

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #27 (2007-2008)

August 13, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR WEST HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the use of Capital Projects Fund interest earnings and redirection of bond funds in a total amount of \$80,000 for pedestrian and traffic safety improvements at West High School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Currently, the pedestrian and traffic circulation in front of West High School is congested and, at times, unsafe. West High School and the surrounding community have been working with the Municipal Traffic Engineering Department to develop plans to mitigate these concerns. They are supportive of the proposed traffic improvements meant to alleviate many of the existing traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

During the First Session of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature, the Alaska State Legislature approved Senate Bill No. 53, appropriating many grants to the Municipality of Anchorage. The Governor carefully examined each project before approving and appropriating Senate Bill No. 53. One of the approved projects is to perform crosswalk improvements to the Minnesota Drive off-ramp and Hillcrest Drive Intersection in the amount of \$100,000. This project includes the West High School site improvements.

The Municipality anticipates the total cost of the planned improvements to be \$180,000. They further request the District support this project by allocating \$80,000 to augment the state grant funding for on-site school improvements. The Administration believes this is an opportunity to work with and in support of the Municipality to enhance and magnify the benefits of the State grant funds.

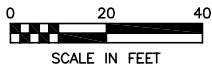
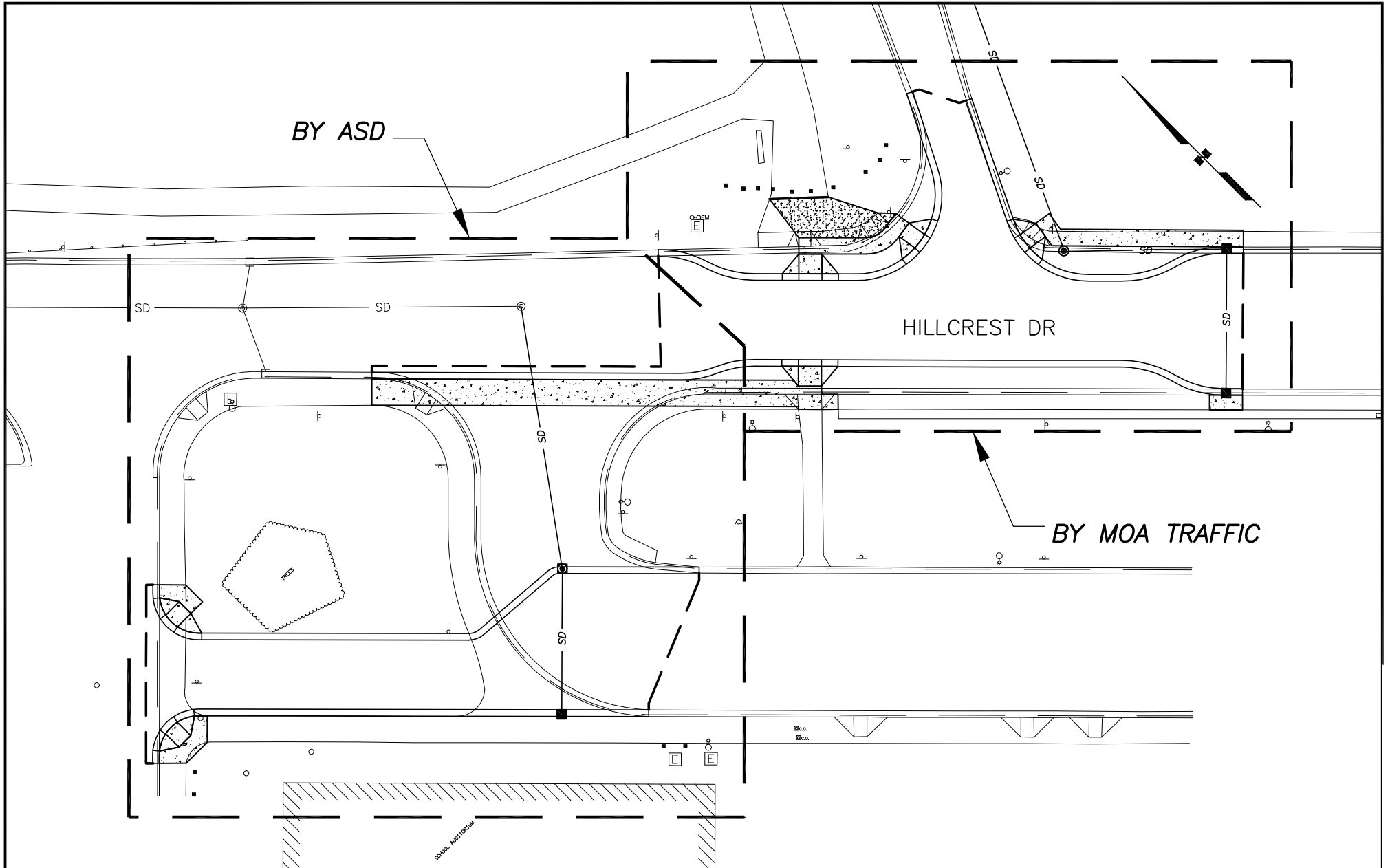
Approving these funds will provide for on-site improvements consisting of the relocation of one driveway and the associated new connecting drive, curbing and sidewalk in front of the school. Please see the attached drawing (attachment A) outlining the planned improvements. Performing this work now in conjunction with the Hillcrest Drive project is timely, cost effective and will maximize the value of the street intersection improvements on Hillcrest Drive.

CC/GV/RA/JS/RM/jg

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Attachment



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