November 22, 1972

Mr. Louis Tesch, Principal Columbia School 716 N.E. Marine Drive Portland, Oregon 97211

Dear Mr. Tesch:

This is to advise that the eastbound flasher regularly installed with appropriate school signing will be replaced as soon as possible. We regret the delay caused by this being confused with the overhead illuminated sign.

Thank you for notifying us.

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

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cc: Safety Education Unit Attn: Off. McGuire #493

BUREAU OF TRAF C ENGINEERING INTRA-OFFICE ROUTE SLIP 1 cm DATE 11-15 TO: CIRCULATE Staff INITIAL Ahern FILE Baker FOR YOUR APPROVAL Barbur & Parks FOR YOUR INFORMATION Bergstrom ORDER Burnett PREPARE ANSWER (DRAFT) Crouch RETURN ATTACHED ITEM Davis TO Emery SEE ME Franklin INVESTIGATE & REPORT Hassett PLEASE PROCESS Hood James Magin Martini Neely Nolf Parks, Dale Rhodes proper Rundorff Shields Sickler Speer Stackhouse Stockmann Wetmore lashing feacon will Wilson be replaced for Traffic Safety Comm. to WB vere use proper sign with it to arrange elec- Sign in o. herewith sem

November 22, 1972

Mrs. Bruce H. Gregoire 7114 N. Campbell Avenue Portland, Oregon 97217

Dear Mrs. Gregoire;

This bureau formerly marked "SCHOOL XING" stencilings on N. Lombard Street for the school crosswalk at the north leg of N. Fenwick Avenue for the reason that Lombard is a four-lane street.

However, this crosswalk has been signalized and our policy is to omit such stencilings at signalized school crosswalks inasmuch as the signal is a stronger and more visible device.

We thank you for your interest.

Stncerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DRM:nb cc: Safety Education Unit Attn: Off. McGuire #493



PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Traffic Engineer

Mr. Bauer

FROM: Traffic Safety Education Unit

Off. Ernest F. McGuire #493

SUBJECT:

School Crossings

DATE:

Nov. 3, 1972

Complaint from parent of Kenton School concerning School Crossing N. Fenwick & Lombard.

Mrs. Gregoire, 7114 N. Campbell st. 285-1787 reports that she has three young ones
crossing at this location and believes that pavement stenciling on pavement showed
be repainted to warn motorists=that it is a school crossing. She also is school
heaper and she uses crosswalk each day.

Complaint from Principal of Columbia School, N. E. 7th and Marine Drive.

Mr Louis Tesch, Principal, informed me that he notified the engineers some time ago about the blinking light being out for east bound traffic in front of school, no warning light at this time.

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M.J. Martini TO:

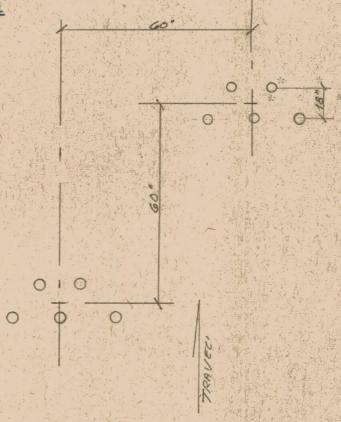
November 17, 1972

FROM: V.F. Rhodes

School Crossing Warning Devices - Pavement Markers SUBJECT: (Preliminary Report)

To date only two test patterns have been used in the field. The results from these patterns are unsatisfactory in that the first pattern provided no appreciable warning and the second showed to be economically unfeasible. These patterns are shown below:

PATTERN 1

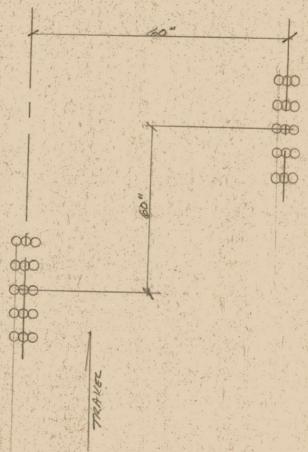


No warning provided good lateral coverage Total of 10 markers

M.J. Martini School Xing Warn. Devices -2-

November 17, 1972

Pattern II



Good audible warning
Poor lateral coverage - would require 2 more rows
for minimum track coverage
Total of 60 markers

Several ideas have yet to be given a field test. Ceramic jiggle bars have been ordered and will be placed in a layout similar to Pattern II. The most promising layout has been used in

M.J. Martini School Xing Warn. Devices -3-November 17, 1972 Washington County but require some modifications for maximum effectiveness. This pattern utilizes markers placed on the stencilled word "School" at a varied spacing. The Washington County pattern cannot be read without the stencil and it is hoped we can make modifications so that the message would be legible the year around. This pattern provides a good physical warning and should be economically equivalent to stencilling costs. In the near future this pattern will be installed in a test location. V. Rhodes VFR:ba

Oreg-11/10/12



NEW SCHOOL SIGNS — Installed on Denny Road at Vose Elementary School, Beaverton, Thursday, signs, controlled electrically, flash to slow motorists to 20 miles per hour only when children are coming to or leave ing school. Two signs cost \$2,500, are innovation in Northwest and, if successful, may be installed at other schools in Beaverton School District. Washington County paid \$2,100 of the signs' cost, and Vose PTA, \$400.

FROM:

T.P. James

TO:

D.J.W. Emery

SUBJECT: MUTCD School Signing Regulations

The following guide lines shall be followed in all school signing situations:

School Xing (MUTCD-S2-1 / W-306)
At every marked school xing except stop controlled crossings.

School Advance (MUTCD-S1-1 (W-306)
In advance of schoolgrounds:
On arterial streets
On streets over 1500 ADT

In advance of school x-walks:
Not adjacent to school grounds and
Not speed zoned 20 MPH during xing hours

School speed 20 When Children are present (MUTCD-S-43,R-21), S-42/R-240)

At every location where school speed exception is incorporated in speed resolution.

At school ground limits per state statute.

T.P. JAMES

TPJ:blc

cc: R.C. Speer

M.J. Martini

BUREAU OF TRAF. C ENGINEERING INTRA-OFFICE ROUTE SLIP

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SCHOOL SIGNING

School Advance Sign (MUTC, S1-1)

To be used: In advance of school grounds on atreets or on streets with an ADT of over 1500. In advance of school crosswalks not adjacent to school grounds mailto:not adjacent to school grounds mailto:not adjacent to school grounds <a hre

School Crossing Sign (MUTC, S2-1)

To be used: At every school crosswalk except at

"Stop" locations.

"School, Speed 20, When Children are Present"

To be used: At every location where a speed zone

exception is written into the speed zone
resolution. At the school ground limits
as per State Statute. Rvery school

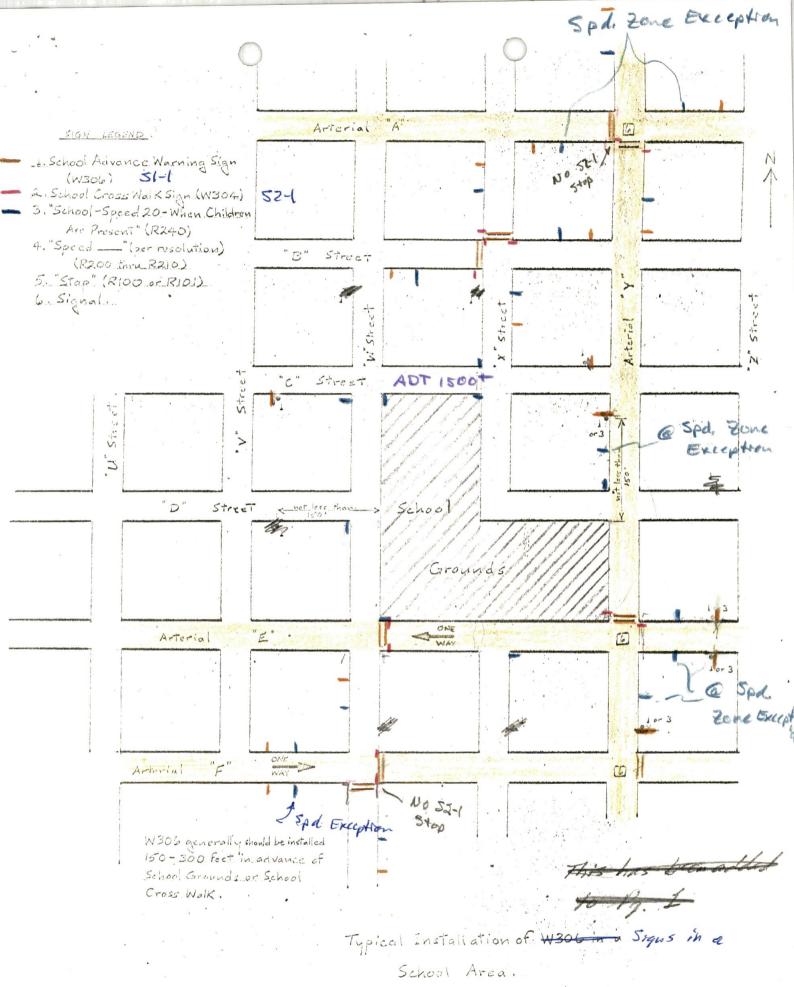
crossing shall have three signs per approach:

Except at "Stop" locations

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1) School Advance Sign - omit established in speed zone exceptions
2) School Speed 20 when children are present-use only a speed zone
3) School Crossing - omit @ Stops (2 squals?)

RCS:nb



(On streets having a Speed Resolution with a School Zone execution, the W30 be should be replaced on a control of 2000, mounted approved us,

SCHOOL SIGNING INSTALLATION SKETCH

COMMENTS

Use of both W304 and W306 seems extraneous because of similarity of the 2 signs and because patrol is on duty. This applies to school crosswalks apart from school property.

R240 is objectionable because of complication in 3-piece makeup and consequent complication in installation. I understand the word "Limit" is in conflict with Oregon law regarding basic rule. Recommend use of W306 rather than R240 wherever choice is shown.

Recommend against signing on "T" intersection approaches to

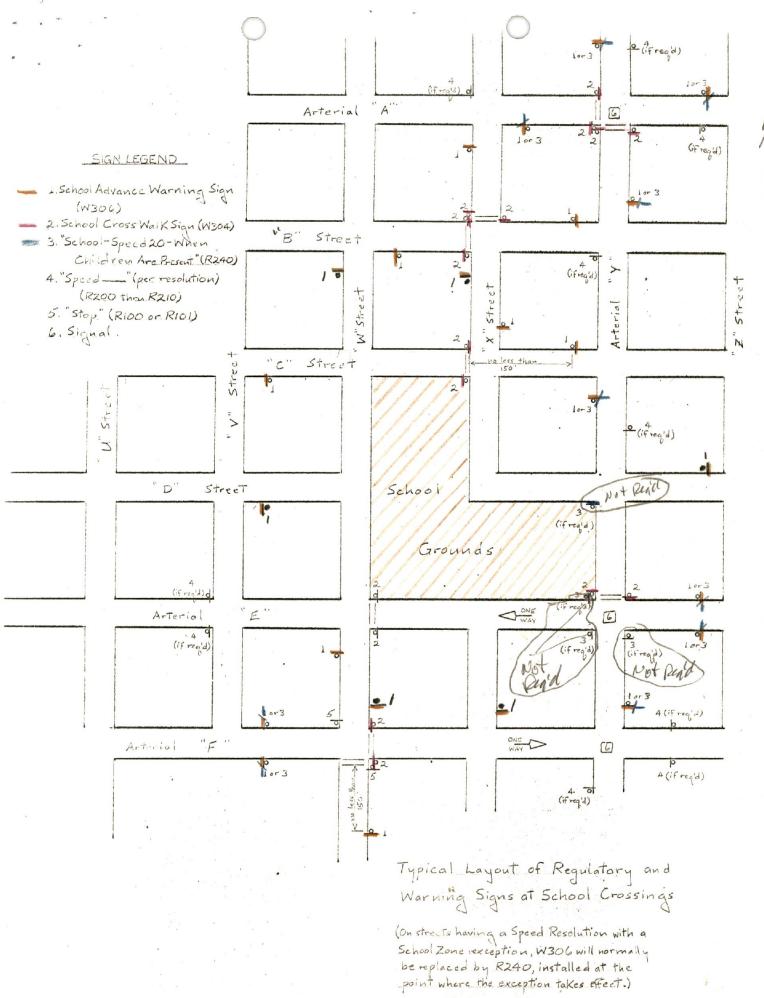
avoid use of too many signs. Motorist has to slow to turn

anyway, can't miss seeing school.

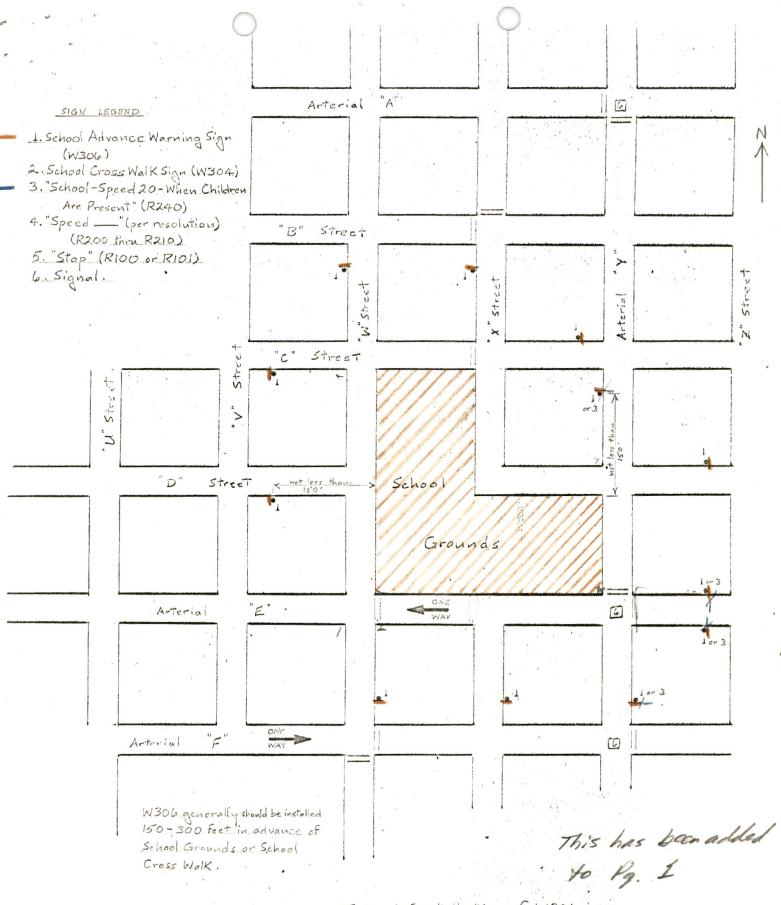
Sketch appears to agree substantially with manual.

Exceptions: R240 (3) on W. side arterial "Y" 5. of "D" St. not req. (P.1)

R240's (3)'s on both sides arterial "E" W. of arterial "Y" & on E. side Arterial "Y" S. of Arterial "E" not req.



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Typical Installation of W306 in a School Area.

(On streets having a Speed Resolution with a School Zone exception, the W306 should be replaced or supplemented by R240, mounted separately.)

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE (NOT FOR MAILING)

May 4, 1972

From

T. P. James

To

Traffic Maintenance Division/Sign Shop

Addressed to

Bob Koski

Subject

School Series Signs

Please be advised it has been decided that all School Series Signs will have Scotch Cal facing rather than Scotch Lite as previously ordered.

Those signs that are presently Scotch Lite may be used, however do not manufacture any additional ones using Scotch Lite.

This will enable us to conform to the practice of the Oregon State Highway Department and other Municipalities in the area.

T.P. JAMES

TPJ:blc

Traffic Engineer

Bureau of Police

Officer Faulkner

Maintenance of School Signs

Work Orders have been issued to correct all signing deficiencies according to bureau policy, as per the seven-page list for Districts 1, 3, and 4, and the separate list of March 28, 1972, for District 2.

Thank you for presenting these needs.

R. C. SPEER Asst. City Traffic Engineer

DRM:ba

BUREAU OF POLICE

PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Bureau of Traffic Engineering

Att: David Magin

FROM: Officer E. F. McGuire #493 T-Saf. Ed. Dis

SUBJECT: School Dist. # 1 Pedestrian

Crossing Signs and lanes.

DATE:

March 28, 1972

Sir:

Last week a check was taken of all school crossing lanes in this district. It was found that most of the crossings are in need of new painting to make them visible to driver approaching the crossing in the street.

"SCHOOL CROSSING" signs missing at following listed locations.

Beach School N. Interstate Ave. south bound at Alberta Street

N. Going St. east and west at Interstate Ave.

Beaumont School N. E. Fremont St. east bound at 41st Avenue.

Kennedy School N. E. Killingsworth St. west bound at 33rd Ave.

Ockley Green School N. Interstate Ave. south bound at Portland Blvd.

St. Rose School N. E. Sandy Blvd. east bound at 54th Ave.

" 20 MPH Crossing Hours" signs missing at following listed locations.

Beaumont School N. E. 42nd Ave south bound at Byrce Street.

Sabin School N. E. Prescott Street west bound at 18th Ave.

St Charles School N. E. 42nd Ave. south bound sign has been placed on wrong "SCHOOL" sign.

Thank you for checking locations listed.

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Traffic Safety Comm.



OREGON STATE SPEED CONTROL BOARD

November 25, 1970

HIGHWAY BUILDING • SALEM, OREGON • 97310 • Phone 364-2171

Mr. Donald E. Bergstrom
Traffic Engineer
Bur. of Traffic Engineering
City Hall
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

In further response to your letter of October 20, the matter of signing for school crossing exceptions at signalized intersections was discussed by the Board at its meeting of November 4.

It was the decision of the Board that it was not necessary for the "20 MPH SCHOOL CROSSING HOURS" signs to be in place at signalized intersections.

Very truly yours

F. B. Crandall

Secretary

Policy adopted as indicated

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BUREAU OF
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Q.J. 21-10

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bear Mr. Mellist a Mrs. R. Walter of the stop sign at 5/th a Woodward street instacled on Regard to hope who stop signs seems to hope helped, and the situation seems very much improved.

We appreciate your time and concern to deal with the matter, and its gratifying to know that allow when a problem of this nature or is we do hose some one to turn to.

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| TO | Dick Speer | agreephosomatheth | |
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Note: Re attached: I intensely disagree with Magin, seems to me if we have pedestrian movement for high school students in this volume we have to make provisions - if we don't we are not providing adequate protection - whether they use them or not it is our responsibility.

Talk to Magin again about this to see if there isn't one spot we could mark - perhaps persuade the jaywalkers to utilize this crossing. It might be wishful thinking, but check with Magin anyway.

DEB:ba Attach.

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Note:

Regarding the attached, as I see it we don't have any choice - we either install Stop signs or we do nothing.

I am not totally in favor of this either, except that I don't see any other "out". Therefore, please make arrangements to have the Stop signs installed as soon as the crews can get to it.

DEB:ba Attach.

Issued 9/18/10

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Bill Lind - Public Works

TO Ray Mellish - Traffic Safety Commission

FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND REPLY

X FOR YOUR INFORMATION S.E. 54th and Woodward Street

PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT Franklin High School

PLEASE ANSWER OR ARRANGE

Note: On this date I have issued instructions to have work orders issued to install Stop signs as requested.

Actual installation will be done during week of Sept. 21st.

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB:ba

September 17, 1970

Traffic Safety Commission
Safety Education Unit, Police Bureau
Officer Al Faulkner

S. E. 54th Avenue and Woodward Street

Dear Al:

A report has been presented via petition concerning S. E. 54th Avenue and Woodward Street, Franklin High and Atkinson Grade Schools crossing area. The problem they are stressing centers as an afternoon problem from 2:30 p.m. on. The petition states a high school student was injured on September 10 and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. The petition is signed by Mrs. Don Wrightson, 3122 S. E. 54th Avenue and Mrs. Arnold Allen, 3119 S. E. 54th Avenue.

Would you check this crossing area, and please send me your recommendations as soon as possible.

Sincerely

RAY H. MELLISA Director

RHM:d

cc: D. E. Bergstrom
Mrs. R. H. Walter
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September 9, 1970 TO: D. E. BERGSTROM FROM: M. J. MARTINI SUBJECT: PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF "STOP" SIGNS AT S.E. 54TH & WOODWARD ST. Serious consideration should be given to this proposal. ramifications of this installation are many and the resulting problems by far outweigh the reasons for installation. The use of "Stop" signs in this manner will be a first in traffic engineering experiences, at least for the City of Portland. There are no warrants in any Traffic Engineering Publications for such "Stop" sign usage. The time when a "Stop" is necessary during the hours of pedestrian crossing is short. The remainder of the day will produce driver confusion, disrespect for Traffic signs, disputed Traffic citations, and an accident potential. Westbound traffic should be extremely prone to "Stop" violations since no physical evidence of an intersection confronts them. Respectfully Submitted, M. J. MARTINI MJM:plf

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Note:

Bill Lind called me last week regarding the attached. He indicated he had talked to the City Attorney again on this and that they still felt employees of Franklin High could not put out these portable Stop signs.

Therefore, it appears we are left with three choices: 1) Do nothing,

2) Install the signs permanently, or 3) Put the school personnel, unofficially, on the City payroll (\$1.00 a year men, or something) which does not seem very practical.

Would you make a recommendation on what you feel we aught to do, by August 21st, so that we can go ahead before school starts and get done what we are going to do.

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DEB:ba Attach.

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Note: It is my understanding school begins September 8th and I am sure shortly thereafter we will hear from Franklin High School with their request for portable stop signs at 54th Avenue.

Enclosed is my file on this, and at the present time we are awaiting an answer from the City Attorney's office as to whether these signs can be legally placed by a janitor, or some other school personnel?

Would you please see if you can get me an answer on this so that we can take necessary action by the time school starts?

Please return the attached file to me.

D. E. BERGSTROM
Traffic Engineer

DEB:ba
Attach.

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AUG 14 1970

Commissioner's Office

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Note: I am still holding the request from Franklin High School for portable Stop signs to be placed by them during school hours at the intersection of S.E. 54th and Woodward.

Have you had an opportunity to check this out with the City Attorney's Office? If so, what was the decision? I would like to be able to answer the Principal of Franklin High on the request as soon as possible.

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB:ba



May 29, 1970

TO:

Memo to Files

FROM:

D.E. Bergstrom

SUBJECT: Portable Stop Sign - SE 54th & Woodward

Bill Lind called regarding the attached and indicated he had discussed this with the City Attorney. The City Attorney felt that only way this sign could legally be put out and taken in was by either an employee of this bureau or a police officer.

I said this raises a question as to contractors putting up signs, and also School Safety Sammie Signs couldn't be taken care of this way - I indicated this was being done throughout the State.

Bill said he would talk further with the City Attorney about this and let me know.

SEPT.

DEB:ba

Traffic Safety Commission

Public Works

Commissioner Lloyd E. Anderson

Request for portable stop sign at S. E. 54th Avenue and Woodward Street

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

The attached letter was sent to your attention concerning a portable stop sign at Franklin High School.

On January 7 a request went forward to the Bureau of Traffic Engineering concerning request dated October 21, 1969, from Mr. David Wienecke, Vice Principal of Franklin High School, regarding the use of a portable stop sign at Franklin High School. On February 17 we received the following answer from the Bureau of Traffic Engineering concerning S. E 54th Avenue and Woodward Street - portable stop sign:

"We are unable to answer the request by Franklin High School for portable stop signs at this intersection because the placement of portable traffic signs has been questioned in the courts. At the present time we have asked the City Attorney's office for an opinion as to whether the Traffic Engineer can designate two police officers and other persons such as individuals at Franklin High School the authority to place portable traffic control signs. If the City Attorney rules that we have the authority, we will contact Mr. Wienecke, Vice Principal of Franklin High School, and work out the necessary details for the placement of the requested temporary or portable stop signs. If we do not have this authority, we will have to work out some other arrangement with the school."

This is for your information concerning the action requested by Mr. Wienecke for the use of portable stop signs.

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MAY 15 1970

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

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cc: Mrs. R. H. Walter

cc: D. E. Bergstrom -

cc: Officer Al Faulkner

Respectfully submitted,

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RAY H. MELLISH Director



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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL EXECUTIVE CABINET PORTLAND, OREGON

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May 12, 1970

Mr. Lloyd E. Anderson Commissioner Department of Public Works Portland Traffic Safety Commission 410 Hughes Bldg.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The students of Franklin High School are anxious to do something about the traffic problem along Woodward street, between 52nd and 62nd.

We have previously discussed the matter with Officer Richard Sutter, and agree that a portable twoway stop sign, to be placed at 54m and Woodward would allieviate some of the danger that exists.

Our Vice-Principal, Mr. David Wienecke has also made this same request in a letter to Mr. Ray Mellish, sent in February. Mr. Mellish informed us that the letter was awaiting review by the City Attorney's Office.

We feel that adequate time has been given for review of our letter. We hope you can assist us in obtaining a speedy response from the City Attorney's Office, so that something can be done immediately.

Yours truly,

Pam Roylance Franklin High

Student Body Secretary

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING INTRA-OFFICE ROUTE SLIP

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Would you find out what happened at Jefferson High School and why they are no longer placing the Stop signs.

Unless there is a problem would you contact Franklin High School, advise them of this letter, make sure they agree and then make the necessary arrangements for installing the signs - I would suggest similar to what we did at Jefferson, that is the receptacle in the street, etc.

DEB:ba Attach.

587-2631
Sappenfield will call back

CITY OF PORTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

(NOT FOR MAILING)

Copy for Mr. Bergstrom

March 25, 1970

From Dept. of City Attorney

To Dept. of Public Works

Addressed to Commissioner Anderson

Subject Legality of temporary and portable signs

Copy in City atty Opinion

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

The Traffic Engineer reports that the Municipal Court is in doubt as to the authority of Police Officers to set out temporary or portable traffic signs. The argument is that only the Traffic Engineer can set out such signs. The Traffic Engineer has recommended that a section be added to the Traffic Code giving authority to Police Officers to place temporary or portable traffic signs. You have referred his recommendation to this office for comment.

State law makes no distinction between permanent, temporary and portable traffic signs. ORS 483.128 states that it is a violation to disobey the instructions of any official traffic marker, button, channelizing island, sign or signal. The same prohibition is found in Section 19-502 of our Traffic Code.

Since there is no legal distinction between violating the instructions of a permanent traffic sign and violating the instructions of a temporarary or portable traffic sign, we do not believe that a distinction should be made in the Traffic Code. Making the distinction in our Traffic Code would violate ORS 483.036, which requires that our Traffic Code conform to the provisions of the State Motor Vehicle Law. Also, in contemplating the various types of signs, uses of signs, and periods of use of temporary and portable traffic signs, we believe we would be creating a substantial task in endeavoring to define temporary signs and portable signs.

The City Council is a "local authority" under ORS 483.012(3). ORS 483.044(1) authorizes local authorities to erect and maintain signs, markings and traffic control signals as are deemed necessary to direct and regulate traffic. Subsection (2) of that section provides in part, "In the case of local authorities, the erection and maintenance of such signs, markers and signals shall be performed by the agency of such authority charged with traffic engineering or traffic law enforcement."

An amendment of Section 19-501 of the Traffic Code to specifically authorize the Traffic Division of the Bureau of Police, as well as the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, to erect and maintain traffic signs would conform to the provisions of state law and should alleviate the problem posed by the Traffic

SO

Commissioner Anderson

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March 25, 1970

Engineer. A form of ordinance providing such amendment is attached.

Yours very truly,

MARIAN C. RUSHING City Attorney

RAB:jw Enc.

cc: Don Bergstrom



MAR 26 1970

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance amending Section 19-501 of Ordinance No. 75607, the Traffic Code, relating to traffic signs, signals and markings.

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that the Traffic Engineer has recommended the amendment of Section 19-501 of Ordinance No. 75607, the Traffic Code, to permit the Traffic Division of the Bureau of Police, as well as the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, to erect and maintain traffic signs, markings and signals; that said authority is permitted under Section 483.044(2) of Oregon Revised Statutes; and that such amendment has been approved by the Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Traffic Engineering and should be adopted as hereinafter set forth; now, therefore, Section 19-501 of Ordinance No. 75607, the Traffic Code, passed by the Council July 10, 1941, as amended, hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 19-501. TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS.

Subject to such authority as may be vested in the State Highway Commission, the Bureau of Traffic Engineering shall cause appropriate signs to be erected and maintained designating business and residence districts and railway or interurban railway grade crossings and such other signs, markings and traffic control signals as may be deemed necessary to direct and regulate traffic and to carry out the provisions of this Code, and such additional signs as may be appropriate to give notice of local parking, and other special regulations. The erection and maintenance of such signs, markings and signals within the city of Portland by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, or by the Traffic Division of the Bureau of Police under direction of the Traffic Engineer, shall be deemed an administrative act to be performed under the authority granted by the laws of the State of Oregon and the provisions of this Code. \sqrt{O} RS 483.044 \sqrt{O}

Passed by the Council

Mayor of the City of Portland

Attest:

Auditor of the City of Portland

Commissioner Anderson RAB:jw 3/25/70

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A special problem is presented in Oregon wherever a speed zone, established by the State Highway Commission or the State Speed Control Board, having a numerical value of 25 MPH or higher includes a school zone, or includes a school crossing not protected by traffic control signals, a flashing red beacon or STOP signs. In such cases, it is the policy to establish a 20 MPH speed zone according to ORS 483.104(a) through the school zone or crossing during the hours of school crossings only. In order to emphasize the 20 MPH school speed zone within a numerically higher speed zone during these specific hours, it is necessary

to so sign the speed zone. This shall be done by erecting immediately below the standard SCHOOL sign (W-900) of SCHOOL CROSSING sign (W-901), a 20 MPH CROSSING HOURS sign. When a 48 inch SCHOOL or SCHOOL CROSSING sign is used, the 20 MPH CROSSING HOURS sign shall be 30" x 30".

The length of the 20 MPH school speed zone should be approximately 200 feet in urban areas and 300 feet in rural areas.

This sign shall have its legend in black upon a white background.

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

DEPT. OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

City Hall

Phone 634-4881

May 15, 1968

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your time, interest, and cooperation in returning the questionnaire concerning your experience with and opinions of, various colors existing and proposed, used in conjunction with methods of school zone/crossing designations.

The response to the questionnaire was most gratifying. Of the 154 questionnaires mailed, 114 were returned. Cities and/or counties, and/or states in every state in the union were contacted. According to our local Chamber of Commerce, this 74% return is excellent. It follows then, that the response is a reliable indication of the general feelings of traffic engineers throughout the country concerning this very important phase of traffic engineering and traffic safety.

Attached are tabulations of the opinions expressed. order to spare any individual possible embarrassment, conflict, or controversy, the names of persons, towns, cities, counties, and states have been purposely omitted.

This information will also be sent to the National Joint Committee with the hope that it will be of some assistance to them on this matter.

With appreciation, and with best wishes to you in your efforts to safely expedite, control, and regulate our traffic, I am.

REGENTE

BUREAU OF

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Donald L. Smith

City Traffic Engineer

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The following request was printed on stamped return addressed postcards and sent to different traffic engineers in each of the fifty states.

April 15, 1968

Dear Sir:

As you are undoubtedly aware, the National Joint Committee is considering changing color coding on various traffic signs, including school signs.

I am interested in obtaining information concerning effectiveness, opinions, etc. related to the usage of orange (fluorescent) colored signs used in conjunction with school zones and/or school crossings.

This questionnaire is being sent to over 100 agencies around the country concerned with traffic control and regulation.

Your assistance and cooperation is needed. If you could return your reply by May 1st, it would be appreciated.

Don L. Smith
City Traffic Engineer
City of Colorado Springs
Colorado

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MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

These are all miscellaneous comments received on returned questionnaires. They are grouped together by states. Figures in parenthess indicate the population of the respondents jurisdiction.

- 1. "Excellent day time target value" (160,000)
- 2. "It is felt that a change of color in the sign does not begin to answer the total problem" (230,000)
- 3. "These (orange) signs are installed in late August and removed in early June, since hot, direct sunlight causes them to fade so badly. We are now considering the use of split fold-up signs to do away with the time required for installation and removal." (150,000)
- 4. "Since State gas tax is used for the purchase of signs, all cities comply with the uniform sign chart." (85,000)
- 5. "Used only in special locations - standard yellow used other-wise." (600,000)
- 6. "Personally, I have found that these new colors attract attention only because they are different. As soon as people become accustomed to them they lose their effect." (40,000)
- 7. "I'm not particularly fond of the purple but I do believe school signs should have a distinct color." (70,000)
- 8. "I don't think the shape or the purple color warrant the expense of a change-over." (from orange) (102,000)
- 9. "I believe the fluorescent orange color is by far more visible than yellow, purple, or any other color presently used for getting the attention of the motorist. I feel this color should be reserved specifically for schools" (115,000)
- 10. "I have six year old faded orange fluorescent school signs with more 'punch' than new painted yellow." (24,000)
- 11. "We discontinued orange signs because they fade quickly. We are now conforming to the Uniform Traffic Control Devices which calls for black on yellow." (72,000)
- 12. "Have been using 3M orange SC about 7 years. Only objection is the fading of orange after 1 1/2 years" (92,000)
- 13. "If the fluorescent would hold that would be OK, but the approximate life is only one to two years" (17,000)
- 14. "I believe the shapes chosen for school signing are justified and will be effective in dealing with school safety" (180,000)
- 15. "With purple color used only for school signs and being new would command attention and result in some better observance (at least till novelty subsides." (135,000)

- 16. "Did use fluorescent at one time but state requested they be be removed" (80,000) "As you know the orange sign is not standard but does a very good job. I don't recall seeing a purple sign." (186,000) "Except for a few construction signs, we reserve the fluorescent-orange exclusively for school areas" (175,000) "We like the orange fluorescent" (200,000) 19. "Similar signs - 18"x24" - are used by the Lions Club of District 20. 26 of (name) County, (state)." (40,000) "We are testing proposed NJC system - purple pentagons" (1,000,000) 21. "I think the orange sign should be reserved for schools exclus-22. ively. Our state highway has not adopted it and are fighting to get them removed. I believe the purple would blend into the background and look black in certain light" (205,000) "We are planning to try some purple signs and if become standard will change over" (1,600,000) "Based on our local experience, I strongly favor the continued use of yellow reflective sheeting with black legends. The connotation of 'Caution' is well impregnated in human minds" (210,000) "We feel there is merit to a different color for school crossing signs" (300,000)
 - "It is somewhat difficult to make a comparison with the proposed 26. purple color since I have not personally seen it" (700,000)
 "Orange gives best contrast with black legend" (850,000)

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- "I only hope something is resolved regarding this school signing problem. A most important subject to be left unsolved for such a long time." (116,000)
- "We have used orange warning signs and orange school stop signs and have found no noticeable difference in violations between the two. The orange faded very fast and at the end of the first year were all yellow. We have recently adopted a program similar to Wichita, Kansas. I feel their program is the finest we have found and we hope to have our signs all changed within the next two to three years." (80,000)
- "While I have not seen the proposed purple sign, I would be ex-30。 tremely skeptical of its acceptance and question its value on northerly and shaded approaches. We have many areas where large trees severely limit light available for optimum readability of black on yellow signs. The fluorescent material has performed well under these conditions. Durability has met and exceeded manufacturers claims." (75,000)

"We do use a 3" border of the orange color. This method has been used for ten years and is very effective." (142,000) "The purple signs do not appear as visible on cloudy days or 32. during rain or snow." (244,000) "We do use the fluorescent orange warning signs at pedestrian crossings outside of school zones where large volumes of children cross during daylight hours, such as at public swimming pools and playgrounds. Prefer orange to purple" (16,500) "Color used is red-orange. Never had any comment from public when we changed from yellow eight years ago." (8,000,000) "Nope. ---- participating in controlled test of new purple school signs" (220,000) "Believe that fluorescent sign is more effective only for 36. limited period of time regardless of sign condition (110,000) "Fluorescent signs can be seen 1000 feet in advance." (450,000) 37. "In reference to the purple color, I have never seen it used but 38. I would think that the fluorescent orange would be hotter. I'm basing this opinion on the Interstate Blue color which to me doesn't stand out as vividly as the fluorescent orange. Several years back (name) County, (state) made a study of the effect the fluorescent orange school sign had on speed. They conducted speed checks with the standard yellow school sign, then with orange signs and again with the standard yellow. As I recall the 85 percentile speeds did not vary over one mile per hour. While the speeds did not change it was felt that at least the driver was alerted to the fact that he was passing through a school zone. In conclusion, whatever is adopted should be distinctive and used only for school signing." (67,000) "We tried five different types of school signs. Color and design made no difference in speed. Am sending along copy of report" (600,000)"We still have some of them on street but are replacing them with yellow" (180,000) 41. "We are about to replace 418 'school' signs and have considered -7-

- reverting to S/C yellow because of the durability of S/C. Two years is about all we get out of the fluorescent orange." (70,120)

 42. "The fluorescent face sign seems to attract the attention of motorists much better than the old yellow." (23,500)

 43. "What do you hope to accomplish with this type of opinion survey??" (3,900,000)

 44. "A distinctive color for use only on school signs is very desirable. No preference between orange and purple if fading problem can be overcome." (575,000)

 45. "We need color and symbols exclusively for schools." (181,000)
- 46. "This distinct color is used ONLY for schools. Our sign faces last two years minimum. We use pre-screened Scotchcal from 3M Company." (167,000)
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47. "I like the shape and symbols used in the proposed change. However it would be very expensive to completely change our program (orange) which is now eight years old." (115,000)

- 48. "May try after I use up my present supply." (36,000)
- 49. "In my opinion there is nothing more important than providing maximum protection for our school children and fluorescent orange gives maximum target value." (4,507,000)
- 50. "Fluorescent orange school signs are a (state) standard and are carried in (state) Manual of Traffic Control Devices issued by the (state) Department of Highways." (100,000)
- 51. "We are violently opposed to purple for use as school signs." (2,980,000)
- 52. "The School Safety Committee composed of representatives of Administrators, Principals, Transit, Police, City Manager, Traffic Engineering, PTA have all expressed unamimous approval of the fluorescent orange." (155,000)
- 53. "Our state sign manual adopts the yellow with fluorescent border strip rather than solid orange as used by the three largest cities and others in the state. We are therefore non-conforming but I intend to keep using them (orange) as I believe they are superior. Will also experiment with Canadian symbol with black figure on solid orange. None installed yet" (565,000)
- 54. "We like the orange and would probably keep them - regardless!!" (175,000)

PUBLIC REACTION

These are comments made in addition to the answers of poor. fair, good, excellent, etc. concerning orange color school signs.

"When I used them in (state) they attracted attention at first, and then were ignored like usual." (40,000)

"They ask for these." (102,000)

"When orange substituted by yellow there has been no reaction. Purple not tried as yet" (38,000)

"They feel that the orange color has provided greater visibility

and safety." (105.000)

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"Good obedience to sign. A change will take evaluation." (150,000) "Good at first, but they fade to a point where they are less effective than regular yellow." (17,000)

"Fluorescent signage is used exclusively for school warning

resulting in enthusiastic approval." (135,000)

"Excellent. I would have a fight on my hands if I changed back

to yellow" (205,000)

"Initial comments were favorable. It violates our State standards and does not provide adequate night visibility. (Our schools are used in hours of darkness)." (210,000)

"Accepted past seven years" (850,000)

"Our city likes the orange-yellow fluorescent. They have been in use four years." (116,000)

"None after first year or two." (80,000)

"Public acceptance of the fluorescent orange color was immediate and their response to the warning was good. We believe that any color less brilliant would produce a negative reaction." (75,000)

"PTA is very happy." (13,000)

"Claim they can see in rainy weather better then yellow." (54,000) "They like anything different and I'm sure will like purple." (3.900.000)

"We would be severely criticized and 'run out of town' if we had to change our orange to purple." (115,000)

"Excellent; including PTA and school administrators." (2,980,000)

"They are all for it" (155,000)

"Public feels these signs are very desirable - - - heavy pressure against removal." (186,750)

Schools-signs

April 12, 1968

Mr. Amasa L. Gilman, Principal Couch School 2033 N.W. Glisan Street Portland, Oregon 97209

Dear Mr. Gilman:

As you requested recently through Dr. Milton W. Field, Director Special Services, Portland Public Schools, the possibility of closing N.W. 20th Avenue between Glisan and Hoyt Streets has been investigated.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of an opinion we received from the City Attorney. As noted by City Attorney, Alexander G. Brown, we cannot permanently close N.W. 20th Avenue.

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB: ba

Encl. cc: Dr. Milton Field Ray H. Mellish

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March 26, 1968

Mr. Amasa L. Gilman, Principal Couch School 2033 N. W. Glisan St., Portland, Oregon 97209

Dear Mr. Gilman:

Your letter of March 19, 1968, addressed to Dr. Milton Field, requesting closure of N. W. 20th Avenue between Glisan and Hoyt Streets has been referred to the city for their consideration.

The Traffic Engineer's office will make the necessary official check on this street closure and proceed through the proper channels to obtain a ruling on this matter. The subject of street closure must be ascertained through our City Attorney's office.

We appreciate your request on this matter of street closure for the Couch School as it certainly would make it safer for the students to cross the street to get to and from the playground. After the decision has been obtained by the Traffic Engineer's office, they will notify you.

Sincerely, Mellist

RAY H. MELLISH Director

RHM:d

cc: Dr. Milton Field

Donald E. Bergstrom / Mrs. R. H. Walter

Safety Education Unit

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PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COUCH SCHOOL 2033 NORTHWEST GLISAN STREET PORTLAND 9, OREGON

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

March 19, 1968

Dr. Milton W. Field, Director Special Services Portland Public Schools Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Field:

Re: Closure of N.W. 20th Street Between Glisan and Hoyt Streets

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This matter has been under consideration in the past but no action has been taken. I should like, by this letter, to make the request that this street be permanently closed and that the property become a part of Couch School grounds.

Sincerely yours,

Principal, Couch School

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SHEDIAL SERVICES
COMOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AIWF

April 12, 1968

Mr. L. A. Crocker, Chairman Buckman Community Action Committee 1730 S.E. Taylor Street Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Mr. Crocker:

In accordance with your request of March 13th to Commissioner William A. Bowes, the closure of S.E. Oak Street between 11th and 12th Avenues during the noon hour has been investigated. We have also had similar requests from other elementary and high schools in the City.

Enclosed is a copy of an opinion from our City Attorney indicating that we cannot comply with your request.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB: ba

BUCKMAN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE Portland, Oregon

March 13, 1968

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Commissioner William A. Bowes Department of Public Works City Hall Portland, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Bowes:

Please consider this a formal request for the City of Portland to take appropriate steps to effect the closure of S.E. Oak Street between 11th and 12th Avenues, adjacent to the St. Francis School, during the noon hour from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For your information, this street carries little vehicular traffic at this time of day so this closure would cause little or no inconvenience to drivers. At the same time it would provide an expanded play area for the school children who have very limited play facilities, without the worry of an occasional automobile creating a hazard.

An early response to this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. L. (Al) Crocker,

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Chairman

1730 S.E. Taylor St. Portland, Oregon 97214

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BUREAU OF

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

(NOT FOR MAILING)

April 9, 1968

From

City Attorney

To

Traffic Engineering

Addressed to

D. E. Bergstrom, Traffic Engineer

Subject

Street Closure at Primary Schools

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

In response to your letter of April 4, our opinion of January 5 relative to "No Through Traffic" signs at Jefferson High School is applicable to all schools in the City of Portland, including parochial.

In answer to the letter from Amasa L. Gilman, Principal of Couch School, the only way that N.W. 20th Avenue could be closed as he requested is by vacation. Streets are designed for traffic and not for playgrounds.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER G. BROWN City Attorney

AGB/fg Your file is returned.

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING Traffic Engineering

City Attorney

Alexander G. Brown

Street Closure at Primary Schools

Dear Mr. Brown:

Attached are requests for part-time street closures at primary schools.

On January 5th of this year you gave us an opinion that it would not be proper to install "No Through Traffic" signs at Jefferson High School.

We would appreciate your opinion as to whether this type of signing would be legal at primary school locations?

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB: ba

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March 4, 1968

Mrs. Virginia Elliott
The St. Francis Parents' Club
1131 S.E. Oak Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Elliott:

We have received your letter requesting the return of the "No Thru Traffic" signs used to close S.E. Oak Street between 11th and 12th Avenues.

An opinion from the City Attorney has declared the use of these signs for this purpose illegal and we no longer issue them.

We recognize your problem but are sorry that City crews cannot be used to help grade your field.

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB:ba

Traffic Engineers City Hall Annex 420 S.W.Main St. Portland, Oregon

Attention: Dave Magin.

To Whom it May Concern;

We the St. Francis Parents Club, wish to make an appeal for the return of the signs which we use to close S.E. Oak Street, between S. E. IIth and S. E. I2th Streets from I2 to I2:30 p.m. on weekdays.

We have a playfield, but it is not graded or surfaced. Some days it is impossible for our children to play on the field because it is wet and muddy. Since our signs have been removed our children, grades one through four, have been restricted to play on the sidewalks on both sides of Oak Street. Naturally, being children they often forget and dart out into the street, even though they are well supervised. Today eleven cars used that block during the half hour which would be our noon recess period. This situation is impossible:

Of course, we realize it would be much safer if our field were graded and surfaced for our children. But due to the fact that we are a small school on limited funds, we cannot afford to have this work done. Unless of course, the Traffic Engineers or some other city department would grade and surface the field for us at no charge or at least at a rate within our budget.

Please help us, as our children's safety is at stake. Should our signs be returned to us, we guarentee that we will not abuse either the priviledge or the signs.

Very Sincerely,
The St. Francis Parents Club
Mrs. Lorraine Heard and
Mrs. Virginia Elliott
II3I S.E. Oak Street
Portland, Oregon

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Please Reply.

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CITY OF PORTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

(NOT FOR MAILING)

January 5, 1968

From

City Attorney

To

Commissioner Bowes

Addressed to

Subject

Lighter.

Dear Commissioner Bowes:

Under date of December 19 you forwarded to this office a copy of a letter from D. E. Bergstrom, Traffic Engineer, relating to signs in the vicinity of Jefferson High School on N. Kerby Street.

It is the opinion of this office that this signing would not be proper, that it would be almost impossible to enforce, and would probably not be upheld by the court.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER G. BROWN

City Attorney

AGB: jw

cc:Bergstrom

December 14, 1967

Traffic Engineering

Public Works

Commissioner William A. Bowes

Signing in the vicinity of Jefferson High School-N. Kerby Street

Dear Commissioner Bowes:

Attached is a copy of a letter from this office to the police, and a copy of their answer concerning a proposal to install "No Thru Traffic Noon to 3:00 P.M. School Days" signs on streets adjacent to Jefferson High School.

I would appreciate an opinion from the City Attorney as to whether there would be any legal problem with this type of signing.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

DEB: ba

November 29, 1967

Traffic Engineering

Bureau of Police

Dep. Chief Pat Carr

Jefferson High School - N. Kerby Street

Dear Chief Carr: .

On Friday, November 17th, I met with Mr. Knouff, Principal of Jefferson High School. We discussed the traffic problems surrounding the school caused by non-students.

As a solution to this problem we both felt that signs restricting traffic on N. Kerby and Commercial Streets were preferable to any barricade type system. One possible solution would be to install signs reading "No Through Traffic School Days - Noon to 3:00 P.M."

I am not sure of the legality of this type of sign, however, before checking with the City Attorney do you feel this type of signing would present an enforcement problem? Please advise.

Sincerely,

D. E. BERGSTROM Traffic Engineer

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