



**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 05/20/03  
AGENDA ITEM 1  
WORK SESSION ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Submit Application for Safe Routes to Schools Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing staff to submit an application for the fourth cycle of the Safe Routes to Schools Program and commit to providing the required ten percent project match.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Safe Routes to Schools (SRS) program provides funds to construct projects that promote increased walking and bicycling to schools and enhance safety for school-age pedestrians and bicyclists. Approximately \$20 million statewide will be available in the fourth funding cycle. Applications for the fourth cycle are due May 30, 2003.

In the third cycle, the City applied for funds to construct sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue approaching Lorin Eden School. This application was successful, and the project is scheduled to begin construction this fall and be completed by June 2004. To date, this project has been our only successful application in the first three cycles, due to the extremely competitive nature of the applications.

Since the source of funds is highly competitive and because the City's application was approved last year, we may not be successful in this upcoming cycle. Nevertheless, staff recommends that we submit an application, since the need exists for improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety near schools.

Review of SRS submittals elsewhere in the state reveals that the most successful applications fall into two categories: those for the construction of new sidewalks and those for the installation of in-pavement pedestrian crosswalk lights, or "lighted crosswalks." Consequently, staff feels that an application that addresses both of these priority areas would be successful. It is further recommended that an application for improvements benefiting more than one school be submitted, since experience shows that such applications are often favorably considered. Therefore, staff recommends an application for the following package of improvements:

Markham School/Hayward High School Pedestrian Improvements – construction of sidewalks on Fifth Street to Markham Elementary and on a portion of Fifth and "E" Streets near Hayward High School. Federal funds requested: \$166,500; local match: \$18,500.

Peixoto Elementary School/Muir Elementary School Pedestrian Improvements - Construction of new curb, gutter, and sidewalks on Ruus Road between Tennyson Road and Panjon Street and on Soto Road and Orchard Avenue, near Muir Elementary School. Federal funds requested: \$243,000; local match: \$27,000.

Shepherd/Tyrrell Elementary Schools Pedestrian Improvements: Installation of in-pavement crosswalk lights at the intersection of Shepherd and Tyrrell Avenues. Federal funds requested: \$36,000; local match: \$4,000.

Location of the proposed improvements are shown on Exhibits A, B, and C.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

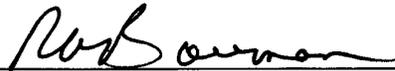
In the 2002-03 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Council identified a “Livable Streets category,” which is designed to highlight efforts toward increased pedestrian and bicycle safety and greater accommodation for non-vehicular modes of travel. The proposed SRS project described above is part of the citywide effort to preserve and create livable streets.

The construction of sidewalks on Fifth Street and on "E" Street would address critical gaps in the City's pedestrian circulation system. Moreover, the sidewalks near Peixoto Elementary School would complete an additional sidewalk gap by linking the school with the Boys and Girls Club, a major after-school activity center. The completed sidewalk system in the area would also complement a lighted crosswalk that has recently been installed at the intersection of Ruus Road and Panjon Street, adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club, thereby enhancing pedestrian safety between these two major generators of pedestrian traffic. This project would also provide some in-fill sidewalks on Soto Road and Orchard Avenue.

City staff has received several requests for traffic calming in the area of the Shepherd and Tyrrell Elementary Schools. While speed humps were installed adjacent to the school on Shepherd Avenue, staff feels that the installation of a lighted crosswalk on Tyrrell Avenue will provide greater safety for elementary school students and will heighten driver awareness of school-age pedestrians. Installation of a lighted crosswalk would complement traffic calming efforts in the area.

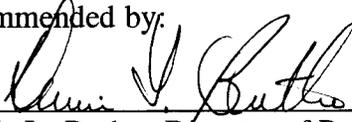
Should the City's application be approved, the required local match is available in various Capital projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

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Recommended by:



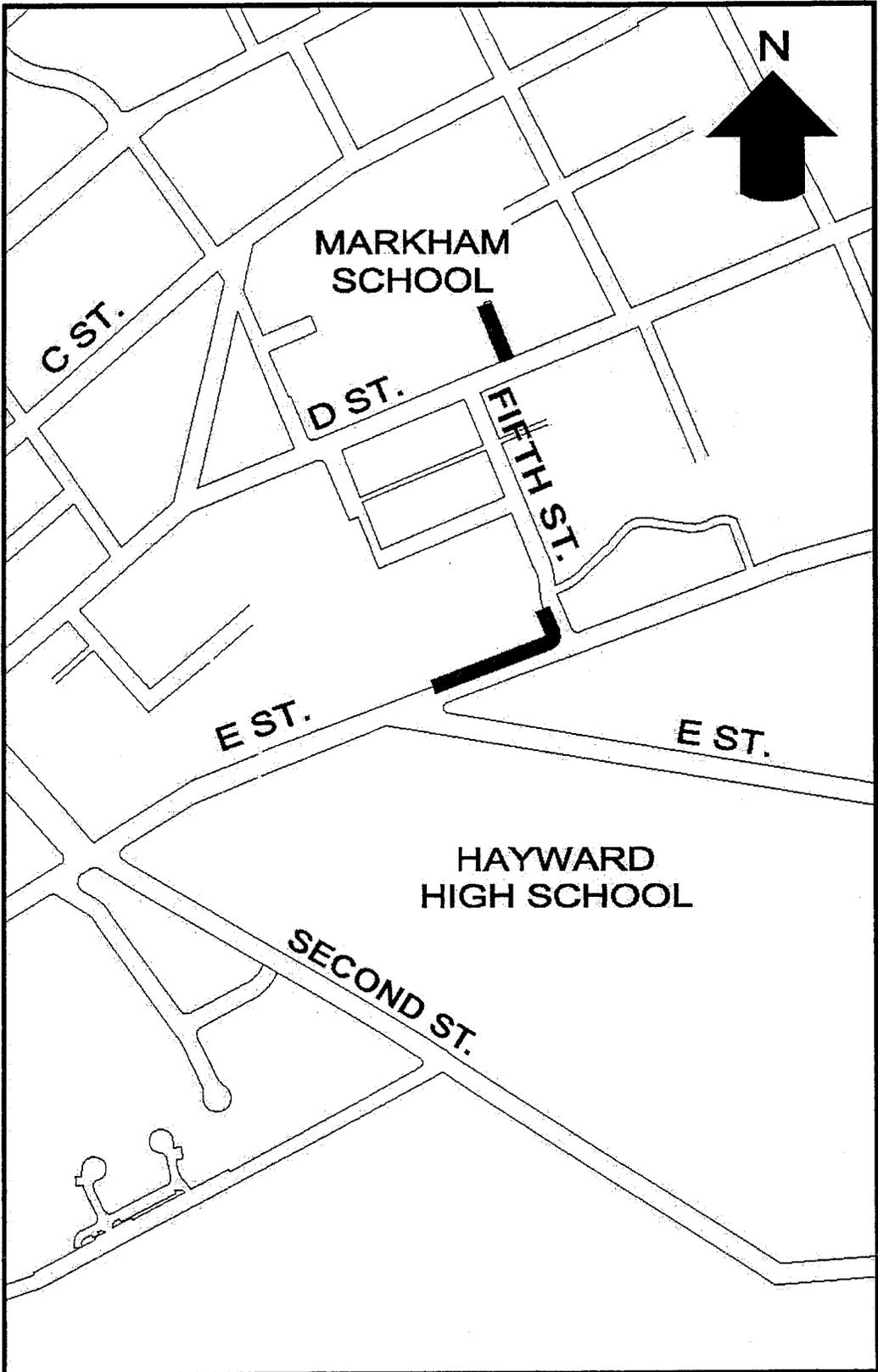
Dennis L. Butler, Director of Public Works

Approved by:



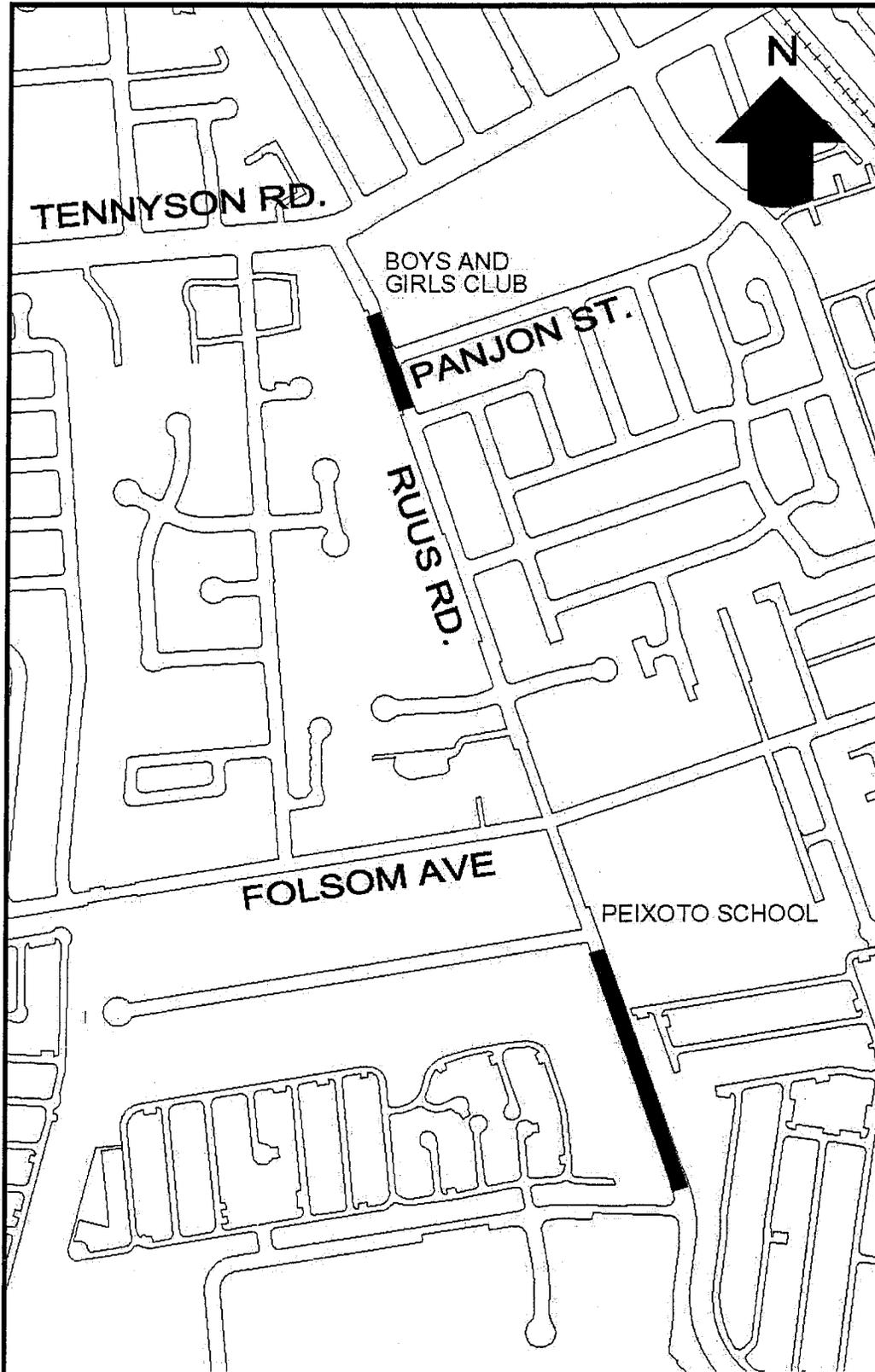
Jesús Armas, City Manager

- Exhibits: Exhibit A: Markham Elementary/Hayward High School Improvements  
Exhibit B: Peixoto Elementary School Improvements  
Exhibit C: Muir Elementary School Improvements  
Exhibit D: Shepherd Elementary School Improvements



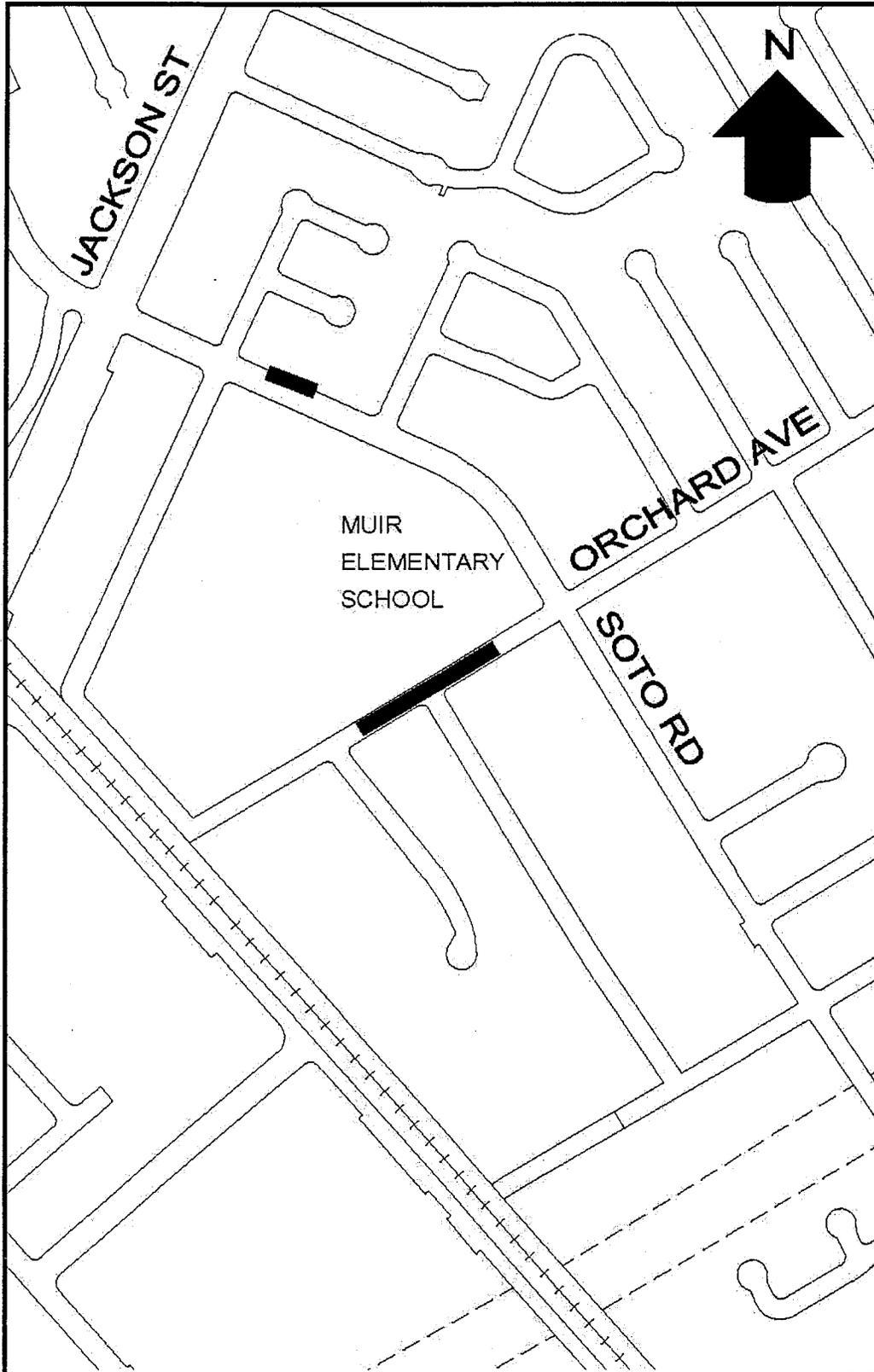
**Safe Routes to School Program  
Markham Elementary/Hayward High School Improvement**

**Exhibit A**



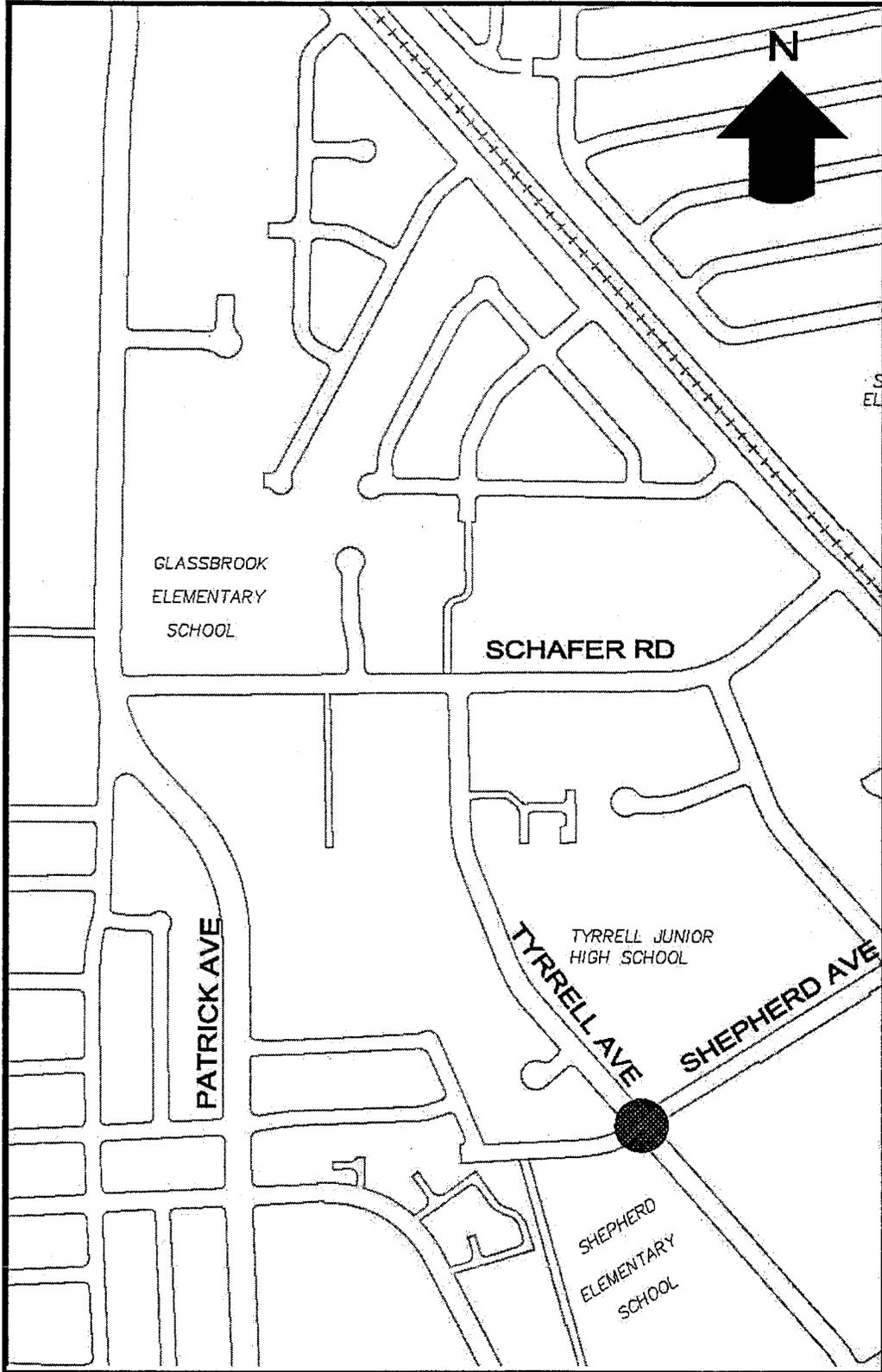
**Safe Routes to School Program  
Peixoto Elementary School Improvements**

**Exhibit B**



**Safe Routes to School Program  
Muir Elementary School Improvements**

**Exhibit C**



**Safe Routes to School Program  
Shepherd Elementary School Improvements**

**Exhibit D**

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT  
FUND APPLICATION TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO  
SCHOOLS PROGRAM; COMMITTING TO PROVIDE THE  
REQUIRED TEN PERCENT PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS;  
AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1999, Governor Davis signed AB 1475, creating the Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRS), which provides funds to construct projects to promote increased walking and bicycling to schools and enhance safety for school-age pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the City of Hayward applied for funds to construct sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue, which is to begin in the fall of 2003 and completed by June 2004; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$20 million statewide will be available in the fourth funding cycle and written applications for the fourth funding cycle are now being accepted (due May 30, 2003) for projects that address specific pedestrian, bicycle and/or safety problems; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$20 million statewide will be available in the fourth funding cycle and local jurisdictions will be required to provide a (minimum) 10 percent match of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the City submit a "Safe Routes to Schools" application for construction of new sidewalks as follows:

- A. Markham School/Hayward High School Pedestrian Improvements-construction of sidewalks on Fifth Street to Markham Elementary and on a portion of Fifth and "E" Streets near Hayward High School. Federal funds requested \$166,500; local match: \$18,500; and
- B. Peixoto Elementary School/ Muir Elementary School Pedestrian Improvements - Construction of new curb, gutter, and sidewalks on Ruus Road between Tennyson Road and Panjon Street and on Soto Road and Orchard Avenue, near Muir Elementary School. Federal funds requested:\$243,000; local match \$27,000; and

- C. Shepherd and Tyrrell Elementary School Pedestrian Improvements: Installation of in-pavement crosswalk lights at the intersection of Shepherd and Tyrrell Avenues. Federal Funds requested: \$36,000; local match \$4,000.

WHEREAS, based on the estimated total project cost, the grant request will be \$445,500 and the City's required match will be \$49,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes staff to submit an application to the fourth cycle of the "Safe Routes to Schools" Program for construction of new sidewalks and improvements on Fifth Street near Markham Elementary; "E" Street near Hayward High School; Ruus Road near Peixoto Elementary; Soto Road and Orchard Avenue near Muir Elementary, and Shepherd and Tyrrell Avenues near Shepherd Elementary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hayward commits to providing the required ten percent project matching funds if the grant application is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Hayward all necessary application documents for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward