SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
REVISED TRAFFIC AND PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN
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Introduction

Saint Mary's requires its employees, students, and parents to drive safely, to obey the laws of the road, and to be courteous and respectful at all times. The school also requires them to follow school procedures for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The school requires employees and students who drive to school to park their vehicles on campus or on the south side of Posen Avenue that fronts the school property. The school communicates these requirements and expectations in the Student & Parent Handbook and in announcements over the course of the year as necessary. Pertinent sections of the Student & Parent Handbook are attached.

School day traffic is heaviest for 10 to 15 minutes before the start of school. After school traffic is staggered with students departing over a three to four hour period.

Special procedures apply to special events that generate heavy traffic and parking. These procedures include notification to the school's neighbors through routine newsletter mailings, as-needed post card mailings, and the school's website in the section devoted to the neighborhood.

The goals of the revised traffic and parking management plan are to:

1. Maximize pedestrian and vehicle safety;

2. Minimize traffic congestion and vehicle queuing; and

3. Minimize adverse impacts on availability of parking on surrounding streets.

Vehicle Parking

Saint Mary's encourages the use of public transit and carpooling to reduce the total number of vehicle trips to and from the campus. In order to reduce the impact of school-related parking on streets around the campus, the school has established the following programs and requirements:

1. Employees and students are required to refrain from parking in front of residences on Posen Avenue and from parking on those streets and sections of streets that surround the school (Albina Avenue, Hopkins Court, Hopkins

Street, Monterey Avenue, Beverly Place, Ventura Avenue, West Place, Ordway Street, and Peralta Avenue).

1. Employees and students are required to park on campus or on that part of Posen Avenue that fronts the school property.

2. As part of the proposed project, the school will increase the number of parking spaces provided on campus from 127 to a total of 151 including 26 spaces in a new parking lot that will be developed as part of the Music Building construction a minimum of 122 campus parking spaces for employees, students, and visitors. With the 44 spaces on Posen Avenue adjacent to the campus, this will increase the total parking available for employees, students, and visitors to 195 spaces.

Traffic Management

Trip Reduction Measures

To encourage the use of alternatives to low-occupancy automobiles, Saint Mary's has taken the following actions:

1. On-campus sale of discounted BART tickets to students;
2. Promoting student use of the dedicated AC Transit bus line 688, which operates before and after school from and to Oakland and has been operating at capacity since the service began;

3. Petitioning AC Transit annually to establish other dedicated bus lines that would serve students coming to Saint Mary's;

4. Providing three bicycle racks, one at the Albina Avenue entrance, one at the Posen Avenue entrance, and a third at the west end of Frates Memorial Hall;

5. Providing skateboarders secure storage for their skateboards; and

6. Allowing student and staff parking by permit only. The permit parking system provides priority and discounted parking permits for carpooling. The graduated fee structure rewards those who carpool and charges the highest rates to single drivers. Parking permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis--first to car poolers, second to seniors, and third to juniors. The fees for parking permits give priority to student carpoolers rewarding carpools of three or more and, less so, two-person carpools.

7. Encouraging parents who drop off their sons and daughters to form carpools.

Managing Morning Arrival Traffic

To minimize queuing and promote safety, Saint Mary's has instituted the following measures:

1. To distribute morning arrival traffic, the school has designated three official drop-off areas: one on campus at the Albina Avenue entrance, one at the Monterey Avenue entrance, and one at the Posen Avenue entrance. Parents of freshmen are required to use the drop-off area at the Monterey Avenue entrance.

2. Parents are encouraged to use alternate drop-off locations away from the campus and ask their sons and daughters to walk the remainder of the way to school.

3. Saint Mary's assigns faculty, staff, and students to monitor and direct school traffic including two faculty and three students on Posen Avenue, one faculty on Albina Avenue, one student in the Albina Avenue parking lot entrance, and one faculty and two students on Monterey Avenue.

4. Requesting parents, students, and employees to refrain from driving on Hopkins Court.

Managing Event Traffic

1. Football Games

    a. Visiting schools are directed to access Saint Mary's by way of Marin to Colusa to Posen in lieu of Gilman to Hopkins to Albina.

    b. The school uses traffic cones to identify an area on the south side of Posen Avenue where visiting team buses are directed to park.

    c. A-frame street signs stating "No Saint Mary's Game Parking" are placed at the corners of Monterey Avenue and Beverly Place, Posen Avenue and West Place, and Sonoma Avenue and Ventura Avenue to deter individuals from parking on those streets.

    d. Security personnel are posted on Posen Avenue and Albina Avenue to monitor traffic and to ensure safety and orderly behavior.

    e. All on-campus parking areas, including the softball field area, are made available to people attending the games.

f. Saint Mary's does not schedule other activities or events during times of football games.

g. Saint Mary's contacts the Albany Police Department in advance to notify them of games and requests the Department to periodically drive by before, during, and after the games.

2. School Dances

a. The school closes the Albina Avenue entrance and requires students and parents to use the Posen Avenue entrance for drop-offs, pick-ups, and parking.

b. Security personnel are posted on Posen Avenue and Albina Avenue to monitor traffic and to ensure safety and orderly behavior.

c. The school requests the Albany Police Department to assist with traffic management, particularly at the end of the dances.

3. Non-Athletic Events

a. The school will never schedule simultaneous events that together would create a parking demand that exceeds the parking capacity on campus and on the south side of Posen Avenue.

b. The school will limit the number of non-athletic events that may exceed parking capacity to an average of ten per year. When parking demand is expected to exceed the parking capacity on campus and on the south side of Posen Avenue, the school will take the following actions:

i. Maximize the use of on-campus parking areas by having security and students direct on-campus traffic and parking and if necessary, providing valet parking.

ii. Utilize the Monterey Market parking lot for satellite parking when available and with Monterey Market's permission.