



IRVING SCHOOL PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN

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IRVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Parking Restrictions &
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- A. Deploy a crossing guard at the intersection of Harvard Street and Cuyler Avenue during arrival and dismissal time periods. [Any request for a new crossing guard must be submitted to District 97 for consideration and approval as District 97 is financially responsible for the crossing guard.]
- B. Creation of a new vehicle drop-off/pick-up zone on the south side of Harvard Street between Ridgeland Avenue and Cuyler Avenue (traveling eastbound) via changing the parking restrictions to NO PARKING, LOADING/DROP-OFF ZONE, 7AM – 4PM, SCHOOL DAYS. This change should increase safety since the student can exit the vehicle curbside and access school property without having to cross the street.
- C. Deploy barricade on the westbound half of Harvard Street, just west of Cuyler Avenue to prohibit westbound traffic during arrival and dismissal time periods. This will discourage parents from parking on the north side of Harvard St and crossing their child mid-block to school.
- D. Encourage a clockwise vehicle traffic pattern adjacent to Irving School property (eastbound on Harvard Street and southbound on Cuyler Avenue). This increases safety as the student can exit the car curbside (south side of Harvard Street and west side of Cuyler Avenue) and access school property without having to cross the street.
- E. Change bus loading zone on Cuyler Avenue between Harvard Street and the northern handicap parking space to NO PARKING, LOADING/DROP-OFF ZONE, 7AM – 4PM, SCHOOL DAYS. This will provide additional frontage used to drop-off and pick up students along Cuyler Avenue.
- F. Deploy a STAFF ONLY barricade at the entrance to the staff parking lot.
- G. Change all parking restriction time periods from 8AM – 4PM, MON-FRI to 7AM – 4PM SCHOOL DAYS to reflect when school is in session.
- H. Send request for school speed zone on Ridgeland Avenue adjacent to the school to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for consideration since Ridgeland Avenue is an unmarked state highway.
- I. Refresh existing pavement markings at all intersections adjacent to Irving School property including Fillmore Street and Ridgeland Avenue.
- J. Test a temporary neckdown on Cuyler Avenue at Fillmore Street for the school year. The neckdown will help to mitigate the safety issue of more than one vehicle at a time exiting the southbound only Cuyler Avenue at Fillmore Street during arrival and dismissal time periods making it difficult for pedestrians to cross the intersection.
- K. Send request to IDOT to install an in-street pedestrian crossing sign on Ridgeland Avenue at Fillmore Street. It was noted that pedestrians, including students, regularly cross Ridgeland Avenue at Fillmore Street to gain access to Irving School.