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**RENO**  
Memorandum

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**DATE:** July 11, 2025


**TO:** Mayor and Council

**THROUGH:** Jackie Bryant, City Manager

**FROM:** Kerrie Koski, Public Works Director

**DEPT:** Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Community Project Funding and Community Development Block Grant Funds for Installation of 114 Flashing School Zone Beacons



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City of Reno received \$1,000,000 Community Project Funding (CPF) through the Community Development Fund in federal fiscal year 2024, as designated by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen, and Congressman Mark Amodei. Additionally, \$688,946.50 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were also allocated. With these funds the City of Reno is preparing to launch a citywide project aimed at improving safety in school zones. Flashing school zone beacons provide a highly visible alert to drivers during school arrival and dismissal times. Replacing static signs with flashing beacons increases driver awareness and encourages compliance with posted school zone speed limits. These safety improvements are expected to create safer conditions for students and families walking or biking to school.

The project scope includes removing existing static school zone signs, where applicable, and installing 114 new flashing school zone beacons. This project will feature both overhead-mounted and side-mounted assemblies, strategically installed at priority school zone locations across all wards in the city.

The school zones selected for flashing beacon installations were determined based on where they are most needed to enhance student safety. A data-driven analysis was used to evaluate factors such as road conditions, traffic volume, and past accident history to help identify areas with a higher risk of collisions. Zones with the greatest safety concerns were prioritized. These locations were then reviewed and confirmed in collaboration with Washoe County School District staff to ensure the improvements align with both the District's Facility Modernization Plan and the Safe Routes to School program.

The two types of school zone beacons that will be installed are shown below. Side-mounted beacons are installed on streets with three lanes or fewer, and overhead beacons are installed on streets with greater than three lanes.

**Side-Mount School Zone Beacon**

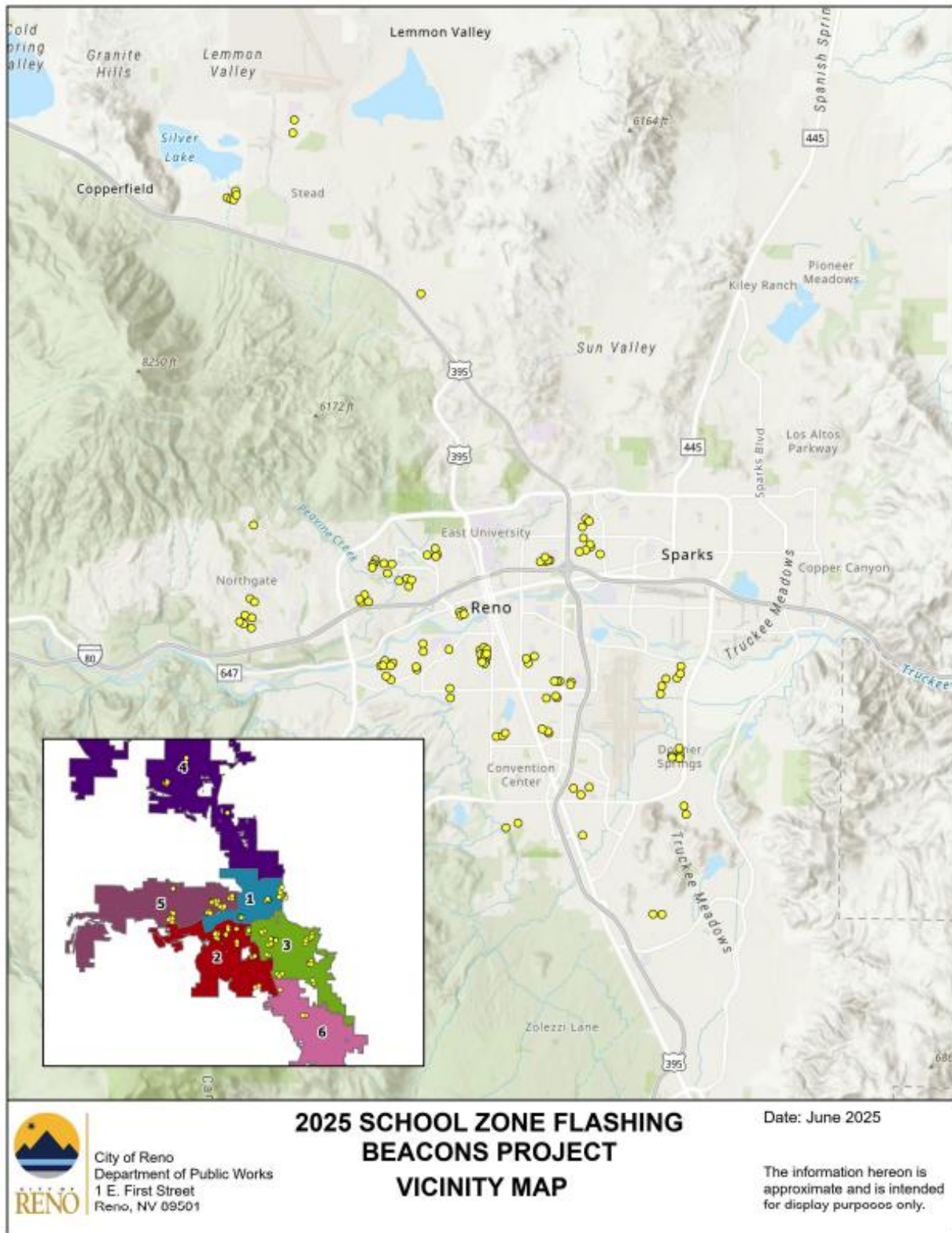


**Overhead-Mount School Zone Beacon**



Exhibit A below is a vicinity map showing the general locations in the City of Reno of the proposed beacon installations along with their corresponding Council wards.

### Exhibit A



City of Reno  
Department of Public Works  
1 E. First Street  
Reno, NV 09501

## 2025 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING BEACONS PROJECT VICINITY MAP

Date: June 2025

The information hereon is approximate and is intended for display purposes only.

Exhibit B below is the list of the thirty-five schools that will receive new beacon installations on adjacent Reno-owned streets.

### Exhibit B

School Name
ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS AND TECHNOLOGY
ALICE SMITH ELEM.
ANDERSON ELEM.
BAILEY CHARTER ELEM
BECK ELEM.
BILLINGHURST MID.
CANNAN ELEM.
CORAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE – E 9TH ST.
CORAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE – NEIL RD.
DESERT HEIGHTS ELEM.
DODSON ELEM.
DONNER SPRINGS ELEM.
DUNCAN ELEM.
ELMCREST ELEM.
HUFFAKER ELEM.
HUNTER LAKE ELEM.
WASHOE INSPIRE ACADEMY
LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL
LODER ELEM.
MATHEWS ELEM.
MELTON ELEM.
MOUNT ROSE ELEM.
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
PEAVINE ELEM.
PINE MID.
RENO HIGH
SILVER LAKE ELEM.
SWOPE MID.
TOWLES ELEM.
TRIAD SCHOOL
TURNING POINT
VETERANS ELEM.
WARNER ELEM.
WASHOE INNOVATION HIGH
WESTERGARD ELEM.

**Next Steps:**

A project is currently being advertised, with bids scheduled to be opened on July 15, 2025. The construction contract is anticipated to be on the August 13, 2025, council agenda for approval. Pending approval, the beacon installations are scheduled to begin this fall and are expected to be completed by Spring 2026.