

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: Beaverton School District Supplemental Plan

Date: August 25, 2015

Staff/Office: Sarah Drinkwater, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Services / T.J. Crockett

Action Requested: Informational Only Adoption Later Adoption Adoption/Consent Agenda

ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD: Beaverton School District as submitted a revised supplemental plan for approval.

BACKGROUND: ORS 327.006 includes supplemental plans approved by the State Board of Education as part of “Approved Transportation Costs”. Also, ORS 327.043 requires districts to provide transportation to students identified in a supplemental plan approved by the State Board of Education.

Beaverton School District’s original supplemental plan was approved in 1992 with updates in 2006, 2011, and 2012. Improvements have been made to many areas that are currently included in the supplemental plan. This update reflects these improvements and removes the requirement for Beaverton to transport the affected students.

This supplemental plan will ammend the current plan, and update it for the changes made since that time.

POLICY QUESTIONS: Whether to approve the supplemental plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pupil Transportation & Fingerprinting staff **recommends adoption** of the Beaverton School District Supplemental Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact to ODE. This change in the Beaverton Supplemental plan represents a reduction in the amount of students transported, so the Transportation Grant will realize a small savings from this change.

EFFECT OF ADOPTING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: New supplemental plan adopted and Beaverton will no longer be required to provide transportation to the students identified in these change.

EFFECT OF NOT ADOPTING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Current supplemental plan remains in place and Beaverton will still be required to provide transportation to these students under ORS 327.043.

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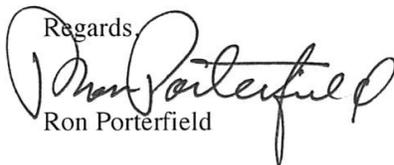
The attached documents represent Beaverton School District's Transportation Supplemental Plans for the 2015-2016 school year.

In identifying bus stops that would no longer qualify for bussing next year, the Transportation Department did not work in isolation. An expanded Supplemental Transportation Plan Committee was convened to assist with this work. The committee included BSD Public Safety, the City of Beaverton traffic team, Washington County Land Use, Safe Routes to School and the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Planning Department. They met several times and visited each of the proposed walking routes before making their recommendations to the Board. Their recommendations were unanimous.

At the conclusion of the committee's work, the proposed recommended changes were brought to the Board of Directors on February 17, 2015. After the February 17 Board meeting, Transportation staff reached out and communicated with impacted families. They sent out letters to families, held a series of evening listening sessions at several schools and when requested, they even met families at their child's current bus stops and walked with parents through the recommended safe walking route.

The Board had an extensive discussion that included several questions of staff before voting and approving the Supplemental Transportation Plan 2015-2016.

Should you require further information, I can be reached at 503.356.4335.

Regards,

Ron Porterfield

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BOARD MEETING DATE
February 17, 2015



TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR 2015-2016

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 327.006) establishes the criteria for "approved transportation costs" that are reimbursable by the State at 70% of those costs. The primary component of these approved costs is the daily home-to-school and back to home transportation for elementary students that live at least 1.5 miles from school and at least 1.0 mile from home for secondary students. The statute also includes, when approved, reimbursable costs for the transportation of students who live within the respective 1.0 and 1.5 mile standards, if such transportation is required for "health or safety reasons." To qualify for reimbursement, lesser distance transportation routes must be submitted to, and approved annually by the Oregon State Board of Education as local district "Transportation Supplemental Plans".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The most frequent reason for providing home-to-school-to home transportation for students within the 1.0 and 1.5 mile standards is the lack of sufficient infrastructure for a safe walkway (e.g. no sidewalks, no designated walkways away from traffic, requirements to cross major traffic arterials or highways, construction that disrupts foot traffic on such sidewalks or walkways, etc.) Annually, Transportation Department staff and our own Public Safety Department meet with representatives from: the City of Beaverton traffic team, Washington County Land Use, Safe Routes to School and the THPRD Planning Department to evaluate and make recommends either to add or withdraw neighborhoods from prior supplemental plans for a given school year. A final review of these recommendations includes on-site visits of these sites by the Administrator for Transportation, the District's Safety and Security Office and the Deputy Superintendent for Operations and Support Services.

Included with this Board Situation are the proposed *Transportation Supplemental Plan Changes for the 2015-2016* school year. Recommendations brought forward that propose the removal of a stop were only considered if all of the members of this committee were fully confident that there is no impact on student safety.

It is important to recognize that certain recommended plans may not be fully implemented or may be otherwise modified if the anticipated additional infrastructure is not constructed or other future construction projects result in creating an unsafe walkway within the 1.0 or 1.5 mile standards.

Immediately following the February 17, 2015 School Board meeting, staff will set up meetings with building administrators, and immediately notify impacted parents of proposed changes. We will address individual concerns or if it would be more helpful, hold meetings for parents at their respective schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

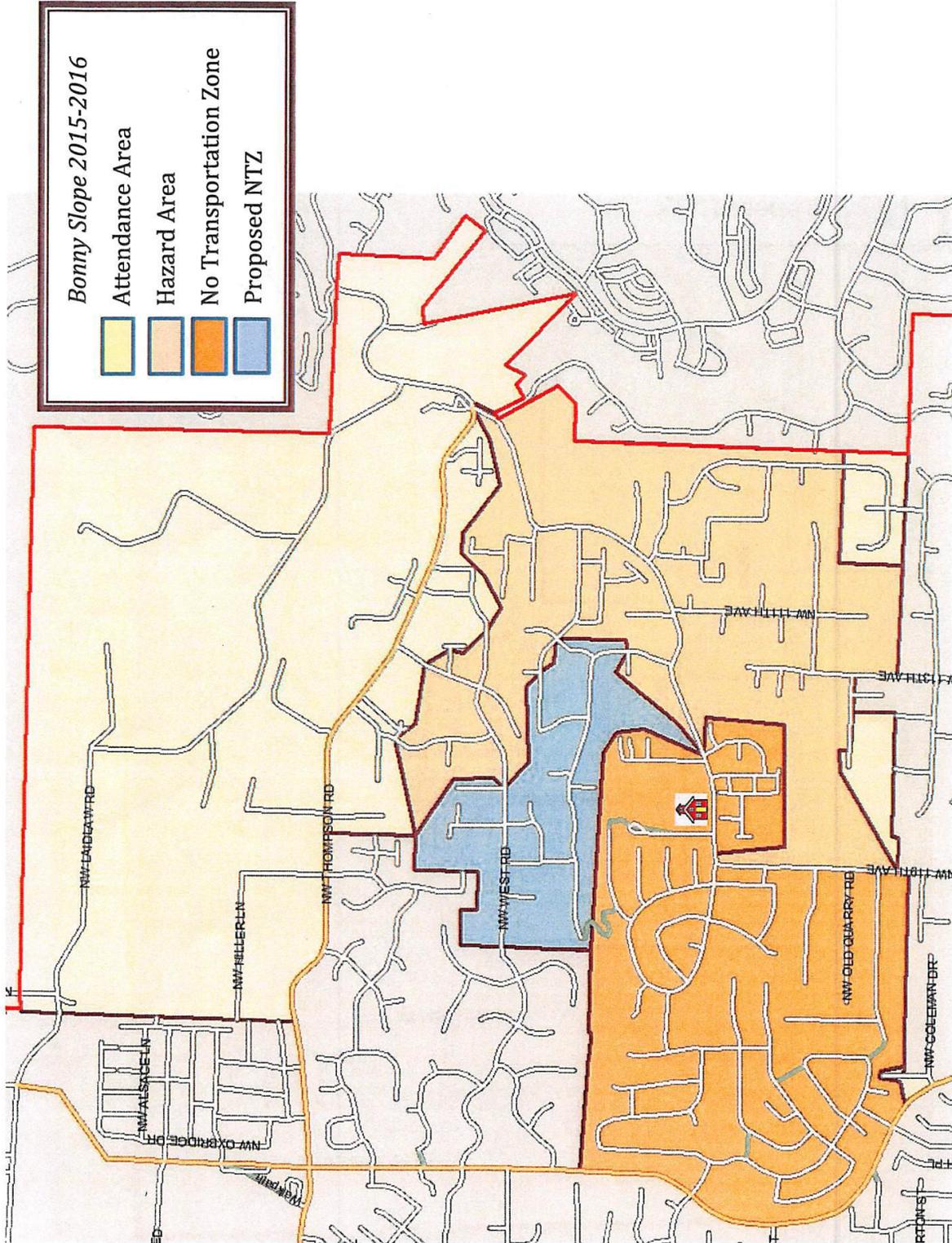
BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes staff to communicate and discuss proposed Transportation Supplemental Plans with families that reside in the impacted areas.

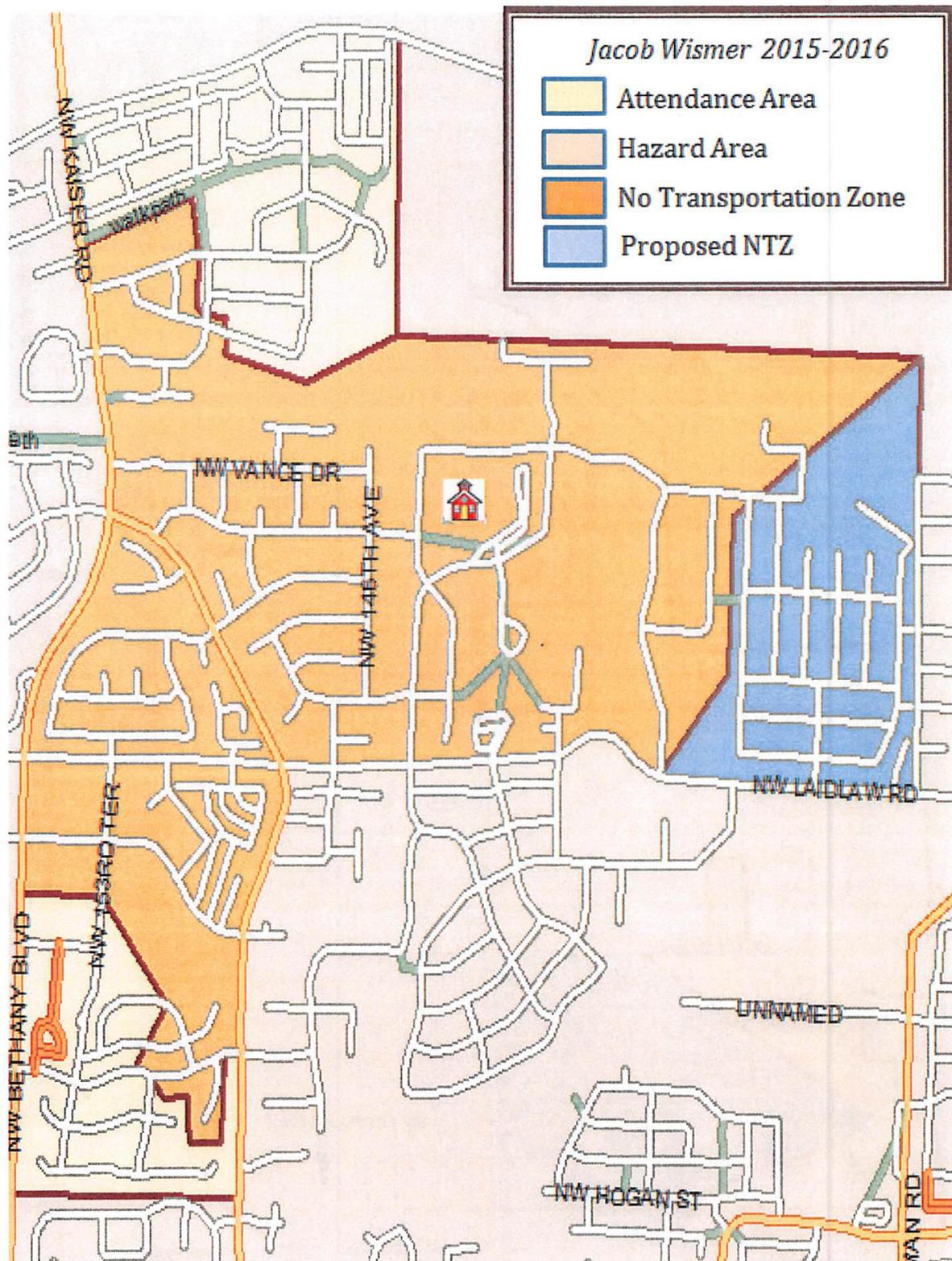
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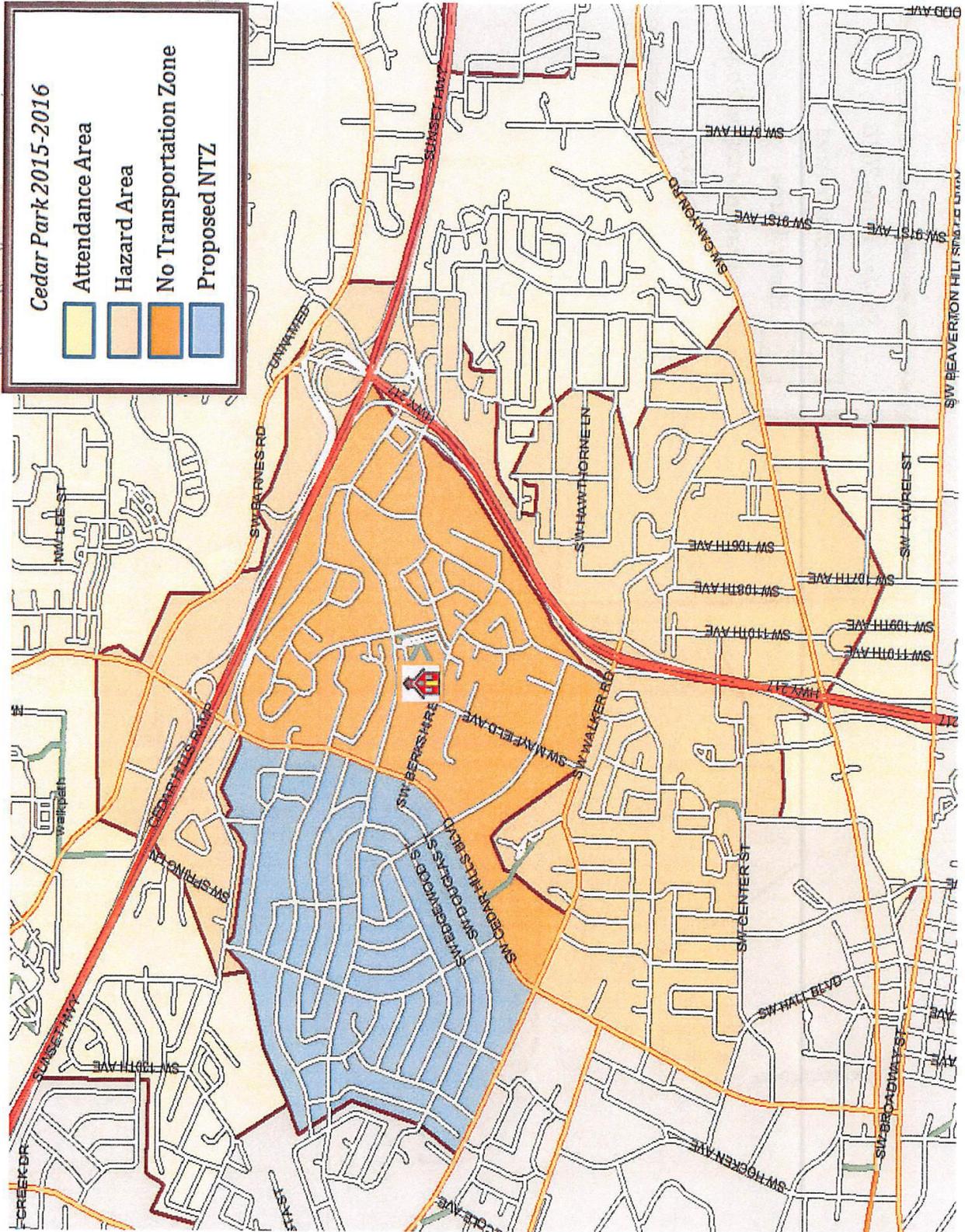
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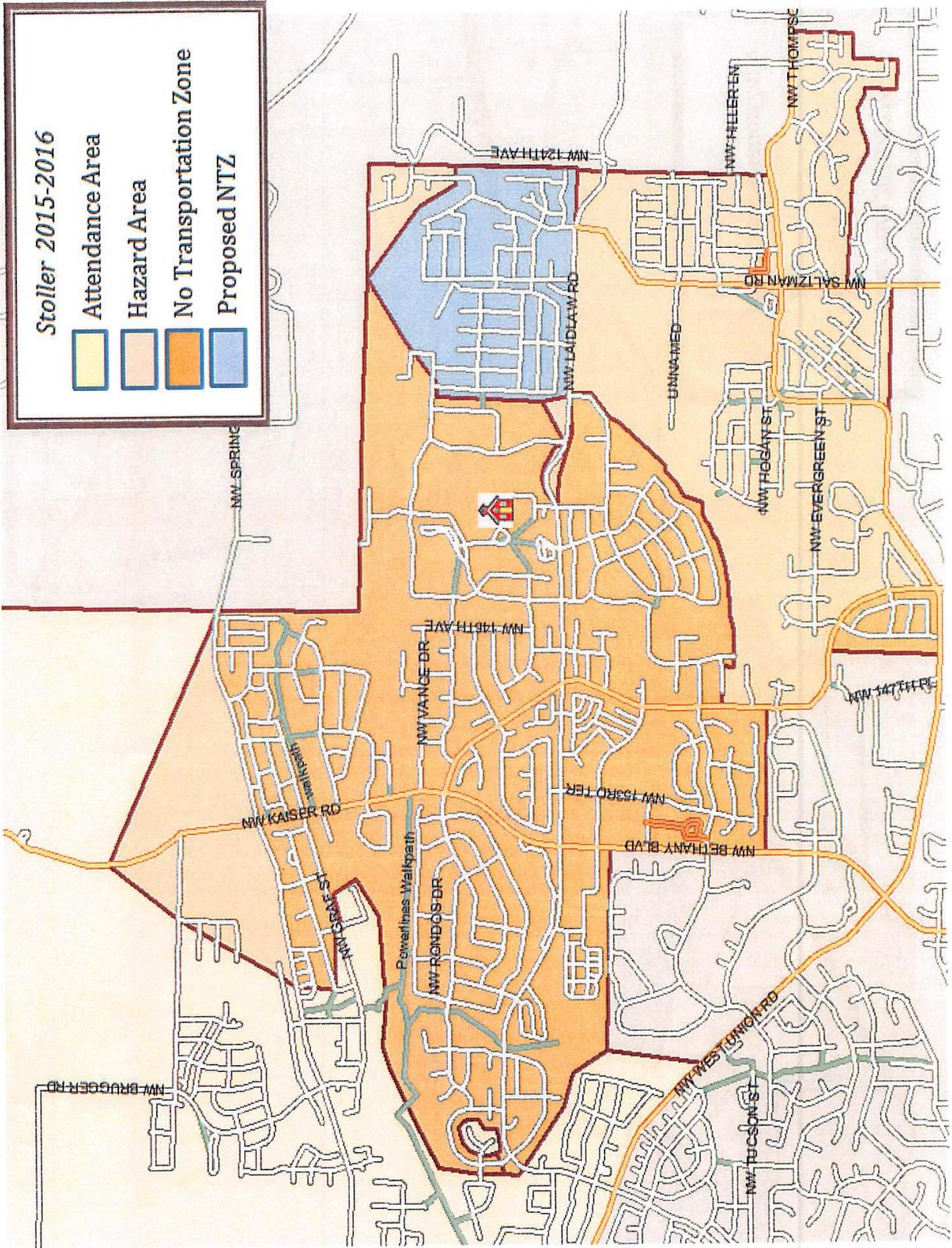
Supplemental Plan Areas to Review

SCHOOLS	Hazard Area	Students	Stops	Buses	Service	Notes	What Changed	Outcome
BONNY SLOPE	Area north of school - NW Blackhawk Dr & NW West Rd - only access was via McDaniel	51	4	1	Subtract	New paved walk path from South to Blackhawk.	New Ped Path	Supplemental Committee evaluated it as safe in 2012
MONTCLAIR	West side of Oleson Rd South to Garden Home Rec Center & North to Montclair Ter Apts.				Subtract	Students can walk along Oleson Rd on new sidewalks.	Newer sidewalks built along Oleson Rd	Supplemental Committee evaluated walk along sidewalk as safe.
	Crossing Oleson at Vermont with crossing guards - East side of Oleson Rd North to Montclair Ter Apts & South to Garden Home West Apts.	72	14	1.7	Subtract	Need additional crossing guards at Vermont & Oleson to cross Oleson Rd - there currently are 2 for students crossing Vermont at Oleson. Students can walk along Oleson Rd on improved sidewalks.	Newer sidewalks built along Oleson Rd	Supplemental Committee evaluated walk along sidewalk as safe. Students can cross Oleson @ Vermont with crossing guards.
OAK HILLS	West of Bethany, South on Bethany East side to Bronson Rd	337	19	3.7	Subtract	Ped Crossing light - new sidewalks along Bethany, need crossing guards	Major Road upgrade and controlled crossings	Supplemental Committee evaluated as a safe walk route
TERRA LINDA	Walking along Saltzman Rd between NW Saltzman Ct walkpath and NW 128th Ter	27	1	0.5	Subtract	NW Saltzman Ct is in the NTZ; the walk to NW 128th Ter from NW Saltzman Ct is along an improved sidewalk. Students do not cross any streets outside their neighborhood they or outside the existing NTZ.	Road/pedestrian improvements/ couple years ago.	Supplemental Committee evaluated as a safe walk route
SEXTON MOUNTAIN	South hazard crossing Nora @ Sexton MVD/AMOND VIEW, 158th & 155th	55	6	1	Subtract	Improved walking conditions along 155th	Improved sidewalk	Supplemental Committee evaluated as a safe walk route
JACOB WISMER	Arbor Heights neighborhood to the east through walkpath; Proposed in 2012.	139	3	1.5	Subtract	Re-submit from 2012 School Year.	Review of walking conditions	Supplemental Committee evaluated as a safe walk route
SPRINGVILLE	South side of Brugger Rd from NW Joss Ave to NW 163rd Ave.	0			Subtract	Currently no kids in new development	Sidewalks added	Supplemental Committee evaluated as a safe walk route
SOUTHRIDGE	Crossing Scholls	200	8	2	Subtract	Crossing Scholls Ferry at 125, 130 lights.	Review of walking conditions/ traffic flow	Committee evaluated as safe. Ped counts taken at each crossing.
CEDAR PARK	Students Crossing Cedar Hills Blvd at Park Way; Burner crossing to Belvidere & Spring; Crossing Walker @ Cedar Hills Blvd and Mayfield lights	72	6	1	Subtract	Need Crossing guards	Review of walking/crossing conditions	Supplemental Committee evaluated as safe. Traffic Counts on Cedar Hills Blvd
STOLLER	Arbor Heights neighborhood to the east through walkpath; Proposed in 2012.	84	3	1	Subtract	Re-submit from 2012	Review of walking/crossing conditions	Supplemental Committee evaluated as safe.











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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

When evaluating and reviewing proposed Supplemental routes staff considers a variety of factors including: volume of traffic, speed of traffic, visibility distance, walking conditions, crossing conditions (if necessary to cross), crossing assistance (guards, pedestrian signals, etc.) and the age of the student. After the Beaverton School District safety team identifies routes to either add or discontinue transportation the expanded Supplemental Plan Committee is convened for further. The Supplemental Plan Committee consists of members from Washington County Land Use, Washington County Safe Routes to school, the BSD Public Safety Office, BSD Transportation, the City of Beaverton traffic team, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Department, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Safe Routes to School representative, who is independent of Washington County.

In the weeks following the February Board meeting, BSD staff and safety partners have proactively reached out to parents who have expressed concern about the possibility of discontinuing bus transportation next year. In addition to sending out letters to all potentially impacted families, we attended to listening sessions with parents who from Sexton Mountain, Jacob Wismer, Stoller, Montclair and Oak Hills. Beaverton School District and Washington County staff also met with parents and students at one of the Terra Linda bus stops. We listened to their concerns and walked the proposed route with parents.

Staff received a petition with 20 signatures from parents at Bonny Slope. Unfortunately, this information was not received in time to schedule a meeting with this parent group prior to the Board meeting. No concerns were brought forward from the Cedar Park, Springville and Southridge areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

(15-523) BE IT RESOLVED Beaverton School District staff recommends the School Board approve the proposed Transportation Supplemental Plans for the 2015-2016 school.

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The following is a summary of identified walking conditions for each of the schools:

Bonny Slope Elementary:

- There is a newly paved walk path from South to Blackhawk.
- A portion of the proposed walking path goes through a neighborhood park.

Montclair Elementary:

- New sidewalks and traffic improvements along SW Oleson Road enhance safety conditions.
- Considerable lines of sight improve visibility.
- A second crossing guard will be added next year at Vermont and SW Oleson to assist with safely crossing more students.

Oak Hills Elementary:

- Significant road improvements along Bethany Blvd.
- Visible lines of sight
- A pedestrian activated crossing is in place.
- There are extensive pavement markings and school crossing signage.
- BSD Public Safety will fund an additional crossing guard next year on Bethany Blvd.
- An additional crossing guard will also be added to NW Perimeter to access the back of the school, which leads to a paved walk path.
- Washington County has agreed to evaluate whether the cross walk on Bethany Blvd. will be designated as a School Zone. If approved, the speed will be reduced to 20 mph during arrival and dismissal times.

Terra Linda Elementary:

- NW Saltzman roadway has good lines of sight.
- Students walk on the Saltzman sidewalk for approximately 2 blocks before walking through a neighborhood.
- The neighborhood has a low volume of traffic due to the engineering design.

Sexton Mountain Elementary:

- There are sidewalk improvements along SW 155th
- Excellent lines of sight and there is a walking path.
- A crossing guard will be added at Nora and SW 155th.

Jacob Wismer Elementary and Stoller Middle School:

- The new Arbor Heights Neighborhood has added sidewalks to enhance safety
- There is low traffic volume in the area.
- Washington County is helping to provide better gate access at one point on the proposed route yet some students already use it as a walking route to the school.

Springville Elementary:

- Construction is underway, but no students currently live in this development.
- The contractor has added sidewalks throughout the development, which will make the walk much easier and safe for students.

Cedar Park Middle School:

- No concerns were brought forward from Cedar Park parents or students.
- Cedar Park students are already using this path.

Southridge High School:

- Parents and students expressed no concerns.
- Many students already use this crossing point to get to school.

Personal safety is of the utmost importance. For that reason, we continue to stress the importance of walking in groups, rather than alone. BSD staff and the Safe Routes to School team will work with students and parents to develop safe walking. Lynn Mutrie, from the Safe Routes to School team will lead this effort.