



MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Study Files

From: City of Austin Transportation and Public Works Department

Date: January 3, 2024

Subject: Reduced Speed School Zone Removal Investigation

Location: Toomey Road

Date(s) of Previous Investigation: N/A

A traffic engineering investigation has been conducted to determine the appropriateness of removing existing school zones on Toomey Road for Parkside Community School that has been relocated. Parkside Community School opened on Toomey Road in 1991 and was relocated to a campus in Southwest Austin in June 2014. The location was taken over by Kukumi Montessori School which has now also moved away from this location.

The following information was collected and analyzed for this determination.

Closure of Parkside Community School

Although reduced speed school zones currently exist on Toomey Road, they have become defunct as the location of Parkside Community School and later Kukumi Montessori School is no longer in use as a school. School functions for Parkside Community School has been relocated to 3207 West Slaughter Lane and functions for Kukumi Montessori School has been relocated to 3305 West Slaughter Lane.

Affected Remaining Uncontrolled Crossings

There is one uncontrolled crossing within the school zone to be removed, that have been observed in order to collect data on their current usage. The uncontrolled school crossing of Toomey Road is located in front of the former Parkside Community School, and later Kukumi Montessori School. Table 1 below shows the observed crossing volumes for the school crossing at Toomey Road for school start time.

Table 1: Toomey Road School Crossing Volumes

Time Interval	6:50 AM – 8:20 AM
Adults Crossed	1
Children Crossed	1

Student Transportation

There is no current need for student transportation on Toomey Road. Since the school is closed, there are no students walking in the area and therefore, no need for the school crossing. As such, there is no utilization of the school zones recommended to be removed.

Recommendation

Based on the analysis of the information provided in the above sections, it is recommended that the existing speed school zone on Toomey Road from 128 feet east of Sterzing Street to 960 feet west of Jessie Street for the now closed Parkside Community School be removed (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Map of Proposed Reduced Speed School Zone Removal

