



Placentia Traffic Safety Commission

401 E. Chapman Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870

7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting, November 21, 2011

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: VICE CHAIR CHADHA
COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE
COMMISSIONER GORMAN
COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER LABRECHE
COMMISSIONER STAFFORD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 16, 2011

SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONERS: BRUCE HUTAIN, ROBIN STAFFORD

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Election of Chair
2. Election of Vice Chair

PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this time the public is invited to address the Traffic Safety Commission concerning any item on the agenda, which is not a public hearing item, or on matters within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Safety Commission.

PRESENTATION: **O. C. Bridges Grade Separation Project Status**
Presenters: City Project Manager Roy Stephenson
OCTA Staff

REPORTS:

- I. TRAFFIC CONTROL:** **Bus Loading Zone**
TSC NO. 11-04 **Bradford Avenue at Valencia High School**
Requested by Steve Umber, PYLUSD

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY
Statistical update on accident and enforcement information provided by the Placentia Police Department.
2. DISCUSSION ITEMS BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER
Presentation of other items of interest.
3. RESPONSE TO PRIOR MEETING ITEMS
Update of items discussed at prior meetings.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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*****CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA*****

I, Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer/Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission for the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the meeting of November 21, 2011 of the Traffic Safety Commission of the City of Placentia was posted on November 17, 2011.



Ruth Smith, PE
Traffic Engineer

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
May 16, 2011**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of May 16, 2011 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue Placentia by Chair Faia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Bruschke

ROLL CALL: Present: Chair Faia
Vice Chair Chadha
Commissioner Bruschke
Commissioner Stafford
Commissioner Gorman
Commissioner Hernandez

Absent: Commissioner Labreche

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant
Sara Salazar, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR CHADHA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE. PASSED 4-0-1-2 (LABRECHE ABSENT, GORMAN AND HERNANDEZ ABSTAINED).

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE CHIEF:

Sergeant Millsap introduced Chief of Police Rick Hicks to the Traffic Safety Commission. Chief Hicks expressed gratitude towards the Commission for their dedication to improving traffic safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Faia invited public comments on items which are not public hearings. There were none and Chair Faia closed the public comments.

PRESENTATION:

SR-57 Northbound Widening Project Update

Presenters: Arshad Rashedi of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Jenny Corsey of Westbound Communications

Arshad Rashedi of Caltrans provided an update on the widening of the Northbound 57 Freeway from Orangethorpe Avenue to Lambert Road. The goal is to reduce congestion

and increase traffic flow by adding a northbound lane, merge lane, sound walls, retaining walls and bridge widenings. The projected completion date is Summer 2014.

Jenny Corsey of Westbound Communications noted that her firm has been hired for the public awareness campaign. She explained that they are making information and updates available through various social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook. They also have a construction help line, an active website which is updated regularly, and they will continue to hold public meetings as needed.

Chief Hicks asked if the information could be added to the City's website. Ms. Corsey said that informational links could be added to the website.

Mr. Steve UMBER, Director of Transportation for the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District asked how the closure of Kraemer Boulevard for the Grade Separation Projects will affect the freeway construction congestion. Mr. Rashedi stated that traffic counts were performed for the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and construction will be coordinated with the Grade Separation Projects.

Ms. Smith asked how often Traffic Management meetings are held. Ms. Corsey responded that meetings are held every 2 (two) weeks with Cities and project managers. Ms. Smith advised the Commission that at their request, she can forward any updates she receives.

REPORTS:

I. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 11-03A Pedestrian Safety Concerns- Cartlen Drive and Brooklyn Avenue Requested by the City Administrator

This is a request to install a crosswalk as well as to improve traffic congestion that results from parents using the neighborhood as a pick-up and drop-off area for Golden Elementary School students.

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

Ms. Smith shared comments she received via email from a resident at 2243 Cartlen Drive. The resident, Kim Novak, expressed opposition to the City painting the curb red in front of her home. Ms. Smith proposed the possibility of shortening the new red curb from 15 feet to 5 feet.

The following recommendations were made:

1. Install a yellow painted crosswalk on Cartlen Drive at Brooklyn Avenue with advance warning signs.
2. Install red curb for No Stopping Any Time at the intersection of Cartlen Drive and Brooklyn Avenue.
3. Install a "No Parking 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, School Days Only" zone on Golden Avenue.

Ms. Smith invited Mr. Umber to provide an update on actions taken by the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District related to this issue. Mr. Umber stated that by the end of the summer, the school district will complete the construction at George Key Elementary School. This will allow the removal of the temporary "No Parking, Bus Exempt" restriction in front of the school. He suggested the zone be returned to its prior use, which included parking spaces, or to create a zone with parking limitations to allow a 'queuing' lane, once the construction is complete. He added that the school district is also planning to add a two (2) lane entry into the parking lot by the end of summer to enable westbound vehicles to enter the parking lot simultaneously with eastbound vehicles.

Chair Faia asked if the parking spaces in the front of the school are used. Mr. Umber stated yes, they are used by school staff.

Ms. Smith asked if the proposed hours for the Golden Avenue parking restriction will be acceptable. Mr. Umber responded, "Yes".

Chair Faia asked if parents will be notified of changes, once improvements are completed. Mr. Umber responded that yes, the Golden Elementary principal is diligent in communicating with parents.

Chair Faia invited any public comments for the item.

Mr. Alan Frank, 813 Brooklyn Avenue, expressed thanks to the City for their efforts to improve the situation and to the police department for providing enforcement.

Ms. Suzanne Wulff, 808 Brooklyn Avenue, stated she is pleased with the continuing efforts.

Mr. David McNutt, 819 Brooklyn Avenue expressed thanks.

Ms. Roxanne Skovira 2214 Cartlen Avenue, expressed thanks.

Chair Faia closed the public comments.

Discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the red curb in front of 2243 Cartlen Drive.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF RED CURB FROM 15 (FIFTEEN) FEET TO 5 (FIVE) FEET IN FRONT OF 2243 CARTLEN DRIVE FOR TSC NO. 11-03A; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD. PASSED 6-0 (LABRECHE ABSENT).

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Smith advised the Commission she would have another school district item at the next regular meeting.

Sergeant Millsap presented the Police Department Traffic Summary. Total collisions are down 12% from last year, hit- and-run accidents are down 6%, impounded vehicles are down 22%, D.U.I. accidents are down 18% and D.U.I. arrests are down 13%.

Chair Faia asked if the Traffic Division of the Police Department is still short-staffed. Sgt. Millsap responded that aside from himself, there is one (1) full time motor officer, one officer currently on leave and two (2) vacant motor officer positions.

Commissioner Stafford asked if checkpoints are still in place. Sgt. Millsap responded that a checkpoint was recently held which resulted in three (3) arrests and 10 impounded vehicles. He added that the current OTS grant expires in September 2011 and the Police Department is waiting to hear for next year's grant.

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that the intersection improvements at the intersection of Bradford Avenue and Madison Avenue are almost complete.

Chair Faia asked if there was any update on items from the last meeting. Ms. Smith responded that the signs are on order.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Chair Faia adjourned the Traffic Safety Commission meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2011 at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.

RUTH SMITH, P.E., Traffic Engineer
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION REPORT
BRADFORD AVENUE AT VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL
BUS LOADING ZONE

TSC NO.: 11 - 04

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2011

REQUEST:

This is a request to install “No Stopping 7 to 8 AM, 2 to 4 PM, School Days, Buses Exempt” signs on the east side of Bradford Avenue north of Anned Drive to establish a bus loading zone for Valencia High School (see Exhibit 1).

DISCUSSION:

Bradford Avenue forms the western boundary of Valencia High School between Anned Drive and Madison Avenue and provides access to the school. Bradford Avenue is 40 feet wide from Chapman Avenue to approximately 150 feet north of Ruby Drive, where it widens out to 65 feet. The requested parking restriction is located on the east side of Bradford Avenue from 80 feet south of the widening to 110 feet north of the widening. Bradford Avenue is one lane in each direction at the narrower south end of the requested restriction and is striped with two lanes northbound and one lane southbound at the widened north end. Parking is generally allowed on the east side of the street except for occasional red zones (see Exhibit 2) and is restricted on the west side of the street during school hours. There is an existing midblock yellow school crosswalk just north of the proposed bus loading zone, as shown in Exhibit 2. The speed limit is 30 miles per hour.

Major improvements to Valencia High School were recently completed, which resulted in the removal of portable classrooms from the parking lot adjacent to the proposed bus loading zone. Prior to and during construction, the buses loaded and unloaded on school property in what is now a student parking lot.

Parking is currently allowed at the proposed bus loading zone except for two red zones, one where the street widens and the other for the previously noted school crosswalk. School buses began loading and unloading at this on-street location when the adjacent student parking lot opened. The buses are often prevented from pulling up to the curb, however, by students’ vehicles parked there. Since there is adequate parking available in the student lot, there is no need for students to park on the street. The Placentia – Yorba Linda Unified School District has, therefore, requested that a bus loading zone be provided on the east side of Bradford during school beginning and ending times, to

operate more efficiently, reduce congestion on Bradford Avenue and to better serve the students with an established loading zone.

Implementation of the proposed loading zone can be accomplished by installing “No Stopping 7 to 8 AM, 2 to 4 PM, School Days, Buses Exempt” signs. The proposed parking restriction will also allow residents and school visitors to park in the proposed loading zone during the unrestricted hours.

RECOMMENDATION:

The following action is recommended for approval (see Exhibit 3):

1. Creation of a bus loading zone by installing “No Stopping 7 to 8 AM, 2 to 4 PM, School Days, Buses Exempt” signs on the east side of Bradford Avenue from 1,560 feet to 1,750 feet north of Anned Drive.



Ruth Smith, P.E.
Traffic Engineer

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
Exhibit 2 – Location Map
Exhibit 3 – Recommended Bus Loading Zone

EXHIBIT 1
VICINITY MAP

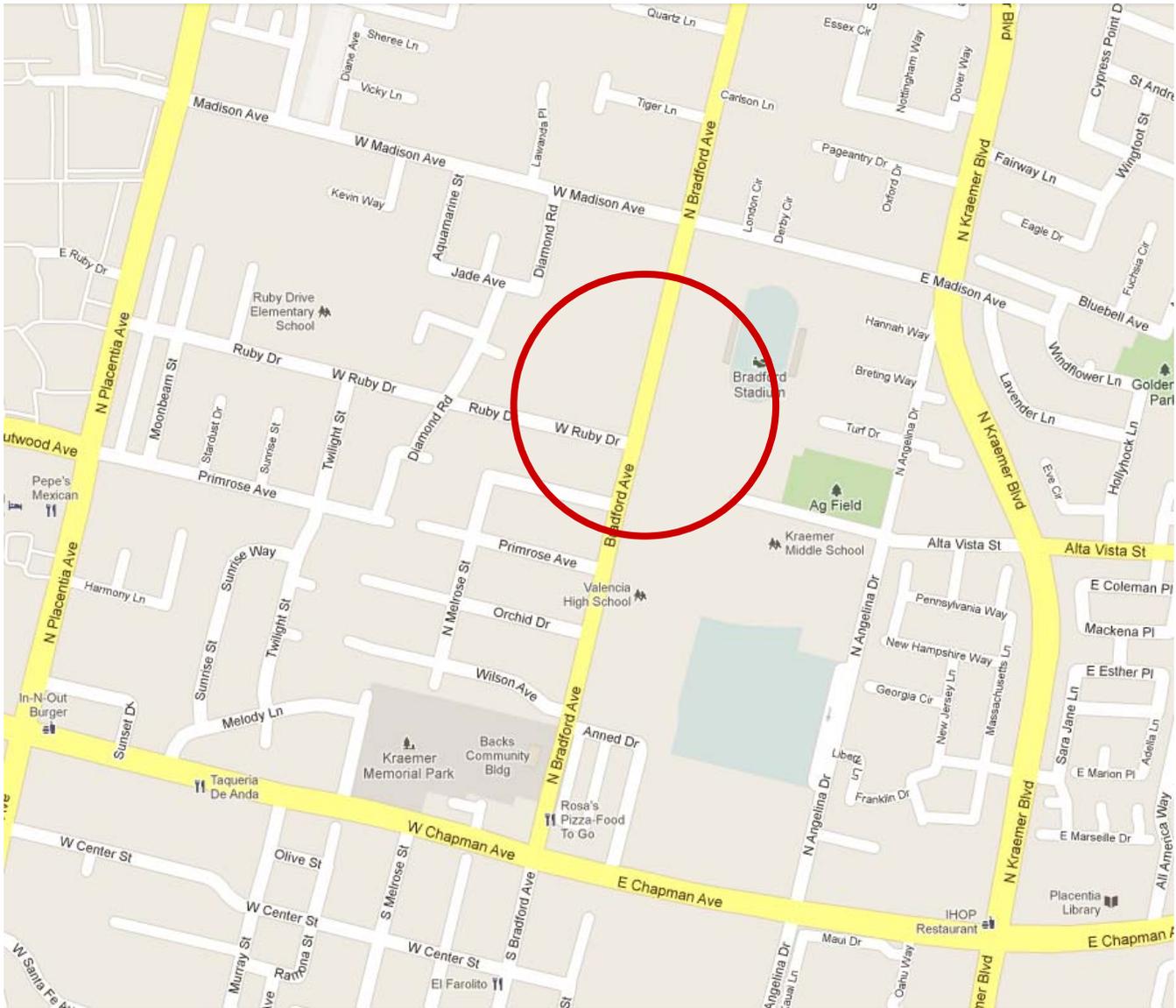
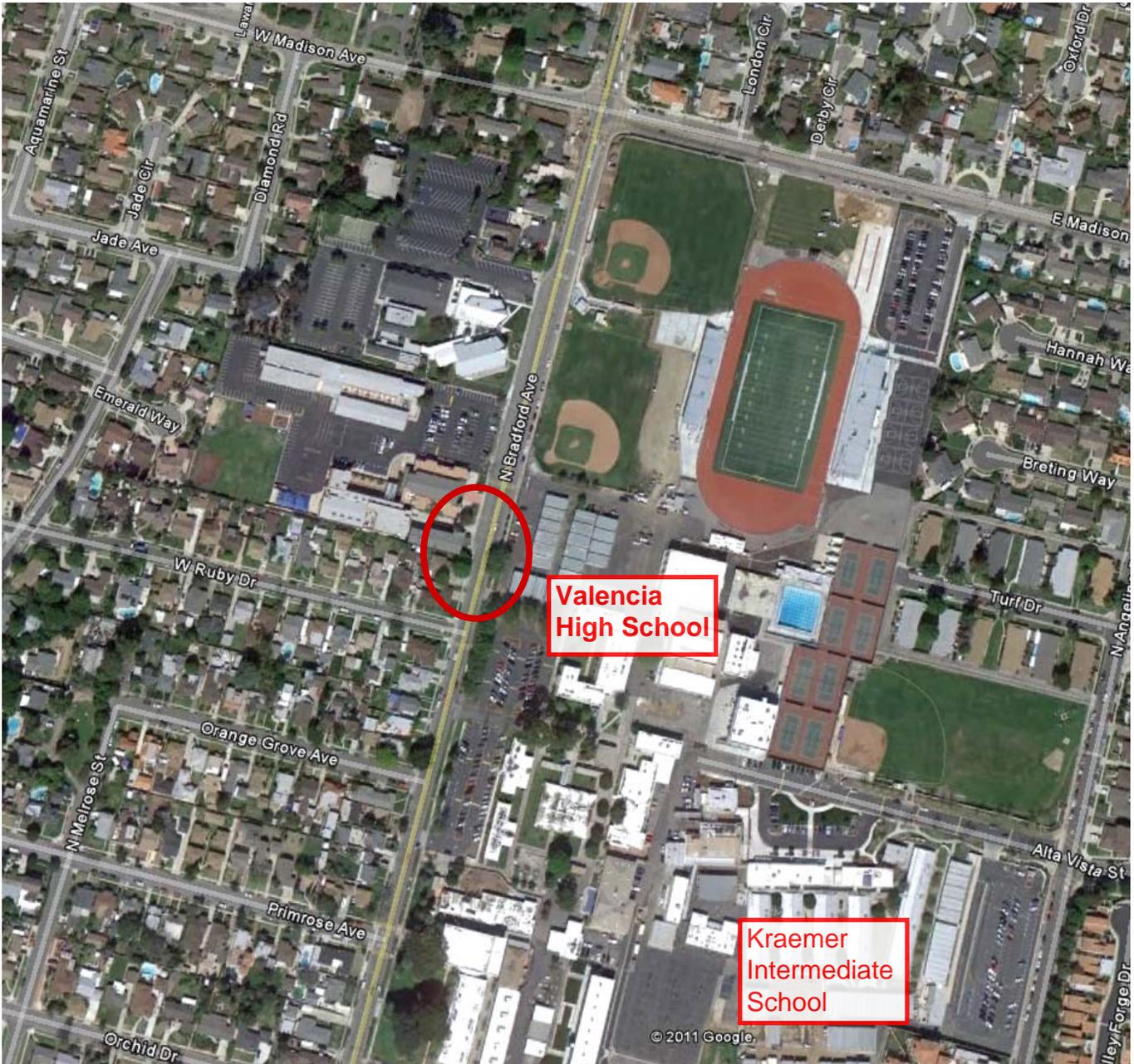


EXHIBIT 2
LOCATION MAP



LEGEND:

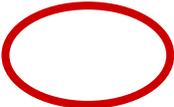
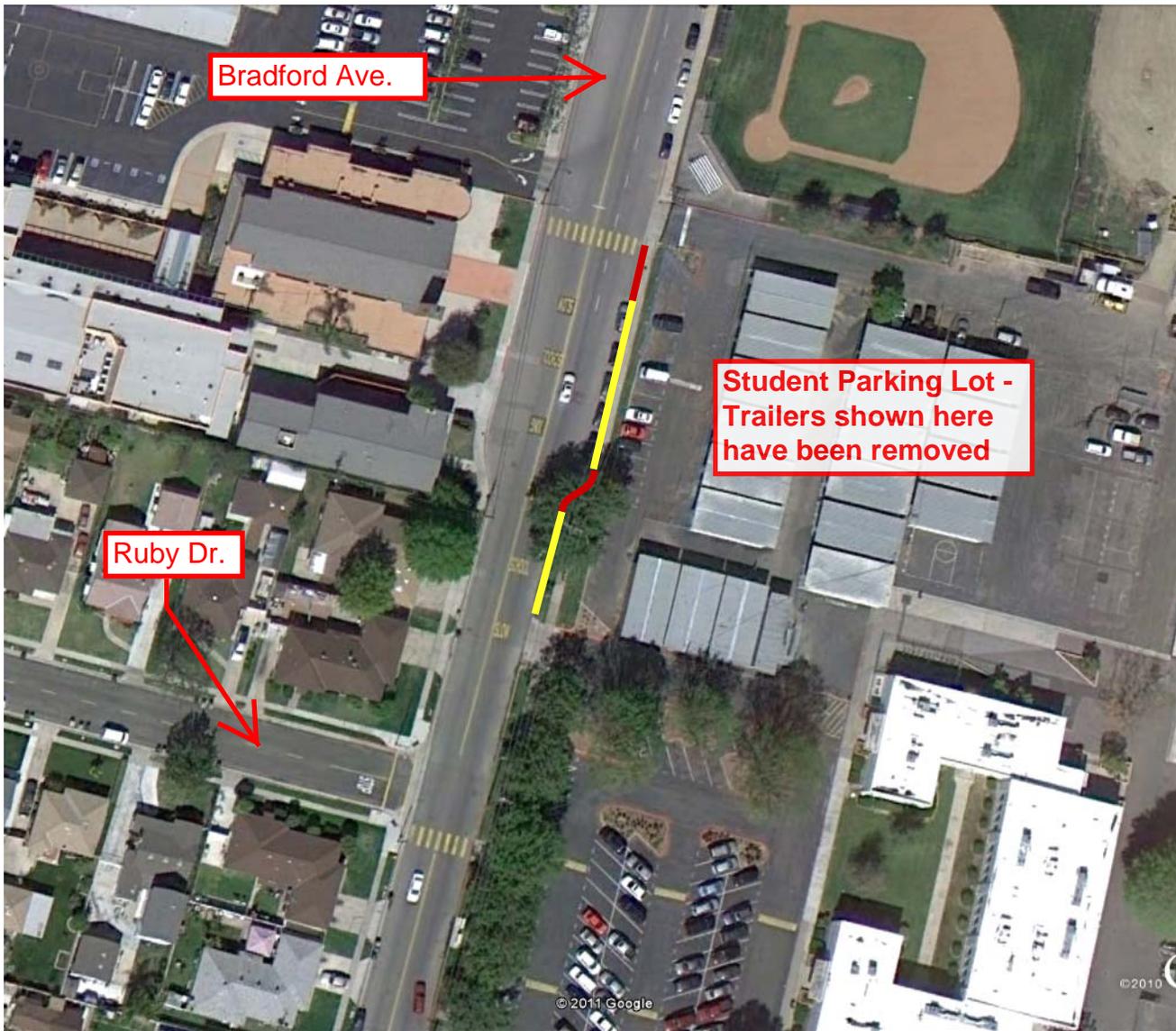
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EXHIBIT 3

RECOMMENDED BUS LOADING ZONE



LEGEND:

 = Existing Red Curb

 = Proposed "No Stopping 7 to 8 AM, 2 to 4 PM, School Days, Buses Exempt" Zone