

Waco Independent School District

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

Date: June 18, 2026

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RE: Consider, Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Hazardous Routes

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Background Information:

Texas Education Code 42.155(d) allows Districts to obtain supplemental state funding for transporting regular, otherwise ineligible students, who live within two miles of their school, but who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions if they walked to school. No more than 10% of the District's routes may be designated as "hazardous" for state funding purposes. Using a standardized matrix with various safety and traffic criteria, the Transportation Department evaluates the hazardous walk-out areas in the District to ensure that students have a safe walking path to school and annually makes recommendations for the adoption of a Resolution regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions.

The Administration has identified the following hazardous routes for the 2026-2027 school year, which are included in the proposed Resolution:

1. Bells Hills Elementary- North- S 18th St. & S 17th St.; South- 26th St. between Clay Ave. and I-35; East- Speight Ave. between S Valley Mills Dr. and S 18th St. & S 17th St.; West- Clay Ave. between S Valley Mills and S 18th St. & S 17th St.; Circle Rd. from 18th St. to the I-35 frontage road.
1. Brook Avenue Elementary School- Southwest- N 18th St. between Trice Ave. and Herring Ave.; Southeast- Trice Ave. between 18th St. and 15th St.; Colcord between 9th St. and 6th St. for The Villages Apartments.
2. Cedar Ridge Elementary School- North & West- Lake Shore Dr. between College Dr. and Park Lake Dr. (will still pick up students at apartments on Lake Shore Dr.); South- Herring Ave between 18th St. and 15th A St.; East- N 19th St./ N 18th St. between Lyle Ave. and Lake Shore Dr.
3. Crestview Elementary School- Northwest- Bosque Blvd. between Lake Air and 36th St.; Northeast- N 36th St. between Waco Dr. and Bosque Blvd.; South- Valley Mills between Waco Dr. and Lake Air; East- Waco Dr. between Valley Mills and 36th St; West- Lake Air between Valley Mills and Bosque Blvd (except for the Valley Terrace Apartments).
4. Dean Highland Elementary School- Northwest- Lyle Ave. between N 18th St. and MacArthur + Herring Ave. between N 18th St. and MacArthur; Northeast- 26th St. between Maple and Herring Ave.
5. J. H. Hines Elementary School- Northeast- N 36th St. between Waco Dr. and Bosque Blvd.; South- Martin Luther King Blvd between Waco Dr. and I-35; East- I-35; West- E Waco Dr. between Martin Luther King Blvd and Clifton; Faulkner Ln. between Martin Luther King Blvd and Garrison Ave.

6. Kendrick Elementary School- South- New Road between Franklin Avenue and I-35 (will still pick up Tuscan Apartments on New Rd); West- the railroad tracks from Valley Mills to New Road
7. Mountainview Elementary- Southeast- Cobbs Dr. between Valley Mills Dr. and Lake Air Dr.; Hillcrest Dr. from Lake Shore Dr. to Lake Air Dr.; Lake Shore Dr./Valley Mills Dr.
8. Parkdale Elementary-North- Valley Mills between Sanger Ave. and Bosque Ave.; South- Hwy 6; East- Sanger Ave. between Valley Mills and Hwy 6; West- Bosque Blvd between Hwy-6 and Valley Mills; Lake Air Dr.
9. Provident Heights - Northwest- Trice Ave from 21st St.-30th St.; Southeast- Waco Dr. (18th St.-26th St.)
10. South Waco Elementary- South- Robinson Dr from the Circle to Highway 6 (will still pick up students off of Robinson Dr.); East- Garden from S 16th St. to 4th St.; West- LaSalle Ave.
11. West Avenue Elementary- Southeast- Waco Dr. between 22nd St. and 5th St.; Southwest- N 18th St. and 17th St. between Bosque Blvd. and W Waco Dr.
12. Cesar Chavez MS- South- 26th St. from Jackson Ave. to Bagby Ave.; East- I-35 and Speight Ave. from 18th St. to 26th St; West- Railroad tracks by Jackson Avenue from the Brazos River to 26th St
13. GW Carver MS- South- Martin Luther King between Waco Dr. and Herring; East- Waco Dr. between Clifton St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.; West- Herring Ave. between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gholson.
14. Tennyson MS- North- Valley Mills between Hwy 84 and Bosque Blvd.; South- Hwy 6 between Hwy 84 and Bosque Blvd.; East- Sanger Ave. between Hwy 6 and Valley Mills Dr.; West- Bosque Blvd. between Hwy 6 and Valley Mills Dr.; Hwy 84 between Hwy 6 and Valley Mills; Lake Air Dr.
15. Waco High- North & West- North and West Lake Shore Dr., Herring Ave. from MacArthur Dr. to 25th St.; South- Valley Mills Dr. between Cobbs and Waco Dr.; East- Waco Dr. between Valley Mills and 36th St.; 34th St./36th St. from Bosque Blvd. to Waco Dr.; Bosque Blvd. from 34th St. to 26th St.; 25th St./26th St. from Herring Ave. to Bosque Blvd.
16. University High- North- Primrose Dr. (will still pick up students at apartments on Primrose Dr.); South- Hwy 6 between I-35 and North Robinson Dr.; East- North Robinson Dr. between Hwy 6 and Primrose Dr.; West- I-35 between Hwy 6 and Primrose Dr.

Fiscal Implications:

The Resolution regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions allows the District to secure transportation funding. The designated routes continue to exceed 10% of our regular routes, but there will be a reduction in routes overall which will result in a cost savings.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions as presented.