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February 19, 1997

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director 

SUBJECT: Council Order #034 dated 1/6/97

RE: Re-examine previous traffic study relative to Elm Street.

A meeting was held with the Assistant Principal, Steve Mahoney, Marilyn Lopes, School Transportation and Lauren Preston of my Department to discuss concerns with traffic on the street near the Fletcher School. At the beginning and end of the school day, the school busses continue to stop in the middle of the street so as to block traffic on Elm Street. This allows the children to get on and off the bus without drivers being able to get by the bus. It was agreed that even if the street direction was reversed, this process would continue for the safety of the children. This procedure had been discussed in the past and agreed to by the Police. The busses try to pull clear of Market Street so that vehicles may go out to Columbia. The maximum delay would be 5 to 10 minutes when the school is dismissed.

According to a previous speed check conducted in 1992, the average speed around the Fletcher School was 22 to 25 MPH. A speed check was conducted on February 12, 1997 which found that the average speeds remained 22 to 25 MPH.

In the past, we have discussed the possibility of reversing a section of Elm Street with the neighborhood. If they would like to pursue this further, we welcome the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons with them.



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February 24, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Manger:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 14, regarding a traffic study on Elm Street, please find attached a report submitted by Susan Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls
attachment

Consent Agenda #24

S-98

Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Fourteen, regarding a traffic
study on Elm Street.

In City Council February 24, 1997

Referred back to
City Manager on
motion of Councillor
Joomey for report on
safety issues on
Elm Street.