

Parking Improvements to Riverdale

Our time has come up for the regular painting maintenance of our parking lot. The district, weather permitting, has scheduled the lot to be painted during the Spring Break. With this in mind, we wanted to have parental input to see if there were any changes to help improve the flow of traffic during our morning and afternoon rushes. One of the main issues seems to be that parents who arrive early in the afternoon to pick up their children line up to wait for them and this tends to block access to parking areas for others. With consultation from district facilities and transportation staff, we have come up with some possible solutions. Some suggestions we have considered are difficult to implement because the parking lot and gravel playground are actually on city property.

One solution is to increase the drop/pick up zone by re-routing traffic around the earthquake bin farther east to enhance traffic flow (yellow dashed line). The black line on the map represents where a new curbed area would be located. Another way to improve traffic flow is to have teachers park in the red area on the map. This way no one would be backing out during the busy pick up time. We will be experimenting with cones prior to any painting changes to see how this works. As always, we seek our community's help. A survey will be sent out in a separate email after this experiment begins.

