



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2010
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Patrol Division, Police Department
SUBJECT: School Crossing Guards

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, subject to approval of the City Attorney, between the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara School Districts and between the City of Santa Barbara and the Hope School District for school crossing guards.

DISCUSSION:

During Fiscal Year 2009, the City, through its Police Department, funded, staffed and administered a crossing guard program where guards were placed at specified street crossings in the Santa Barbara and Hope School Districts to assist school children as they enter and exit the elementary school grounds. During Fiscal Year 2010, the City continued to staff and administer the program through a negotiated agreement whereby the Santa Barbara and Hope School Districts would reimburse the City the full cost of the program. Due to significant revenue declines, the City of Santa Barbara's Fiscal Year 2011 recommended budget, as well as the Santa Barbara School Districts' and Hope School District's budget, contained substantial reductions, including the elimination of the crossing guard program.

In order to continue providing crossing guards to the Santa Barbara and Hope School Districts, the City and the Districts have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding providing that the City, through the Police Department, will staff and administer the crossing guard program and the Districts, in return, will reimburse the City for one half of the cost to staff and administer the program for Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Santa Barbara School District shall reimburse the City for the hourly wages for each assigned crossing guard serving the District, plus benefits and program administration costs. The Santa Barbara School District's total obligation for each year of the MOU shall not exceed \$46,630 adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index. Hope School District shall reimburse the City for the hourly wages for each assigned crossing guard serving the District, plus benefits and program administration costs. The Hope School District's total obligation for each year of the MOU shall not exceed \$7,020, adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The costs of the crossing guards for the term of the MOUs will be partially reimbursed by the Santa Barbara and Hope School District. The Fiscal Year 2011 adopted budget includes the required appropriations for the full cost of the program within the General Fund, Police Department budget and the estimated revenues for the school districts' portion of the costs.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office