

City School Crossing Guard Program Overview

DAC COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024

Program Background

- Originally approved by City Council in 1964
- Currently includes 24 crossing guard intersections
- Supported by 1 Program Administrator, 2 part-time senior crossing guards, and appx. 30 part-time crossing guards
- City is managing the largest Crossing Guard program in Ventura County (and has highest overall cost of any City)



Program Details

- Over 400,000 pedestrians crossed annually
- Funded entirely by City (\$20,000 per site; \$500,000/year)
- Existing locations will not change until 2025-26 school year
- Recruiting guards to staff 24 sites is an ongoing challenge
- Safety of guards & pedestrians remains #1 program priority



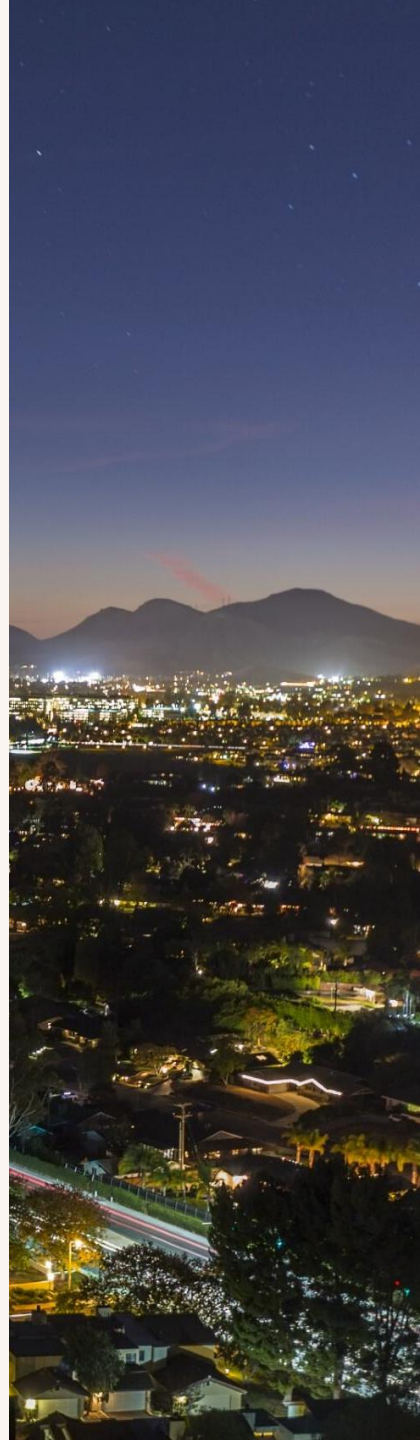
Crossing Guard School Locations

1. Acacia Elementary
2. Aspen Elementary
3. Banyan Elementary
4. Colina Middle
5. Conejo Elementary
6. Cypress Elementary
7. Earths Elementary
8. Glenwood Elementary
9. Ladera Elementary #1
10. Ladera Elementary #2
11. Lang Ranch Elementary #1
12. Lang Ranch Elementary #2
13. Los Cerritos Middle
14. Madrona Elementary
15. Maple Elementary
16. Meadows Arts Technology Elementary
17. Redwood Middle
18. Sequoia Middle
19. Sycamore Canyon #1
20. Sycamore Canyon #2
21. Sycamore Canyon #3
22. Weathersfield Elementary
23. Westlake Hills Elementary
24. Wildwood Elementary

Program Standards and Policy

Adopted February 14, 2023

- A. Site evaluations are based on generous minimum qualification standards, including City specific criteria to address the unique circumstances
- B. Review of a site includes traffic volume, speed limit and road width considerations to provide for a lower threshold if necessary
- C. Sites recommended for closure have a one-year grace period and if a site fails to meet the minimum criteria, the recommendations for closure will not be implemented until the site has failed a second consecutive year
- D. A Professional Engineering firm conducts pedestrian and vehicle counts at each location, including any new locations requested to the City
- E. Annual Counts are compared against program standards, to determine if locations qualify for crossing guards



Minimum Count Standards

Crossing Type		Minimum Peak Hour Volumes AM and PM	
		Vehicles	Pedestrians
Uncontrolled Intersection no traffic control on higher volume approaches (2-way stop)	State City	350 300	40 20
All Way Stop Controlled Stop control on all approaches	State City	500 300	40 20
Signalized Intersection*	State City	500 500	40 40



* Only signalized intersections are at Middle Schools and the Sycamore K-8 school

Pedestrian and Vehicle Counting

- Annual Counts by 3rd party consultant at locations, Tuesday-Thursday (avoiding rainy days)
- Count all pedestrians (grade K-8)
Includes children on skateboards, scooters, bicycles
- Count all conflicting vehicles
Those vehicles that enter the crosswalk



2023 Count Locations that Do Meet Standards

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>INTERSECTION</u>
Ladera	Arboles/Plantas
Maple	Baxter/Kimber
Wildwood	Arboles/Velarde
Earths	Redfield/Michael
Mates	La Granada/Wilder
Sycamore Cyn ES/MS	Via Rio/Calle Del Prado
Sycamore Cyn ES/MS	Via Rio/Via Las Brisas
Sycamore Cyn ES/MS	Via Rio/Via Mirabella
Colina MS	Hillcrest/Rancho
Los Cerritos MS	Erbes/Avenida de las Flores
Sequoia MS	Borchard/Theresa

Locations that DO NOT meet standards

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>INTERSECTION</u>
Aspen	Janss/Marlowe
Banyan	Lynn/Knollwood
Conejo	Conejo School/Los Feliz
Cypress	Kimber/Havenside
Glenwood	Windsor/Spalding
Ladera	Calle Damasco/Calle Almendro
Lang Ranch	Whitechapel/Sandhurst
Lang Ranch	Whitechapel/Knightsbridge
Madrona	Calle Manzananas/Marian
Weathersfield	Calandria/Darlington
Westlake Hills	Cascade/Panamint
Acacia ES/Redwood MS	Gainsborough/Dover
Redwood MS	Gainsborough/Camino Manzananas



walk to school

THOUSAND OAKS



Locations that do NOT meet standards

School	Vehicle Count		Pedestrian Count		Vehicle Standard			Pedestrian Standard		
	AM	PM	AM	PM	Standard	Meets AM	Meets PM	Standard	Meets AM	Meets PM
Aspen	976	1,005	2	-	300	Y	Y	20	N	N
Banyan	1,189	934	3	5	300	Y	Y	20	N	N
Conejo	530	524	6	33	300	Y	Y	20	N	Y
Glenwood	253	151	11	9	300	N	N	20	N	N
Ladera	268	163	18	8	300	N	N	20	N	N
Lang Ranch #2	260	218	8	16	300	N	N	20	N	N
Madrona	292	203	6	7	300	N	N	20	N	N
Acacia ES/ Redwood MS	630	642	9	27	300	Y	Y	20	N	Y
Redwood MS	769	670	8	50	300	Y	Y	20	N	Y



A grassroots toolkit to empower neighborhoods and groups to organize efforts to increase getting to school in ways other than a car and better understand the minimum requirements for crossing guards at intersections near their schools.

spread the word

Mobile-friendly website with downloadable and editable printables, digital files, and social media content to help mobilize community efforts to get organized and engaged in as many places as possible.



agility

Additional materials can be created as groups take on the efforts and learn what works. The City will continue to provide social media posts, flyers/cards for printing, video content, and more to bolster the efforts as they take shape within the communities.





CROSSWALK ENHANCEMENTS



NEW BIKE LANES



ADA CURB RAMPS



ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

NUMEROUS CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN & BIKE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED



HILLCREST DRIVE - COLINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPGRADES (COMPLETED FALL 2023)

Upcoming Bike & Ped Programs/Work

1. **Undergrounding utilities – Janss Road**
2. **Repairing and building new sidewalks – Rancho Conejo, Lynn Rd, Hillcrest**
3. **Enhanced pedestrian crossings (25 citywide, 11 more in 2024)**
4. **Stop Signs - annual program to add more stop signs as needed**
5. **Radar Feedback Signs - on arterial roadways**
6. **Bike Lanes - green bike lanes, dedicated bike lanes and buffered bike lanes**
7. **Traffic Calming - road diets & traffic calming improvements**

Upcoming Bike & Ped Programs/Work

8. **Traffic Signals – battery backups + yellow backplates for enhanced visibility**
9. **Close coordination with TOPD on focused enforcement and pedestrian safety**
10. **Citywide paving program (appx. \$10M/year). Best roadways in Ventura County**
11. **Bicycle Advisory Team Meetings - citywide bicycle advisory team meets quarterly**
12. **Engineering Studies - Active Transportation Plan, local road safety plan, ADA plan**
13. **Upgraded bus shelters citywide for safer public transit**
14. **Additional Street Lighting – Avenida de los Arboles**

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