

**FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**
- 5. [WHITTIER SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT DISCUSSION](#)**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

Join the Zoom:

Dial-in Information: 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 814 3846 4938 Passcode: 982877

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

NEW BUSINESS: Whittier School Project Discussion

ITEM: 5

DATE: April 8, 2025

FROM: Dawn Masko, City Manager

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None. Discussion only.

SUMMARY: Representatives from the Tacoma Public Schools Planning & Construction Department, along with the newly appointed Whittier School Project design-build team, will present a proposed design concept that could allow students to remain on campus during the construction of the new school.

ATTACHMENTS: [Presentation - Whittier Elementary School Replacement](#)





WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Replacement

Tacoma Public Schools

08 April 2025

Project Team

Progressive Design-Build delivery

- Tacoma Public Schools: 
 - **Morris Aldridge**, Executive Director, Planning & Construction
 - **Stacy Page**, Facilities Communication Coordinator
- Project Lead: 
 - **Michelle Jones**, Project Manager
- Design-Builder:  
 - **Sam Comer**, Preconstruction Manager
 - **Kris Stamon**, Architectural Principal

Project Introduction

- Project funded by 2020 capital bond.
- New PreK-3 elementary school to replace existing school.
- Design capacity of approx. 375 students, approx. 45,000 sq.ft.
- Two-stories.
- Site improvements.
- Anticipated opening Fall 2027.

Responding to Community Feedback

February 27th Community Meeting

- Concerns with impacts of busing to McKinley ES.

Exploring Solutions

- Could the new school be built onsite while Whittier ES remains occupied?



ELM TREE LN

BUS LOADING

STAFF & VISITOR
PARKING

LOADING

EXISTING WHITTIER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COVERED PLAY

WHITTIER PARK

PLAYGROUND

PLAY FIELD

FIRE LANE

ALAMEDA AVE

ANNAPOLIS ST

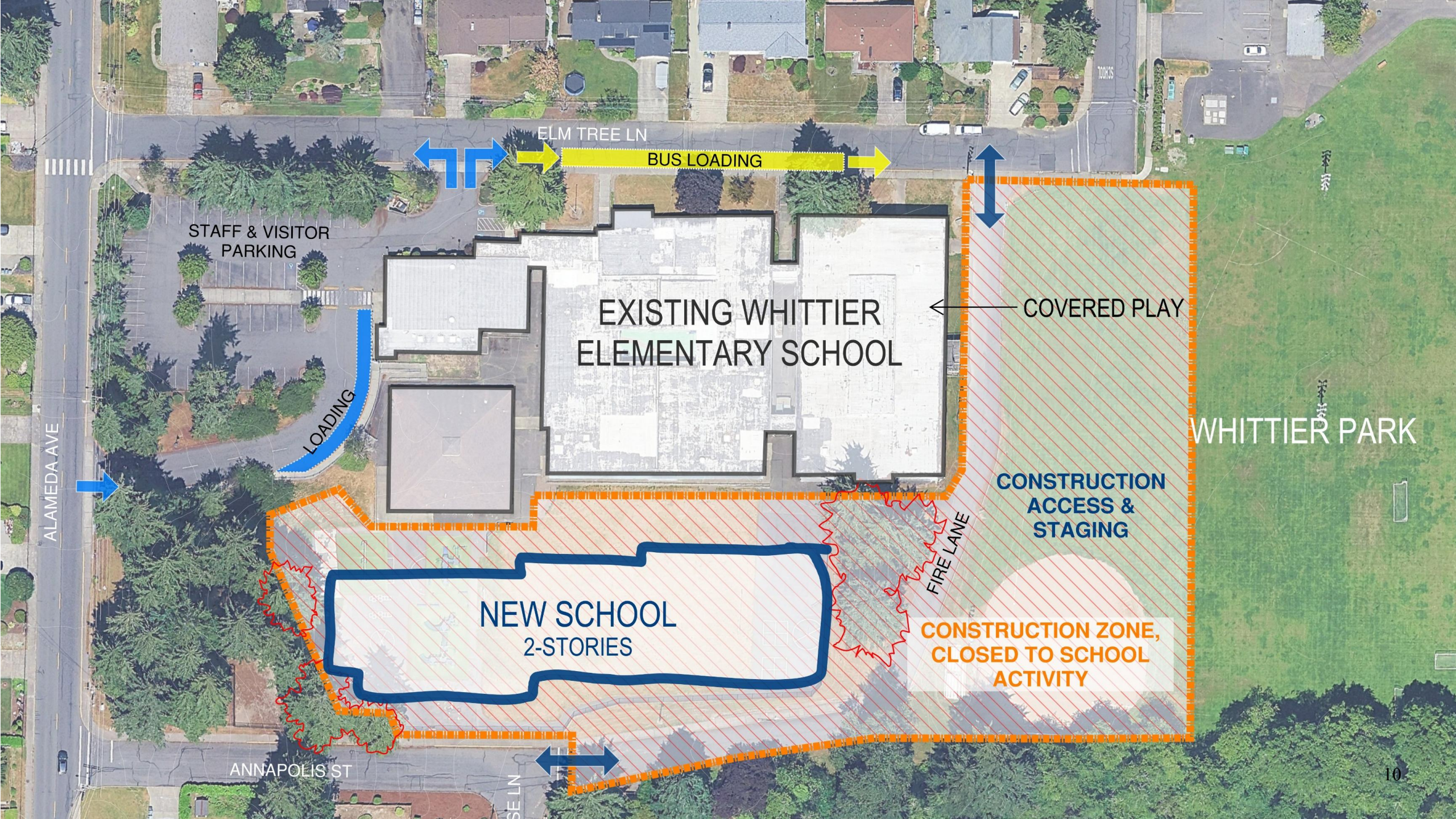
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SITE IMPROVEMENTS:
PARKING, ENTRY PLAZA, PLAY AREA, FIELD

NEW SCHOOL
2-STORIES

WHITTIER PARK



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WHITTIER PARK

CONSTRUCTION
ACCESS &
STAGING

NEW SCHOOL
2-STORIES

FIRE LANE

CONSTRUCTION ZONE,
CLOSED TO SCHOOL
ACTIVITY

ANNAPOLIS ST

Feasibility Discussion

Design Considerations

- Development Standards: Potential of exceeding 30 ft height limit.
- Design Guidelines: Site layout with parking in the front.
- Potential impact to mature evergreen trees.

Construction Considerations

- Increased activity on site, potential of traffic congestion.
- Construction staging needed to expand on to Whittier Park.

Thank You!