



**CITY OF PLANO
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		8/09/10		
Department:		Public Works & Engineering		
Department Head		Alan L. Upchurch		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Irene Pegues (7198)				
CAPTION				
<p>An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, amending Chapter 12 (Traffic Code), Article IV (Speed), Section 12-73(d) of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances, to delete school zones on Alma Drive from north of Plano Parkway to south of Plano Parkway, and on Ventura Drive from north of Plano Parkway south to Plano Parkway; to revise the endpoints of school zones on the section of Alma Drive from north of 15th Street to south of Janwood Drive, and on Carmel Drive from Westwood Drive to Custer Road; to revise the designated times of operation for the school zone on Village Creek Drive; and providing a penalty clause, a repealer clause, a severability clause, a savings clause, a publication clause, and an effective date.</p>				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR:	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	0	0	0
BALANCE	0	0	0	0
FUND(S):				
COMMENTS: This item has no fiscal impact.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
<p>During the 2009-10 school year, the Transportation Engineering Division (TED) continued reviewing the effectiveness of school zones in the City. The movements of students going to and from school may change over time with the construction of new schools, the balancing of attendance zones and the construction of new roads, trails, and other City infrastructure. Seven school zones were studied during the 2009-10 school year. Four were presented to PISD officials for revision or removal. From these discussions, PISD staff agreed to the removal of the zones on Alma Drive from north of Plano Parkway to south of Plano Parkway and on Ventura Drive from north of Plano Parkway south to Plano Parkway; and the revision of the limits of the school zones on Alma Drive from north of 15th Street to south of Janwood Drive and on Carmel Drive from Westwood Drive to Custer Road. In addition, Prince of Peace Catholic School officials requested a revision of the effective times for the school zone on Village Creek Drive that serves their campus. The proposed ordinance reflects the result of discussions between the TED and the PISD and Prince of Peace school officials. The TED supports approval of this ordinance.</p>				
List of Supporting Documents:		Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies		
Location Maps		N/A		

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WHEREAS, the primary purpose of school zone speed limits is to reduce the speed of travel on roadways at school crosswalks in order to reduce the potential for catastrophic pedestrian – vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS, the school zone on Alma Drive from north of 15th Street to south of Janwood Drive was implemented for the benefit of middle and elementary age school children crossing Alma Drive; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the City of Plano Transportation Engineering Division (TED) found that the school crosswalk on Alma Drive at 15th Street is no longer used by middle and elementary age school children; and

WHEREAS, the study conducted by the TED found that a shortened school zone on Alma Drive may be of benefit to the motoring public by mitigating the effects of congestion at the entrance to St. Mark Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, the school zone on Alma Drive from north of Plano Parkway to south of Plano Parkway was implemented for the benefit of elementary age school children crossing Alma Drive; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the TED found that the school crosswalk on Alma Drive at Plano Parkway is no longer used by elementary age school children; and

WHEREAS, the study conducted by the TED found no benefit in the continued operation of the school zone on Alma Drive at Plano Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the school zone on Carmel Drive from Westwood Drive west to Custer Road was implemented for the benefit of middle and elementary age school children crossing Carmel Drive; and

WHEREAS, the school zone on Carmel Drive from Westwood Drive west to Custer Road does not protect school crosswalks except at its endpoints of Westwood Drive and Custer Road; and

WHEREAS, school zones can be implemented that protect the school crosswalks across Carmel Drive at Westwood Drive and Custer Road without burdening the motoring public with a lengthy school zone between the two roads; and

WHEREAS, the school zone on Ventura Drive from Plano Parkway to north of Plano Parkway was implemented for the benefit of middle and elementary age school children crossing Ventura Drive; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the TED found that the school crosswalk on Ventura Drive at Plano Parkway is no longer used by middle and elementary age school children; and

WHEREAS, the study conducted by the TED found no benefit in the continued operation of the school zone on Ventura Drive at Plano Parkway; and

WHEREAS, TED staff consulted with and obtained concurrence from Plano Independent School District staff in responsible charge for oversight of school crossings; and

WHEREAS, the administrators of Prince of Peace Catholic School requested a change in the effective time of the school zone on Village Creek Drive that serves their school; and

WHEREAS, the TED found the request of Prince of Peace Catholic School to be reasonable and not a burden on the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plano finds it is necessary and is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to eliminate one school zone on Alma Drive and one school zone on Ventura Drive, to revise the limits of one school zone on Alma Drive and one school zone on Carmel Drive, and to revise the effective times for the school zone on Village Creek Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS THAT:

Section I. Chapter 12 (Traffic Code), Article IV (Speed), Section 12-73(d) of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to delete the following school zones:

“Alma Drive:

(2) For southbound traffic, between fifty (50) feet south of Potomac Drive and a point two hundred (200) feet south of Plano Parkway and for northbound traffic, between a point two hundred (200) feet south of Plano Parkway and a point two hundred fifty (250) feet north of Plano Parkway on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. (P)”

“Carmel Drive:

(1) Between Custer Road and Westwood Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (P)”

“Ventura Drive:

(2) Between Plano Parkway and a point four hundred (400) feet north of Plano Parkway on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (F) (See Village Creek Drive)”

Section II. Chapter 12 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Article IV (Speed), Section 12-73(d) of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances, and Ordinance Number 2006-6-29, are hereby amended to read as follow:

“Alma Drive:

(1) Between Stonetrail Drive and Pioneer Lane on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. (P)

(2) Between a point three hundred fifty (350) feet south of Baxter Drive and a point three hundred (300) feet north of Baxter Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (P)

(3) Between a point one hundred fifty (150) feet south of Whitehall Drive and a point two hundred (200) feet north of Whitehall Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (P)

(4) Between a point fifty (50) feet south of 15th Street and a point one hundred fifty (150) feet north of Janwood Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Private)”

“Carmel Drive:

(1) Between Custer Road and a point three hundred twenty-five (325) feet west of Custer Road on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (P)

(2) Between Westwood Drive and a point two hundred fifty (250) feet east of Westwood Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (P)”

“Village Creek Drive:

(1) Between Plano Parkway and a point one thousand four hundred twenty-five (1,425) feet southwest of Plano Parkway on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. (Private)”

Section III. All other portions of Chapter 12 (Traffic Code) of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IV. All provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncoded, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncoded, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VI. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each offense. Each and every violation shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

Section VII. The repeal of any ordinance or part of any ordinance affected by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section VIII. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of August, 2010.

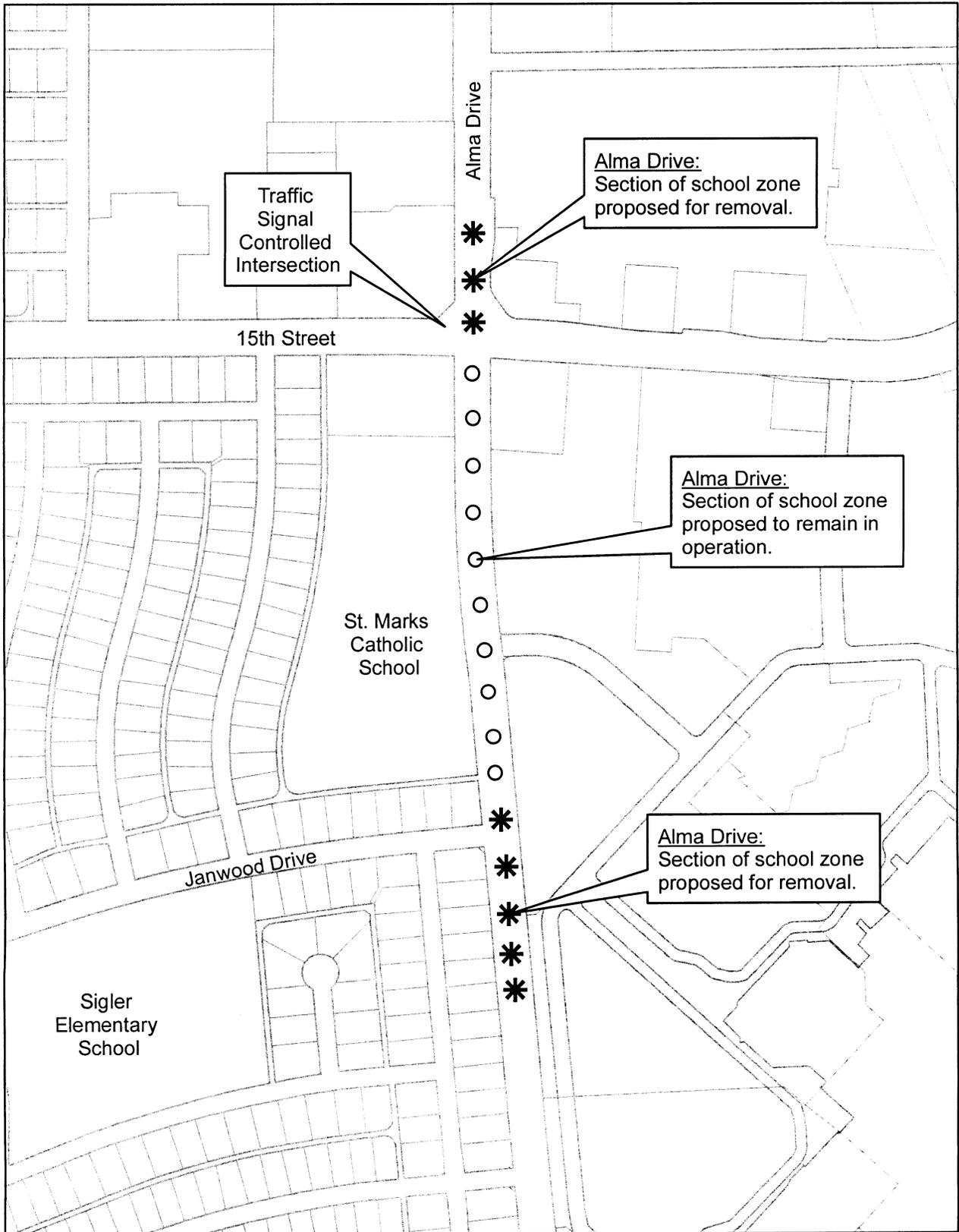
Phil Dyer, MAYOR

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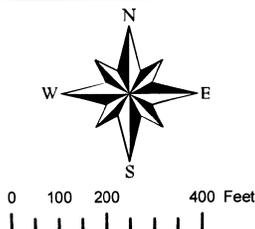
Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

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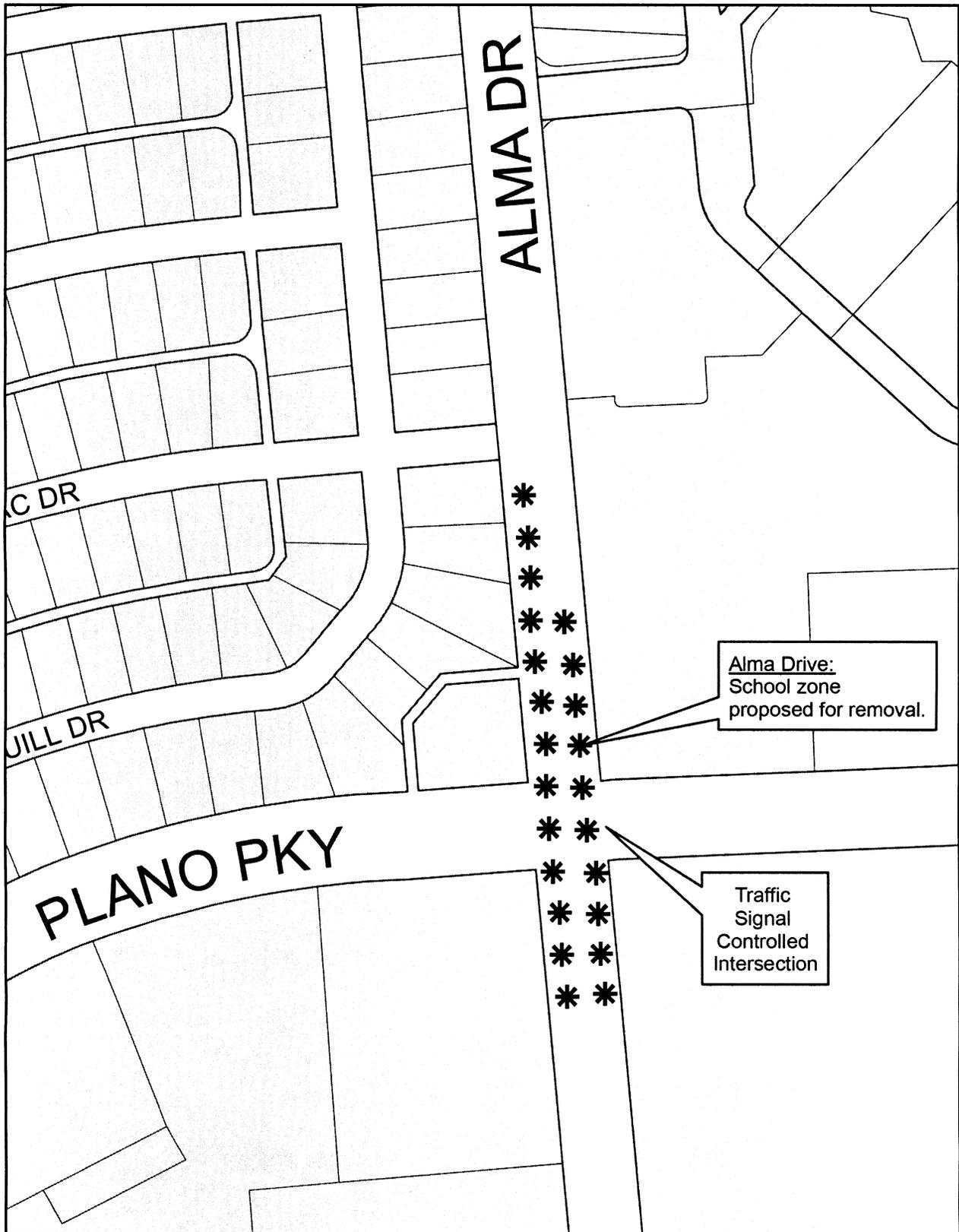
Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY



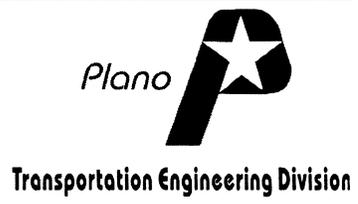
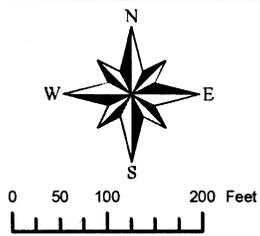
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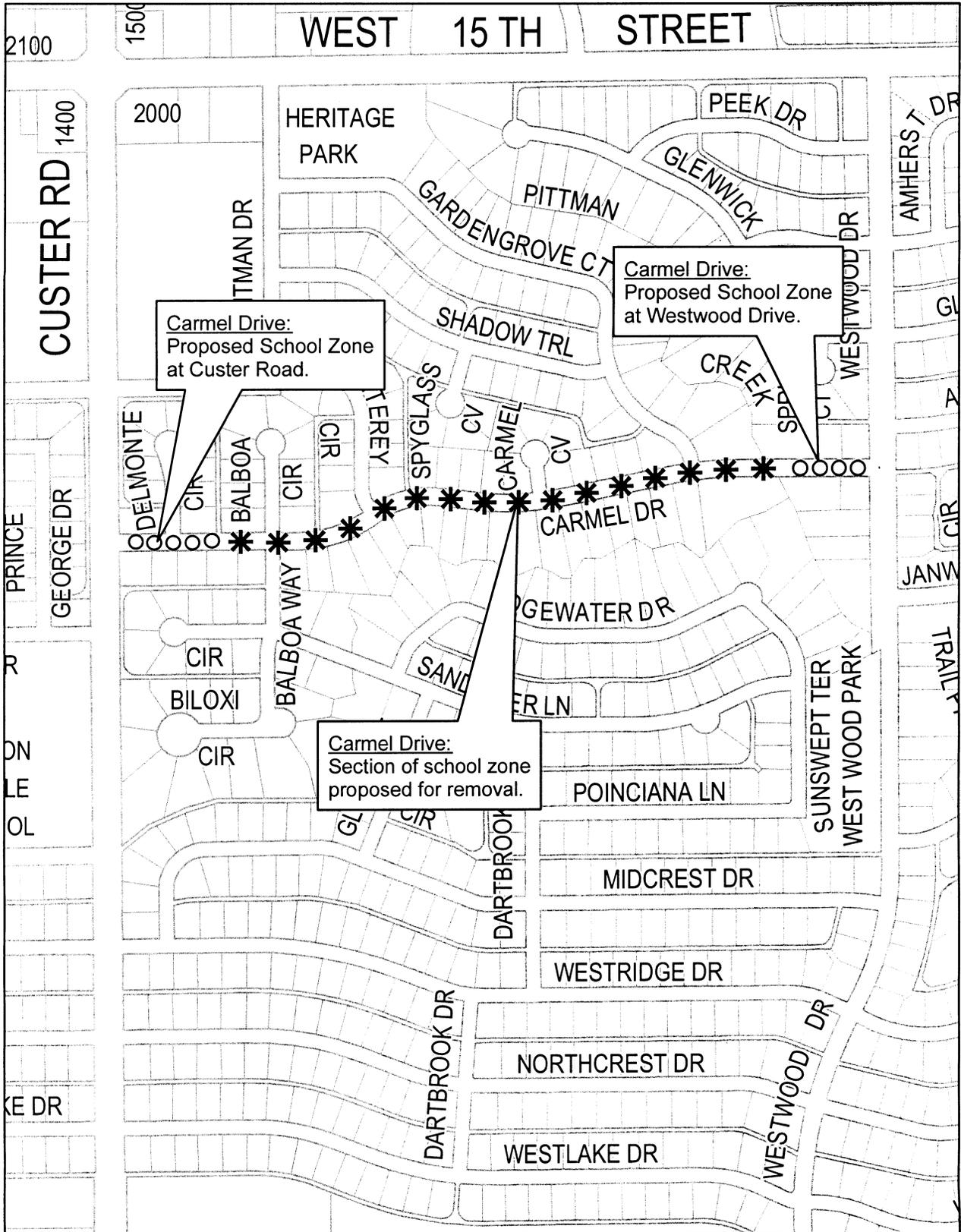


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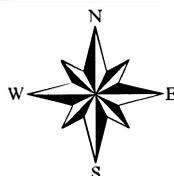


School Zone Modifications -
Alma Drive at Plano Parkway





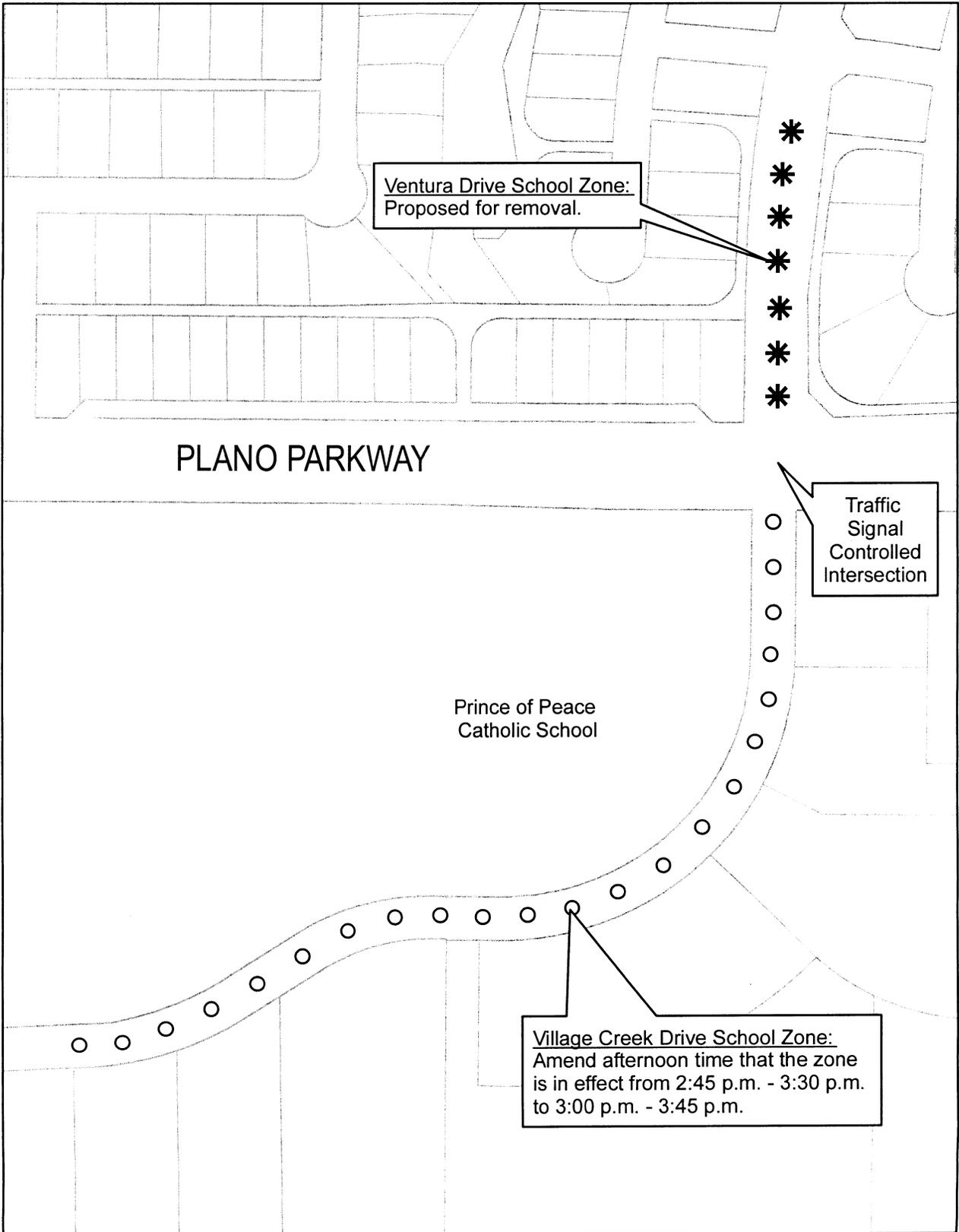
School Zone Modifications - Carmel Drive



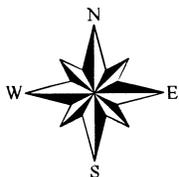
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School Zone Modifications -
 Ventura Drive Removal
 Village Creek Drive Time Change



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