



*City of Foster City*

**ESTERO MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

610 FOSTER CITY BOULEVARD  
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404-2222

December 11, 2017

Joan Rosas, Ed.D. Superintendent  
San Mateo-Foster City School District  
1170 Chess Drive  
Foster City, California, 94404

RE: New Foster City Elementary School

Dear Ms. Rosas,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the plans for the new elementary school in Foster City. The plans have been reviewed the Planning Division of the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department. In addition, given the importance of this project to overall community, the plans were referred to the Planning Commission for comment.

Staff and the Commission are concerned about the adequacy of the parking lot to accommodate school related traffic, especially during the afternoon pick-up. There is also concern about left turns into the site from Beach Park Boulevard and Shell Drive. The letter dated November 14, 2017 sent by Kevin Miller outlines these concerns in more detail.

The City also continues to be very concerned about impacts on pedestrian safety and believe a traffic signal should be installed at the corner of Shell Drive and Beach Park Boulevard and the need for a traffic signal at Catamaran Street and Shell Boulevard should be studied after the school is open and has approximately 400 students. This was also discussed in the letter dated November 14, 2017.

For safety, so people (especially children) do not wander onto the site and get injured a temporary 6 (six) foot tall chain-link fence (with a dark green vinyl or canvas interior liner placed on the exterior of the fence) should be placed around the area of the site. The fencing also prevents theft of construction materials and equipment.

To minimize noise impacts to the surrounding area, construction hours should generally be restricted to 8:00 am-5:00 pm on weekdays. This is consistent with conditions placed on City projects and private development in and/or near residential areas.

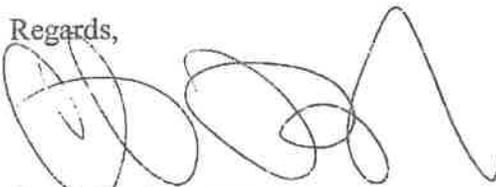
The District is encouraged to review the architecture of the school to be less repetitive and consider a design that would make the campus a more inviting (and less daunting) environment for students and the surrounding neighborhood. The design should be creative and does not have to mimic Foster City Elementary School or the surroundings.

It is also requested the final design consider the following health and safety issues:

- All Sidewalks and driveways should be reconstructed along Shell Boulevard and Beach Park Boulevard due to the age of the infrastructure. The improvements must meet ADA requirements.
- Due to health hazards of lead entering into drinking water when service pipes and fixtures corrode, the School District should comply with provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) entitled "Use of Lead Free Pipes, Fittings, Fixtures, Solder and Flux for Drinking Water." Additionally, all new water infrastructure should be constructed from the City's water mains to the project.
- New sewer infrastructure should be constructed from the City's sewer main to the project.
- Student drop off should be done to maximize stacking. Signage may be required to require vehicles to pull in to the furthest point away from public streets to maximize stacking and efficient flow of traffic.

As mentioned in previous communications, the City of Foster City is very willing to work with the School District toward the successful development of a much needed new elementary school. We look forward to future communications about this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis Banks', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Curtis Banks, AICP  
Community Development Director

Cc: Kevin Miller, City Manager  
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director