



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: 2022 Education Summit

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Receive and file an update on the 2022 Education Summit.

DISCUSSION

Background

The City & School Districts Committee was formed in 2020 and is charged with convening an annual Education Summit with school representatives to share information and identify ways the City and schools can work in collaboration to address shared issues. Councilmember Lesa Sobek and Mayor Pro Tem Bob Karwin are currently serving as the City Council's appointed representatives on the Committee.

The 3rd annual Education Summit was held on October 27, 2022, with representatives from Meniffee Union School District (MUSD), Perris Union High School District (PUHSD), Romoland School District, Santa Rosa Academy, Springs Charter Schools, and Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC). The focus of the 2022 Education Summit centered around ways the City and schools can work together in their respective roles to support and promote safety in the community. Each representative discussed common safety measures impacting the City and schools including safe routes to schools, online threats, safety programs and services provided to students.

The City Manager and Director of Public Works provided an overview of growth and development occurring citywide including new housing developments and public infrastructure projects that will support safe routes to school. Street maintenance improvements highlighted included roadway striping, crosswalk and bike lane designations, and signage (i.e., no parking, stop signs, school zones, and pedestrian crossing warnings). The capital road and traffic signal improvements taking place near schools located within the City were also referenced including the Normandy Road pedestrian improvements (CIP 22-08), Bell Mountain Safe Routes to School Project (CIP 22-25),

as well as four new traffic signals scheduled for completion by April 2023, including the signal at Menifee Road/Garbani Road (CIP 21-11) identified as an area of concern for MUSD.

Menifee Police Department's (PD) Chief of Police provided an update on the deployment of school resource officers (SROs), traffic enforcement around schools, and response to electronic communication challenges (school threats and cybercrimes). Full-time SROs are currently based at both Paloma Valley and Heritage High Schools and discussions are underway with the MUSD and Romoland School Districts regarding the feasibility of adding SROs at some of their school sites.

The Fire Division Chief provided an overview of the City's plan to enhance fire protection services, the expansion of Fire Station 68, replacement of Station 5, and safety training program (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and first aid courses available to schools and the broader community.

School representatives highlighted the various programs and services they are utilizing to address safety related issues on campuses. MUSD and Romoland School District are working in collaboration with the Menifee PD to coordinate messaging between the City, District, and other responding agencies when an incident or school lockdown occurs. MSJC installed monitoring cameras and added Riverside Sheriff Officer patrols on campus to proactively identify and respond to safety related issues. They have also expanded their Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Technology Programs to help build the workforce of the future. PUHSD has implemented wellness programs and hired more social workers and counselors to address the increased volume of students requiring mental health services. Santa Rosa Academy increased staffing to assist with mental health support services and is providing CPR classes as part of its physical education curriculum. They also installed sensors in bathrooms to alert staff when students are in distress.

The Committee invited the school representatives to share their top safety-related priorities to address in collaboration with the City. The identified areas of concern related to the traffic management/enforcement needed to protect pedestrians and bicyclists along with general security issues around school sites. City staff are working in collaboration with designated school representatives to address the identified areas of concern in relation to traffic enforcement and the development and future implementation of the City of Menifee's Complete Streets Plan. This Plan is in the early stages of development and focuses on designing and maintaining planned roadways to ensure safe and convenient access for users of all modes of transportation. Additionally, the Menifee PD SROs are working with the schools to help address the referenced school site security issues.

Next Steps

City staff will work with the Committee and school representatives to schedule the next Education Summit in the fall. In keeping with the request for more frequent issue specific meetings, City staff are continuing to meet with the various school representatives as needed to address public infrastructure projects and safety response and training measures that impact schools in alignment with the City's new Strategic Plan.

These efforts include:

- Development and implementation of a citywide safety plan to enhance security and a sense of well-being in the community;
- Creation of a community preparedness plan in collaboration with community partners to ensure the safety of Menifee's neighborhoods, businesses, and vulnerable places;
- Safety infrastructure and technology improvements (e.g., street lighting, speed radar feedback signs, rapid rectangular flashing beacons at crosswalks, and surveillance systems);
- Partnering with high schools to develop and implement a student public safety training program;
- Providing CPR, first aid, and AED training as part of the Menifee Life Saver Program;
- Decreasing pedestrian and bicycle fatalities in accordance with Vision Zero;
- Creating a traffic mitigation plan to reduce congestion on city streets;
- Development of a transit mobility plan; and
- The adoption of the Complete Streets Plan to improve multi-modal infrastructure for thoroughfares throughout the City.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Responsive and Transparent Community Government

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.