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MARK MORRIS SCHOOL ZONE STATUS AFTER TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLED

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve transportation systems

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In February of 2014, Kittelson & Associates, Inc (KAI) completed a School Zone Safety Study (Study). The Study provided recommendations to bring Longview School Zones up to current standards and provided recommendations to improve visibility and safety. One of the recommendations in the Study addressed placing school zone signs at traffic signalized intersections. The Study recommended "...removing the existing School Crossing Assemblies at signalized intersection and not installing new assemblies at signalized intersections..."

Staff moved forward with the recommendation and removed the school zone signing at the traffic signal at Nichols Blvd/Washington Way/26th Avenue near Saint Rose School. Staff also removed the school crossing assemblies from Olympia Way at 22nd Avenue near Northlake Elementary School, but retained the school zone due to the school frontage.

Staff proposes the following options for Council consideration:

Option 1 (Staff Recommendation) - Continue with the Study recommendation and remove all school zone signing and warning devices on 15th Avenue near Mark Morris Court when the traffic signal is fully operational. Removing the school zone signing will effectively return the entire section of 15th Avenue between Commerce Avenue and Ocean Beach Highway to a 30 mph speed limit at all times. Also direct ATS to remove its photo enforcement equipment when the traffic signal is operational.

Option 2 - Leave the existing school zone signs in place and remove photo enforcement equipment when traffic signal is fully operational. This will keep the existing school zone in effect and posted speed will be 20 mph during the designate school hours.

Option 3 - Leave the existing school zone signs in place and remove photo enforcement equipment at the end of 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Direct staff to remove all school zone signing and warning devices when the traffic signal is operational, and direct ATS to remove photo enforcement equipment when the signal is operational.

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