

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Lexington High School, Library Media Center
251 Waltham Street

All agenda items and the order of items are approximate and subject to change.

6:45 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome:

Public Comment – (Written comments to be presented to the School Committee; oral presentations not to exceed three minutes.)

6:54 p.m. Superintendent Announcements:

7:00 p.m. School Committee Member Announcements:

7:10 p.m. Consent Agenda (2 minutes):

1. Vote to Approve Minutes of February 23, 2016
2. Vote to Accept a \$1,000 Donation from the Bennett/Rosenberg Family to Support the Lexington High School Counseling Department
3. Vote to Accept a \$1,000 donation to the Lexington School District from the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association

7:12 p.m. Agenda:

1. Article 14 School Zone Traffic Calming
2. Discussion of Town Meeting Articles

7:25p.m. Adjourn

Policy AD: Mission/Vision of the Lexington Public Schools

The Lexington Public Schools serve to inspire and empower every student to become a lifelong learner prepared to be an active and resilient citizen who will lead a healthy and productive life. Educators, staff, parents, guardians and community members will honor diversity and work together to provide all students with an education that ensures academic excellence in a culture of caring and respectful relationships.

The next scheduled meeting of the School Committee is as follows:

- The next meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue.

LIAISON REPORT

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER:

A.1

TODAY'S DATE:

March 14, 2016

REQUESTED MEETING DATE:

Before Safe Routes To School presents Article 14 to Town Meeting (date currently certain)

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Article 14 School Zone Traffic Calming

PRESENTER

Judy Crocker and Craig Weeks

SUMMARY:

Safe Routes To School proposes the installation of flashing school zone traffic calming mechanisms similar to those used in Woburn and Winchester. Their purpose is to reduce vehicular speeding, increase driver awareness, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety around school grounds.

WHAT ACTION (IF ANY) DO YOU WISH SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO TAKE?

- No action requested, this is a short update or a presentation of information.
- Request input and questions from the School Committee, but no vote required.
- Request formal action with a vote on a specific item.

If formal action is requested, please check one:

This item is being presented

for the first time, with a request that the School Committee vote at a subsequent meeting
or

with the request that the School Committee take action immediately

If formal action is requested:

Include a suggested motion or let _____ know if you need assistance preparing a motion.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

That the Lexington School Committee endorse the use of flashing school zone signage.

AMOUNT OF TIME REQUESTED FOR THE AGENDA ITEM:

15 minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Town Meeting PowerPoint presentation

FOLLOW-UP:

None



ARTICLE 14

SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC CALMING

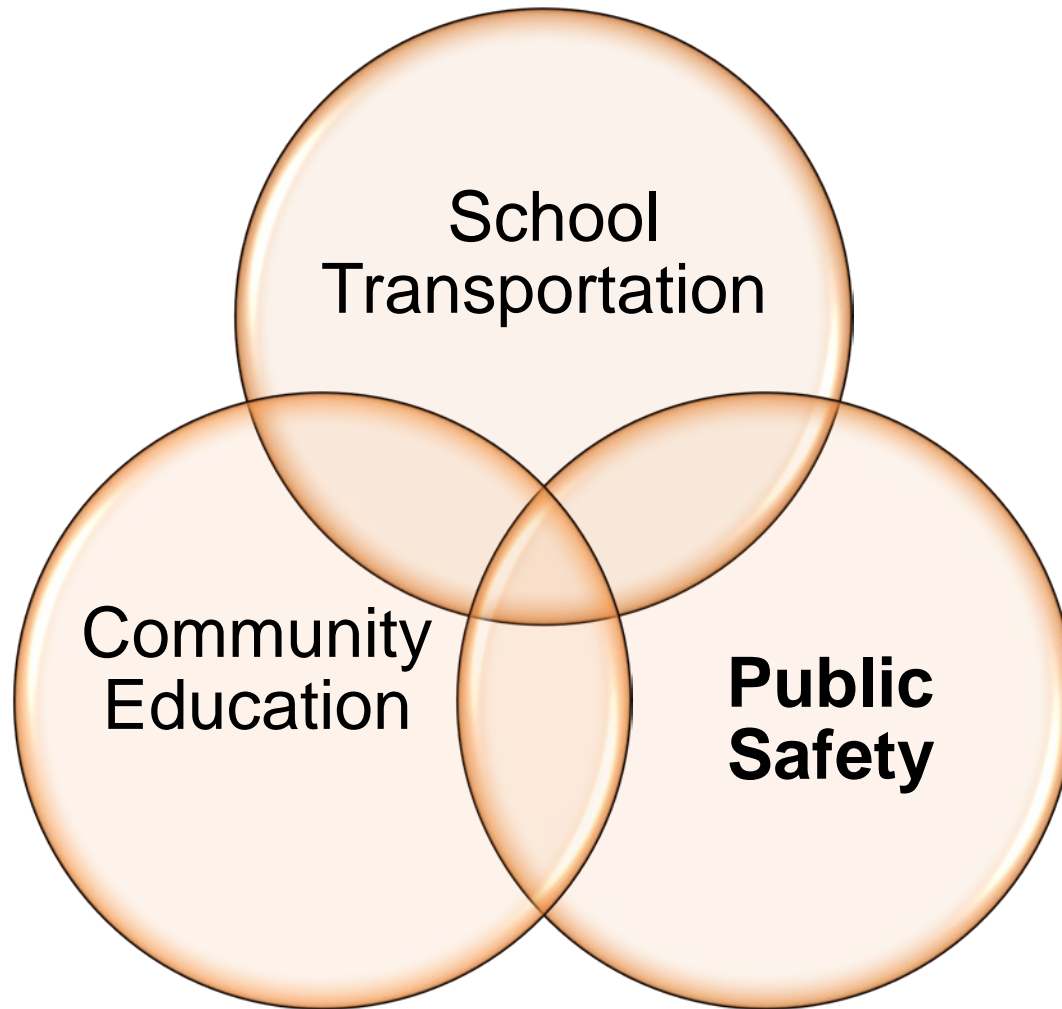
Safe Routes To School
March 2016



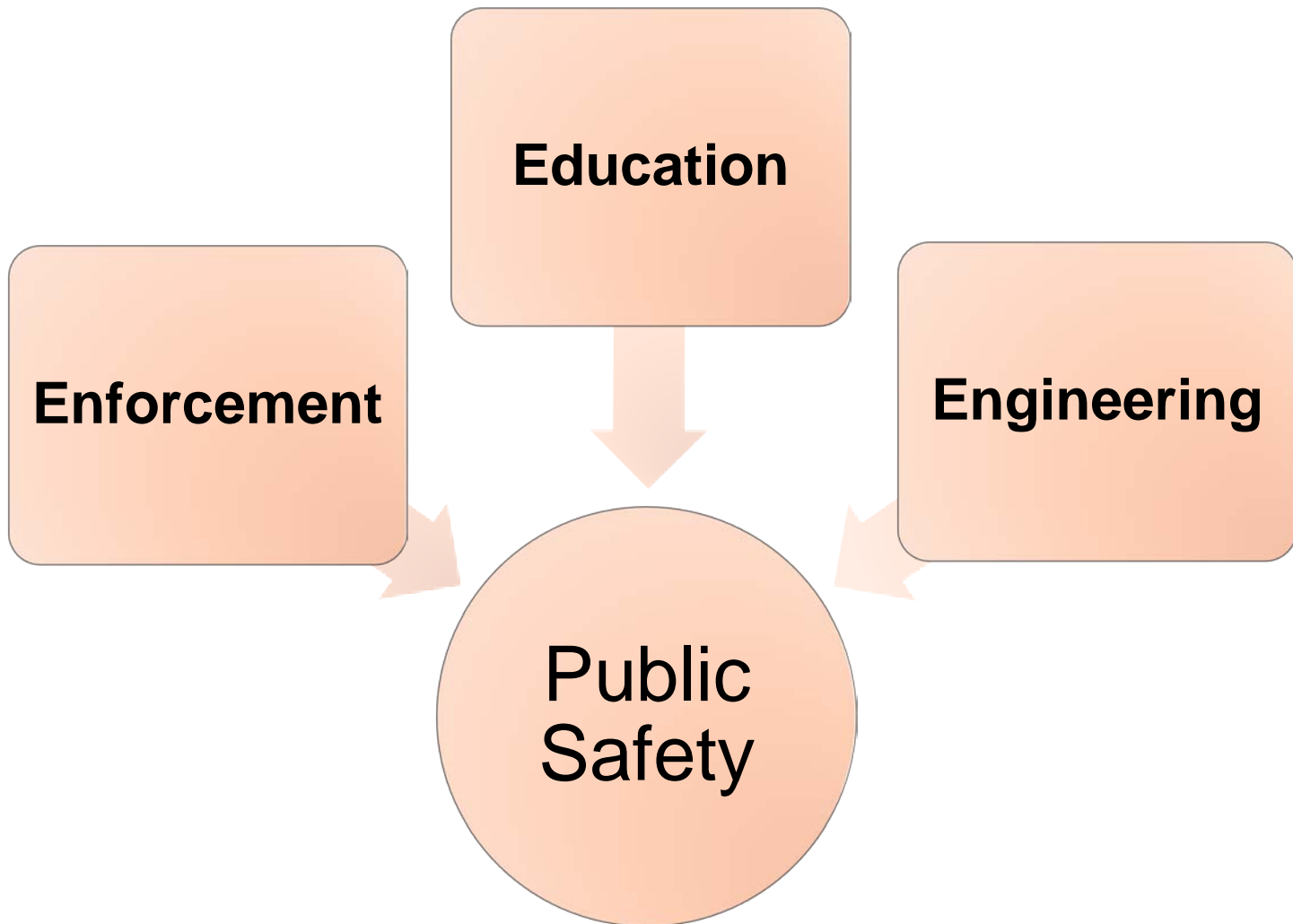
Safe Routes To School

- Focusing on safety, exercise, and fostering a sense of community, Safe Routes has been effective in *increasing* the number of students who walk, bike, or bus and in *decreasing* vehicle idling and volumes at our schools.
- PTA's provide boots-on-the ground manpower and the program is overseen by the Sidewalk Committee and now works with Transportation Safety Group.
- All MA Safe Routes programs are parented thru MassDot. Lexington's program is endorsed by the Selectmen, School Committee, Superintendent and Police.

Traffic Safety on School Property



Public Safety





Ad hoc School Transportation and Safety Study Committee

Charge #4: Propose approaches to address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in and around our schools.

- ✓ Safe Routes To School and DPW-sponsored 2013 School Zone Evaluation grant (\$6800)
- ✓ Work with BoS and LPD to codify school and municipal signage

Work In Progress

- ✓ School zone improvements (Summer 2014)

School Zones

School zones should be marked with special traffic calming devices reminding drivers to treat the area with special care and attention due to the concentration of children (MassDOT).



Methuen Police Dept. @MethuenPolice · 4 Sep 2014
20 MPH speed limit in school zones when signs are flashing
via @MPS_District via @OffLicata



- Add school visibility
- Heightens driver awareness
- Solar powered or electric
- Federally approved
- Programmable timer
- Flashing only during arrival and dismissal

Peer Community v Lexington Signage





Article 14 – Indefinitely Postponed

That the request be referred to the Transportation Safety Group to consider evaluating the purchase and installation of flashing school zone traffic calming mechanisms.