



Eagle Mountain City  
STATEMENT

**Eagle Mountain City continues work to improve student safety in front of Hidden Hollow**

The pedestrian crosswalks at Hidden Hollow elementary have been a point of concern for Eagle Mountain City and the Alpine School District for some time.

Given the volume of traffic traveling Pony Express Parkway during certain times of the day, the average speed of motorists, and the number of students using the former crosswalk at Hidden Hollow Parkway and Pony Express Parkway, the City decided it was best to revise pedestrian and traffic patterns.

These changes were implemented after compiling information from several sources. First, a traffic analysis found the 85th percentile speed through the school zone was 42 mph. Speeding in the area created a safety hazard for school children attempting to cross the roadway and created further safety problems for motorists obeying the change in speed when other motorists were not.

Next, the City referenced guidance from the Utah Department of Transportation's Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. It's section on Traffic Controls for School Zones states that *"A Reduced Speed School Zone shall not be installed or maintained on an approach to a roundabout or to an intersection controlled by a traffic signal..."*

Finally, Eagle Mountain City received feedback from representatives at Hidden Hollow Elementary who expressed concerns about many of their 1,100 students using one crosswalk at the same time following the implementation of uniform start and end times to the school day.

Since these changes have been implemented, students are now spread over multiple crosswalks. This improves the safety of the students, allows for school crossing guards to better perform their duties and allows the traffic light at Pony Express Parkway and Hidden Hollow Parkway to better function as the primary traffic control device. Using a dedicated traffic light reduces vehicle speeds to zero when pedestrian crossing takes place.

Eagle Mountain City encourages residents traveling the area to observe these changes and report any problems. The City has already noticed several positive outcomes resulting from these alterations and will continue to monitor the area for safety improvements.