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FROM: James A. Noyes
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RAMONA PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2002, SYNOPSIS NO. 22

On September 24, 2002, your Board approved the establishment of the Ramona Preferential Parking District; instructed the Director of Public Works to continue to work with the Bonita Unified School District, the City of La Verne, and its residents to design and implement a long-term solution that involves expanding the school parking lot and to design a pick-up/drop-off system; and report back to the Board in 180 days with an update.

By November 7, 2002, "No Stopping or Parking Any Time, Permits Exempt" signs were posted, permits were issued to residents, and enforcement commenced with a 30-day no-ticketing grace period. On December 9, 2002, strict enforcement of Los Angeles County Code, Part 5, Section 15.64, titled "Preferential Parking," commenced. Shortly thereafter, Public Works received notification from resident representatives expressing their satisfaction with the alleviation of traffic congestion in front of their homes, while two parents expressed their opposition to the restrictions. The Bonita Unified School District requested consideration of alternative measures to enhance the parking capacity and traffic circulation around Ramona Middle School.

During the February 3, 2003, meeting among representatives of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the City of La Verne, Ramona Middle School, concerned parents, residents, and Public Works, various alternative measures were considered. However, no proposals were unanimously agreed upon. The residents expressed their willingness to dissolve the Preferential Parking District if alternative measures can be implemented that would solve the parking problems for the residents.

Actions by Public Works:

- C On March 10, 2003, crossing guard service was implemented at the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Gladstone Street adjacent to Ramona Middle School.
- C On March 19, 2003, a conceptual plan for a future loading/unloading/parking system upon the school grounds was submitted to Ramona Middle School for its consideration.
- C Ramona Middle School has been encouraged to participate in the Public Works-administered "Teen Pedestrian Traffic Safety Education Program" for students to learn safe pedestrian and vehicular driver practices and behaviors.

Public Works will continue to collaborate with Ramona Middle School, the Bonita Unified School District, and the City of La Verne and assist with any proposals to improve traffic conditions upon their request.

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