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JRE Arrival and Dismissal Safety Solutions

Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024
9:30am - 10:40am

Prepared by:

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Attendance:

Jeff Riggs (Belmont FWSD1)
Patricia Willhite (Belmont FWSD1)
Robert Alvis (Westwood)
Dr. Chris Daniel (AISD)
Elizabeth Stewart (AISD)
Chief Eli Davis (AISD PD)
Asst. Chief Michael Dumas (Denton County Fire Marshal's Office)
Tim Ippolito (Denton County Fire Marshal's Office)
Batt. Chief Mon Nguyen (Denton County ESD1)

Key Points Discussed

I. Overview of Current Concerns

- **Safety Risks Identified:**
 - Congestion around JRE during peak hours.
 - Insufficient crossing guard coverage on public roadways.
 - Traffic control challenges impacting motorists and pedestrians.
- **Legal Responsibilities Clarified:**
 - Belmont FWSD1 is responsible for public roadway safety near JRE, including traffic control and crossing guards, per Texas Transportation Code.
 - Argyle ISD and Argyle ISD PD are responsible for traffic and safety only within school property boundaries, as outlined in Texas Education Code.

- Argyle ISD and Argyle ISD PD are currently providing resources outside of their jurisdiction and scope.

II. Proposed Solutions

A. Public Roadways:

1. Increased Law Enforcement Presence:

- Belmont to fund off-duty Northlake PD or Argyle ISD PD officers to manage traffic.
- Belmont to fund trained crossing guards (through MOU or Town of Northlake).

2. Traffic Flow Enhancements:

- Temporary road closures during arrival/dismissal to reduce congestion. Managed by Belmont.
- Staggered school schedules and potential bus service implementation (AISD).

B. JRE Property:

1. Restoration of Traffic Plans:

- Request Denton County to reinstate the double-stacking plan for on-campus traffic flow. Approved by Asst. Chief Dumas.

2. Infrastructure Updates:

- Internal roadway expansion to allow more vehicles to queue on school grounds - determined not necessary at this time due to double stack approval - consideration for future AISD builds.

3. Continual improvements to campus dismissal/arrival plan

- Robert Alvis proposed another meeting involving AISD officials to consider the impact of campus carlines on public roads. Would like to maintain a collaborative approach.
- Robert Alvis also suggested any major changes to the current plan be put on hold until after the above meeting is accomplished. Possibly until after CGR is officially opened (Tentatively, May 2025).

III. Future Considerations

- Reassess traffic management solutions following the opening of CGR.

Action Items:

1. Chief Davis to coordinate a meeting with Northlake PD, Belmont FWSD1, and Argyle ISD PD to further discuss safety options on the public roadways.
2. Chief Davis to schedule a collaborative meeting with Belmont and AISD to refine the carline pattern and establish timelines for any major changes.
3. Belmont to follow-up with AISD and provide expected timelines for traffic control personnel and law enforcement support.