



Crossing Guard Program Services

Public Works Department

Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee
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BACKGROUND

- On July 16, 2019, staff presented the City Council with a cost sharing plan phased in over a five-year period and Council directed staff to work with the school districts to move to a 50/50 cost sharing model within two to three years.
- On August 22, 2019, RUSD's Board of Education Finance Subcommittee recommended support of the proposed costs sharing model.
 - On September 3, 2019 the RUSD's board approved the cost sharing model.
 - On September 19, 2019 the AUSD's board approved the cost sharing model.
- On September 24, 2019, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the reimbursement of crossing guard services with RUSD and AUSD for a five-year term through June 30, 2024.



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BACKGROUND

- On February 27, 2024, Council approved the First Amendment to MOU with AUSD to add 12 additional guard sites at a 100% reimbursement to the City of Riverside.

- On May 7, 2024, City Council approved the Second Amendment to the MOU for Crossing Guard Services with AUSD to fully reimburse the City for the Summer School Program.

- On June 18, 2024, Council approved:
 - The First Amendment to MOU between RUSD to add six (6) additional guard locations for 100% reimbursement through June 30, 2025,
 - The Third Amendment to the MOU between the AUSD for to add one (1) additional guard location for 100% reimbursement through June 30, 2025,
 - A new MOU between the St. Catherine of Alexandria School for 100% reimbursement of Crossing Guard Services through June 30, 2026.



EXISTING COST SHARING MODEL

The City funds 50% of the 64 originally contracted crossing guard locations & the districts fund 100% of the 20 newly contracted crossing guard locations.

District	Agreement Term	Number of Schools	Percentage Split City / District
AUSD	Included in original agreement	15	50% / 50%
	District requested to add later	13*	0% / 100%
RUSD	Included in original agreement	49	50% / 50%
	District requested to add later	6**	0% / 100%
St. Catherine's	Removed from RUSD	1	0% / 100%

*Schools are in City & County limits.
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DISTRICT ENGAGEMENT

- The City Council has previously expressed a desire to continually assess the cost-sharing model for crossing guard services.
- On January 28, 2025, the City Manager and Public Works Department met with RUSD.
 - RUSD shared that they would like to add three crossing guard locations to the new school site at Casa Blanca Elementary with the declaration to pay no more than 50% as it is within City limits. This decision would set precedence for any additional sites, as Eastside Elementary will also require crossing guards and it is expected to open in 2027.



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COST SHARING OPTIONS

- Staff recommend Option C, which proposes to increase the school district contributions for original crossing guard locations by 5% each year over a five-year term, beginning in FY 2025/26.
- Goal of reaching a 75% (School) / 25% (City) contribution split in 5 years.

Options		City Share	District Share
A – No City contribution	All Years	0%	100%
B – Continue existing cost share model (50/50 split of 64 locations)	All Years		
	Original Schools	50%	50%
	Additional Schools	0%	100%
C – Gradual reduction in City contribution (from 45% of original schools to 25%) [Recommended]	Year 7	45%	55%
	Year 8	40%	60%
	Year 9	35%	65%
	Year 10	30%	70%
	Year 11	25%	75%
D – RUSD Preference - Existing cost share model (50/50 split of 64 locations plus any location in RUSD City limits)	All Years		
	Original Schools	50%	50%
	Additional City Schools	50%	50%
	Additional County Schools	0%	100%



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COST SHARING OPTIONS

- Options A – C demonstrates the cost sharing options based on 84 crossing guard locations.
- Option D presents RUSD's preference if Council were to approve an additional 3 crossing guards at 50% reimbursement.

		%	Year 7 2025/26	Year 8 2026/27	Year 9 2027/28	Year 10 2028/29	Year 11 2029/30
OPTION A	City	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AUSD	100	\$617,792	\$679,571	\$713,550	\$749,227	\$786,689
	RUSD	100	\$1,213,520	\$1,334,872	\$1,401,616	\$1,471,696	\$1,545,281
	St. Catherine	100	\$22,064	\$24,270	\$25,484	\$26,758	\$28,096
OPTION B Continue existing cost share model \$ Schools pay 50% for 64 locations & RUSD pays 100% for 6 AUSD pays 100% for 13 Private pays 100% for 1 \$ City pays 50% of 64 locations	City	50	\$706,048	\$776,653	\$815,485	\$856,230	\$899,073
	AUSD	50	\$165,480	\$182,028	\$191,129	\$200,686	\$210,720
	RUSD	100	\$286,832	\$315,515	\$331,291	\$347,856	\$365,248
	RUSD	50	\$540,568	\$594,625	\$624,356	\$655,574	\$688,353
	RUSD	100	\$132,384	\$145,622	\$152,904	\$160,549	\$168,576
	St. Catherine	100	\$22,064	\$24,270	\$25,484	\$26,758	\$28,096
OPTION C	City	45-25	\$635,443	\$621,322	\$570,840	\$513,756	\$449,536
	AUSD	55-75	\$182,028	\$218,434	\$248,468	\$280,960	\$316,080
	RUSD	100	\$286,832	\$315,515	\$331,291	\$347,856	\$365,248
	RUSD	55-75	\$594,625	\$713,560	\$811,663	\$917,803	\$1,032,529
	RUSD	100	\$132,384	\$145,622	\$152,904	\$160,549	\$168,576
	St. Catherine	100	\$22,064	\$24,270	\$25,484	\$26,758	\$28,096
Total Annual Program Cost <i>Figures may be rounded</i>			\$1,853,376	\$2,038,714	\$2,140,649	\$2,247,682	\$2,360,066
OPTION D RUSD Preference \$ Schools pay 50% for 67 City locations & RUSD pays 100% for 6 AUSD pays 100% for 13 Private pays 100% for 1 \$ City pays 50% of 67 locations	City	50	\$739,144	\$813,069	\$853,711	\$896,367	\$941,217
	AUSD	50	\$165,480	\$182,028	\$191,129	\$200,686	\$210,720
	RUSD	100	\$286,832	\$315,515	\$331,291	\$347,856	\$365,248
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Total Annual Program Cost <i>Figures may be rounded</i>			\$1,919,568.00	\$2,111,524.80	\$2,217,101.04	\$2,327,956.09	\$2,444,353.90

**Option D adds 3 schools if approved by Council



RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive an update on the school crossing guard service program and provide input on the cost sharing options with Riverside and Alvord Unified School Districts.

