

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 7

QUESTION:

What efforts have been made to address issues of crossing safety at Lakelands Park Middle School?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: N/A

ANSWER:

Walking safety to Lakelands Park Middle School was assessed prior to the opening of the school as it is at each new MCPS school. This assessment starts at the design phase of the school and continues through the permitting process and the development of the transportation plan. The MCPS Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (MC DPWT) play major roles in this assessment. Following the assessment, needed roadway signs and markings, parking restrictions, and signal timing changes are installed and implemented.

In the case of Lakelands Park Middle School, several subsequent assessments have been conducted, including a study to see if a crossing guard is warranted at the intersection of Route 28 and Main Street/Bright Meadow Road. The assessment concluded that no crossing guard is warranted and that the intersection is similar to many others throughout the county where middle school students cross unassisted each day.

The MCPS DOT and the MC DPWT continue to monitor this and other school sites for traffic and pedestrian operations and respond to inquiries from schools and the larger community.

