



Memorandum

To: Public Safety Committee
From: James Jensen, Police Chief
CC: Bart Olson, City Administrator
Date: March 11, 2025
Subject: Regulation of Time Restricted Parking on Grande Trail

Summary

Implementation of time-restricted parking along Grande Trail near Grande Reserve Elementary School to improve safety and traffic flow during peak school hours. The proposed restrictions will limit parking during designated times on school days, focusing on high-traffic periods such as morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

Background

The Yorkville Police Department, responding to traffic and safety concerns raised by the Yorkville School District and area residents, proposes implementing time-restricted parking along Grande Trail near Grande Reserve Elementary School. These concerns have been verified through multiple site visits conducted by the department's traffic division in coordination with School District Security personnel.

During student drop-off and pick-up times, overflow parking from the school property spills onto both sides of Grande Trail, creating significant traffic issues. The road width cannot accommodate vehicles parked on both sides while maintaining a safe and normal traffic flow. Refer to the photographs (Exhibit A) which provides details of the vehicular back-ups. Additionally, unsafe behaviors, such as children running into traffic to avoid waiting in line, further exacerbate safety concerns. Previous parent communications and direct interventions have not resolved the issue.

The proposed regulations would limit parking to one side of Grande Trail (opposite the school) between Matlock Drive and McLellan Boulevard on school attendance days only, Monday through Friday, during peak traffic times from 7:30a.m. to 9:00a.m. and 2:30p.m. to 4:00p.m. Given the large number of homes along the proposed restriction, we suggest a full public engagement process. If the committee agrees with the proposed restriction, we will ask for City Council approval of the concept. If the City Council approves, we propose to send the attached letter (Exhibit B) to residents inviting them to an April 3rd Public Safety Committee meeting. This would put the final vote on the parking restriction for the April 8th City Council meeting.

This initiative reflects the city's commitment to improving safety and traffic management near schools, benefiting the Grande Reserve neighborhood, and ensuring smoother daily operations. Approval and implementation of these regulations will address existing challenges and enhance overall safety in the area.

Recommendation

Approval to present this matter to the City Council to initiate the public engagement process and gather feedback from those directly impacted.

Attachments

Exhibit A: Photographs of Parent Pick-Up Traffic
Exhibit B: Resident Letter



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Dear Resident,

The City of Yorkville is currently proposing a parking restriction on the north and west side of Grande Trail between Matlock Drive and McLellan Boulevard. This restriction would eliminate on street parking on the designated side of the mentioned road during school attendance days between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00am, and 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Individuals would still be permitted to park on the south and east side of Grande Trail.

This parking restriction is being proposed in response to resident initiated public safety concerns of double-sided street parking by cars during school pickup and drop-off, and police observation of many school-aged children crossing the street at unsignalized areas – often in between parked cars where visibility is low. Restricting parking in those areas will eliminate double-sided street parking and prevent kids from crossing the street during pickup or drop-off.

As a resident, you have the right to speak on this matter prior to its implementation. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room of City Hall. You also can contact your elected officials or City staff at any time to voice your concerns, comments, or questions. You can contact City Hall Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (630)553-4350, or by sending an email to bolson@yorkville.il.us.

Sincerely,

John Purcell, Mayor
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