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State of Arizona School Facilities Board
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RE: Dysart Unified School District's Proposed Adjacent Ways Improvements for West Point Elementary School

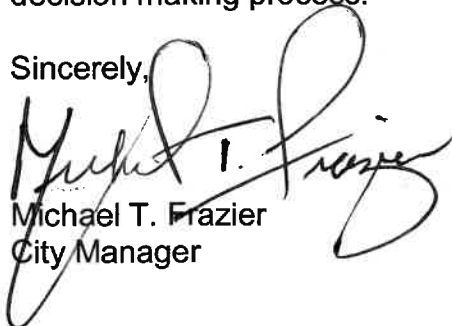
Dear Board Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the Dysart Unified School District's proposed adjacent ways improvements for West Point Elementary School. West Point Elementary is the district's only elementary school located along a five-lane arterial roadway within Surprise. Surprise is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the state, and the city's arterial roadways have experienced significantly higher traffic counts that mirror the city's population growth. Improving access to this school site is essential in addressing the challenges associated with growth.

With greater traffic congestion, safety concerns have increased. These proposed safety improvements include enhanced pedestrian access for students, improved vehicular queuing for student pickup and drop-off, appropriate emergency vehicle access throughout the day, especially during the peak pickup and drop-off periods, and updated secondary/special bus access to the site. The City and the District have successfully collaborated on a Safe Routes to School study in partnership with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), which supports these requested improvements.

A signalized intersection located at the intersection of N 137th Avenue and W Greenway Road will achieve enhanced safety of the district's crossing guards and the hundreds of pedestrian crossings each day between the neighborhood directly south and the school, as well as all vehicles coming to or leaving the site. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed project, and please let us know if we can be of any assistance during your decision making process.

Sincerely,



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City Manager