



CITY OF CARSON

POLICY/PROCEDURE

NUMBER 1.2		SUBJECT WARRANTS FOR ADULT CROSSING GUARD ASSIGNMENTS
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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this standard management procedure is to establish and define guideline for the assignment of school pedestrian crossing guards. An adult crossing guard may be assigned to school crossings which meet the criteria stated in this policy statement during the hours when school children are required to use the street crossing.

II. PROCEDURES**A. General Requirements For All Crossings**

1. At least 20 elementary school children per hour must cross the street on the way to or from school. Where a count of elementary school pedestrians indicates a few less than the required 20 per hour, a crossing guard may be assigned on a temporary basis if there is reason to believe that this requirement will be met in the near future.
2. Where school crossings are located on divided streets with adequate median width for pedestrian refuse, provisions of this warrant shall apply separately to each roadway.
3. Elementary school children are expected to walk as far as 600 feet to a location where they may afford themselves the protection of existing traffic signals, boulevard stop signs, pedestrian tunnel or overpass.
4. Crossing guard control may be provided for school pedestrians enrolled in grades kindergarten through the fifth grade only. Warrants for crossing guard assignment may be allowed at middle schools if justification and criteria are met.
5. Traffic counts shall be made in 15 minutes increments and the hourly vehicular traffic volume requirement shall be considered satisfied if the proportionate number of the required hourly vehicular traffic volume occurs during any 15 minute period when elementary school pedestrians are required to cross.
6. At qualifying school crossings where jurisdiction of the roadway is shared with other governmental agencies, the city will invite the cooperation of the other governmental agencies in sharing the costs of crossing guard control. At such locations, crossing guards may be assigned on a temporary basis until formal agreements with the participating agencies have been obtained.

B. Crossings Without Restrictive Traffic Controls

1. Where the uncontrolled vehicular traffic volume is at least 300 per hour.
2. Where the uncontrolled vehicular traffic volume is at least 275 per hour on a street which is 75 feet or more in width and the legal speed limit is 35 m.p.h. to and including 45 m.p.h.
3. Where the uncontrolled vehicular traffic volume is at least 250 per hour and the legal speed limit is 50 m.p.h. or more.
4. Where physical terrain impairs the sign distance beyond a reasonable stopping distance.

C. Crossings Controlled by Boulevard Stop Signs

1. Where the vehicular traffic volume on a four-lane street is at least 500 per hour through the crosswalk where elementary school children must cross.

D. Crossings Controlled by Traffic Signals

1. The determination of the need for crossing guards at signalized intersections shall be made by City Council.

E. Termination of Guard Assignment


1. Crossing guard assignments shall be withdrawn when conditions no longer satisfy the requirements contained herein.

III. EXCEPTIONS

There shall be no exceptions to this policy except through direct instructions of the City Council at a public meeting in compliance with all notice and agenda requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

IV. AUTHORITY

Report to the Mayor and City Council, dated December 1, 2009, Item No. 12.



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