



DEPARTMENT OF
**TRANSPORTATION &
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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Dear Chair Ebbers, Vice Chair Mihalik, and members of the Traffic and Parking Board,

I appreciate the thoughtful deliberation of the Traffic and Parking Board (Board) and recognize the Board's recommendation on the Russell Road Safe Routes to School Project at the September 28, 2026, meeting was based on a shared commitment to improving safety for all roadway users.

After careful consideration of the Board's recommendation, public input, the project's objectives, and input from the principal of Naomi Brooks Elementary School (school), I recognize the potential benefit of a designated loading zone in front of the school. However, its effectiveness would depend on consistent compliance and active management. During peak school arrival and dismissal periods, there is a potential for double-parking, extended vehicle dwell times, or use of the space for purposes other than loading and unloading. Therefore, I accept the Board's recommendation not to modify the parking regulations on the 600 block of Russell Road.

I have determined the addition of parking spaces on Johnston Place will alleviate parking demand and support school employees, whose numbers are increasing this year. I am therefore upholding staff's recommendation to add parking on Johnston Place.

Sincerely,



Leah Riley
Director

cc: Jim Parajon, City Manager
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Hillary Orr, Deputy Director