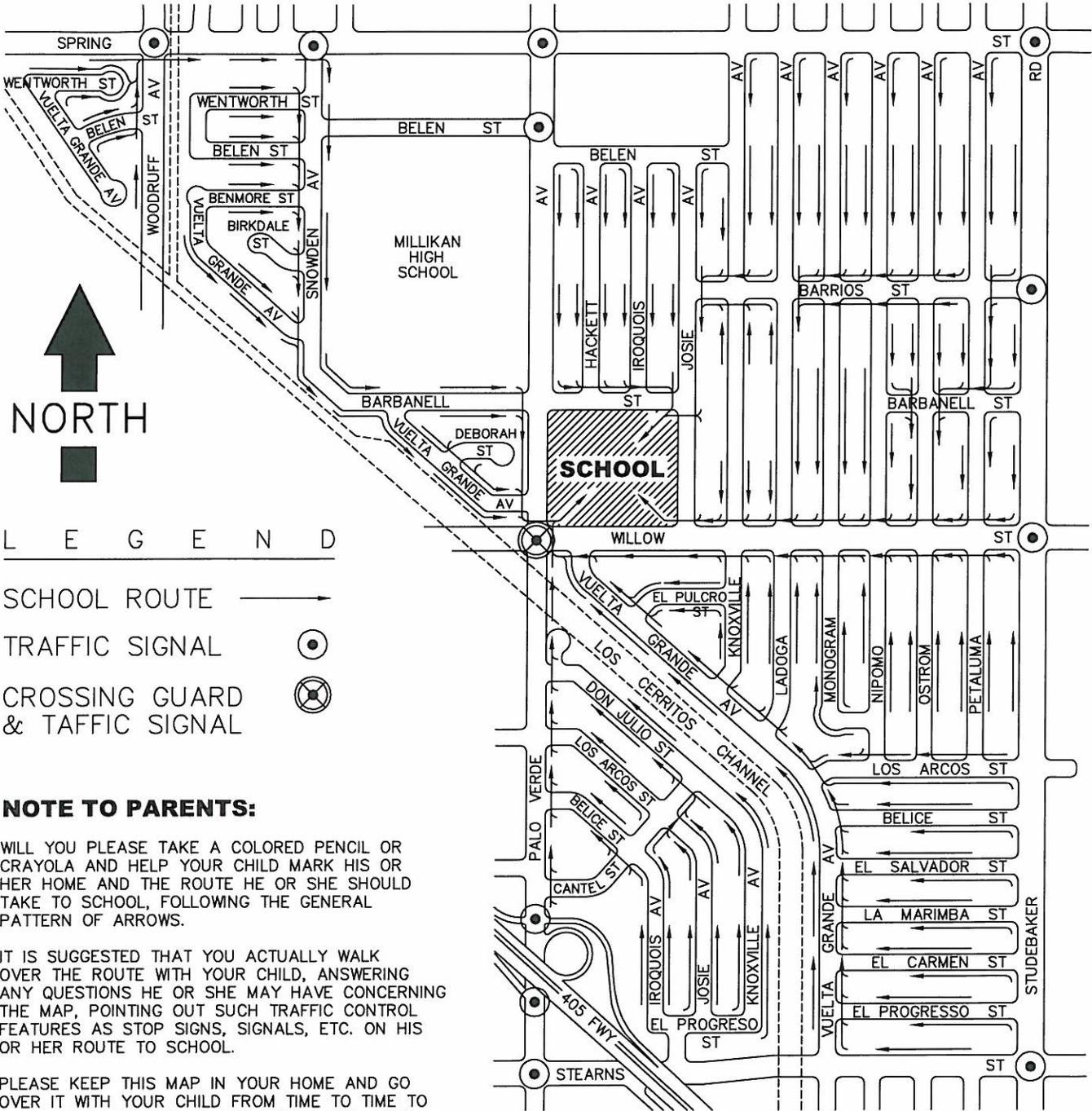
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Crossing Guards: 570-7240

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 570-6331

EMERSON

2625 Josie Avenue, 90815
Telephone: 420-2631



L E G E N D

- SCHOOL ROUTE →
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL ●
- CROSSING GUARD & TAFFIC SIGNAL ⊗

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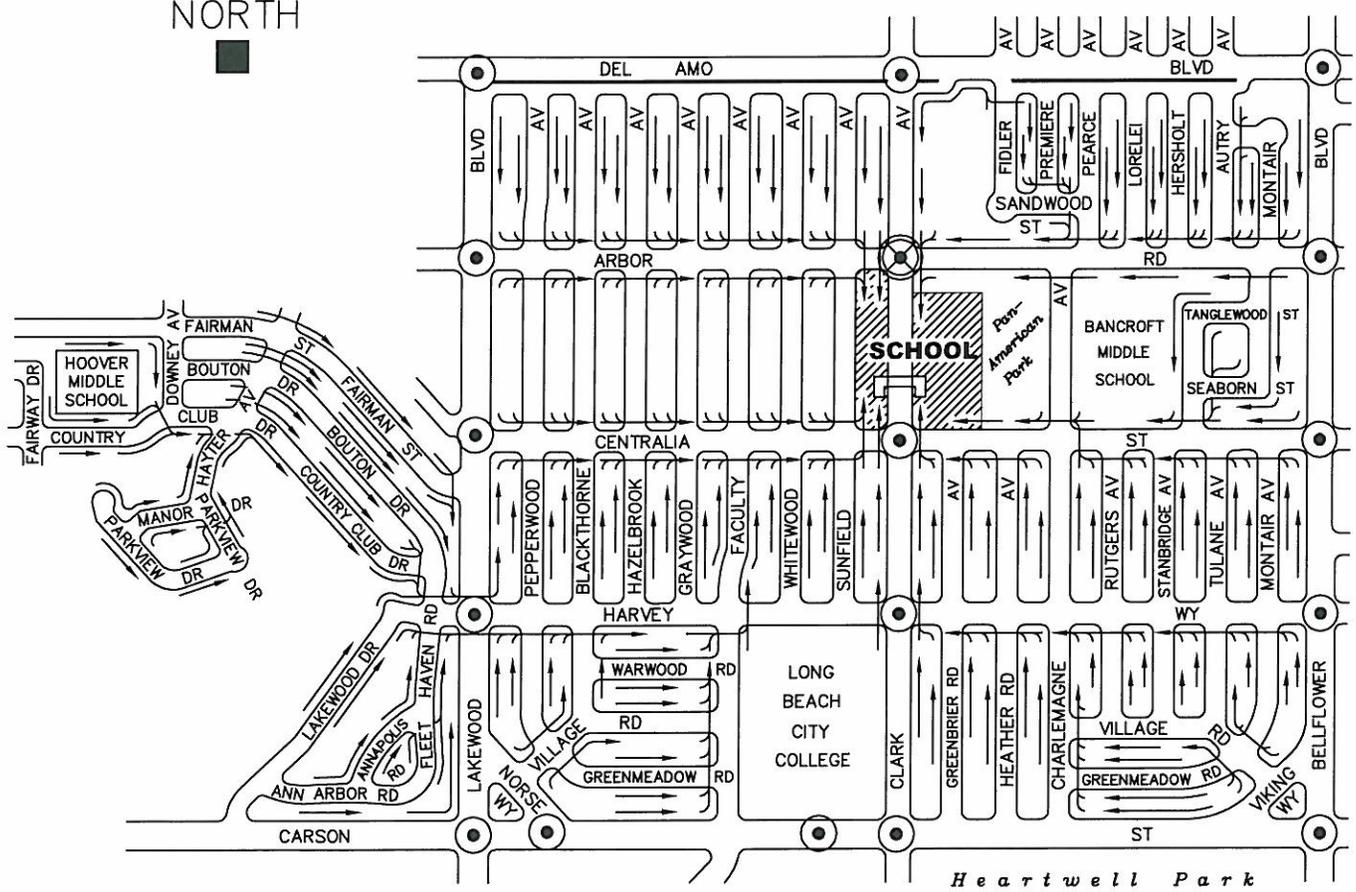
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 Traffic Enforcement: 570-7209
 Crossing Guards: 570-7240
 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 570-6331

TWAIN

5021 Centralia Street, 90808
Telephone: 421-8421

L E G E N D

- SCHOOL ROUTE 
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL 
- CROSSING GUARD & TRAFFIC SIGNAL 
- OVERPASS 



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LAFAYETTE

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2445 Chestnut Avenue, 90806

Telephone: 426-7075

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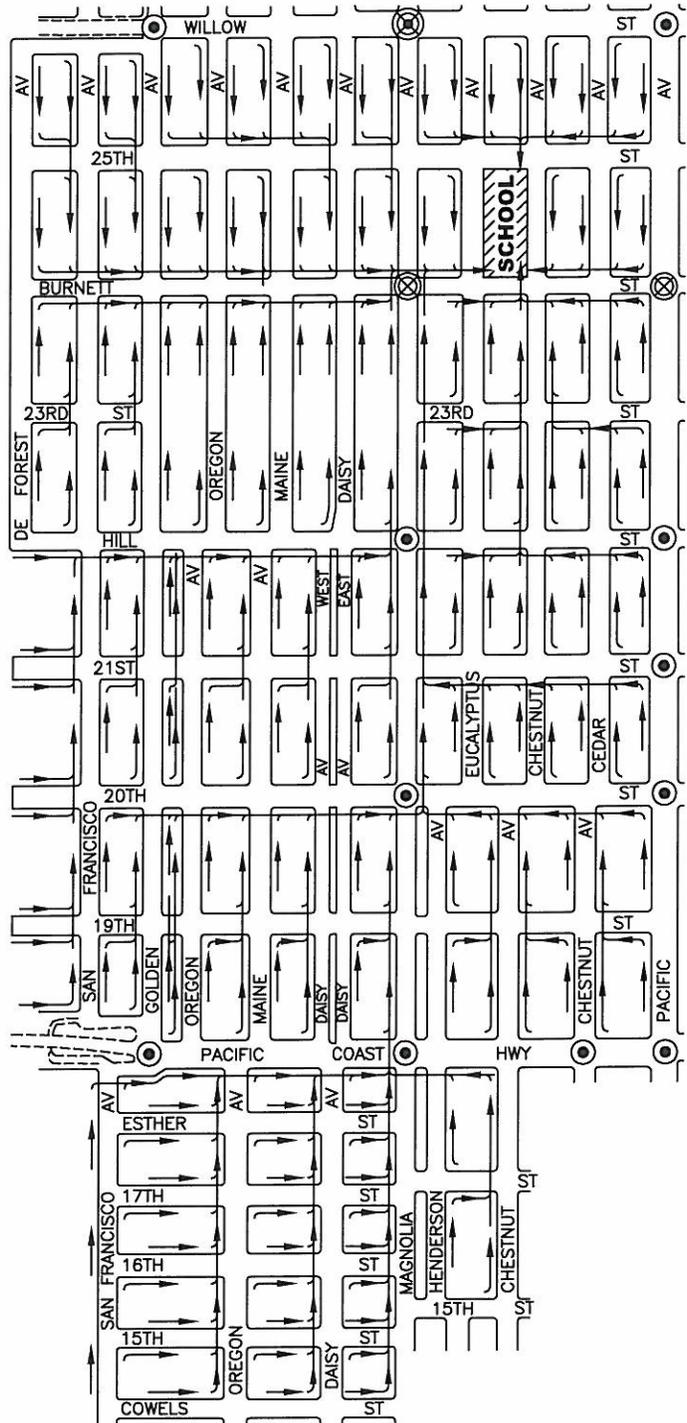
TRAFFIC SIGNAL



CROSSING GUARD



CROSSING GUARD & TRAFFIC SIGNAL



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