



# School Board Briefing/Proposed Action Report

**Informational** (no action required by Board)     **Action Report** (Board will be required to take action)

**DATE:** October 28, 2016  
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*This amendment is not applicable if the School Board approves Amendment 6.A.*

## **I. TITLE**

Amendment 7 to the 2017-2018 Implementation Amendments to 2013-2020 Growth Boundaries Plan: Retaining the Portion of Area 117 that is west of SR 99 in Viewlands Elementary and Whitman Middle School Attendance Areas AND Retaining Area 18 in Broadview-Thomson Elementary and Eagle Staff Middle School

**For Introduction:** November 2, 2016

**For Action:** November 2, 2016

## **II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

Board action is necessary for any formal amendments to another proposed Board action.

## **III. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

If this amendment is approved, Viewlands and Whitman Middle School would see a slight increase in total student enrollment that may impact capacity issues at Viewlands. This area is not in the walk zone for either Viewlands or Olympic View, so there may be an additional transportation costs. Each additional school bus needed costs the District \$68,000.

The revenue source for this motion is N/A.

Expenditure:     One-time     Annual     Other Source

## **IV. POLICY IMPLICATION**

Board Policy No. 3130, Student Assignment, states that students shall have the opportunity to attend an elementary, middle, or high school in a designated attendance area based upon home address, unless the school designated by a student's home address does not have the appropriate services for the student's needs, as determined by the District.

Any changes to boundaries, geographic zones, or assignment rules subsequent to implementation of the Student Assignment Plan require Board action.

## **V. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that the School Board amend the proposed 2017-2018 Implementation Amendments to the 2013-2020 Growth Boundaries Plan to:

- 1) Retain the portion of area 117 that lies west of State Route 99 within the Viewlands Elementary School attendance area and Whitman Middle School attendance area;

- 2) Retain area 18 in the attendance area for Broadview-Thomson Elementary and Eagle Staff Middle School; and
- 3) In the case that Amendment 6.B is passed, nullify the recommendation within that amendment to grandfather students in this particular portion of area 117 and in the entirety of area 18 because, per this amendment, these areas would not be switching school assignments.

## **VI. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This motion was not discussed by a Board committee.

## **VII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the proposed 2017-2018 Implementation Amendments to the 2013-2020 Growth Boundaries plan, area 117 would move from the Viewlands Elementary School attendance area to Olympic View Elementary. There have been concerns expressed about the students who live west of SR 99 and the fact that they would have to cross two major highways (SR 99 and I-5) to get to school. This amendment would retain the portion of area 117 that lies west of SR 99 within the Viewlands attendance area.

There are approximately 49 students current in grades K-4 who live in Area 117 west of SR 99. Viewlands currently has 11 portables, 10 of which are being used as classrooms. Per Capital Planning, Viewlands cannot add any additional portables onto their campus. As such, the second part of this amendment retains area 18 in the Broadview-Thomson Elementary and Eagle Staff Middle School attendance areas. Approximately 34 current students in grades K-4 live in area 18.

At the middle school level, this amendment would retain this portion in the Whitman Middle School feeder pattern to allow all Viewlands students to transition to middle school together.

## **VIII. STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Whether to approve an amendment that would retain the portion of area 117 that lies west of SR 99 within the attendance area for Viewlands Elementary and Whitman Middle School and retaining area 18 in Broadview-Thomson Elementary and Eagle Staff Middle School.

## **IX. ALTERNATIVES**

1. Adopt current staff recommendation. This is not recommended as the amendment would cause students living in the affected area to cross two major highways to get to their elementary school.
2. Retain the portion of area 117 without amending the staff recommendation for area 18. This is not recommended because of the capacity impact to Viewlands.

## **X. RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES / BENCHMARKS**

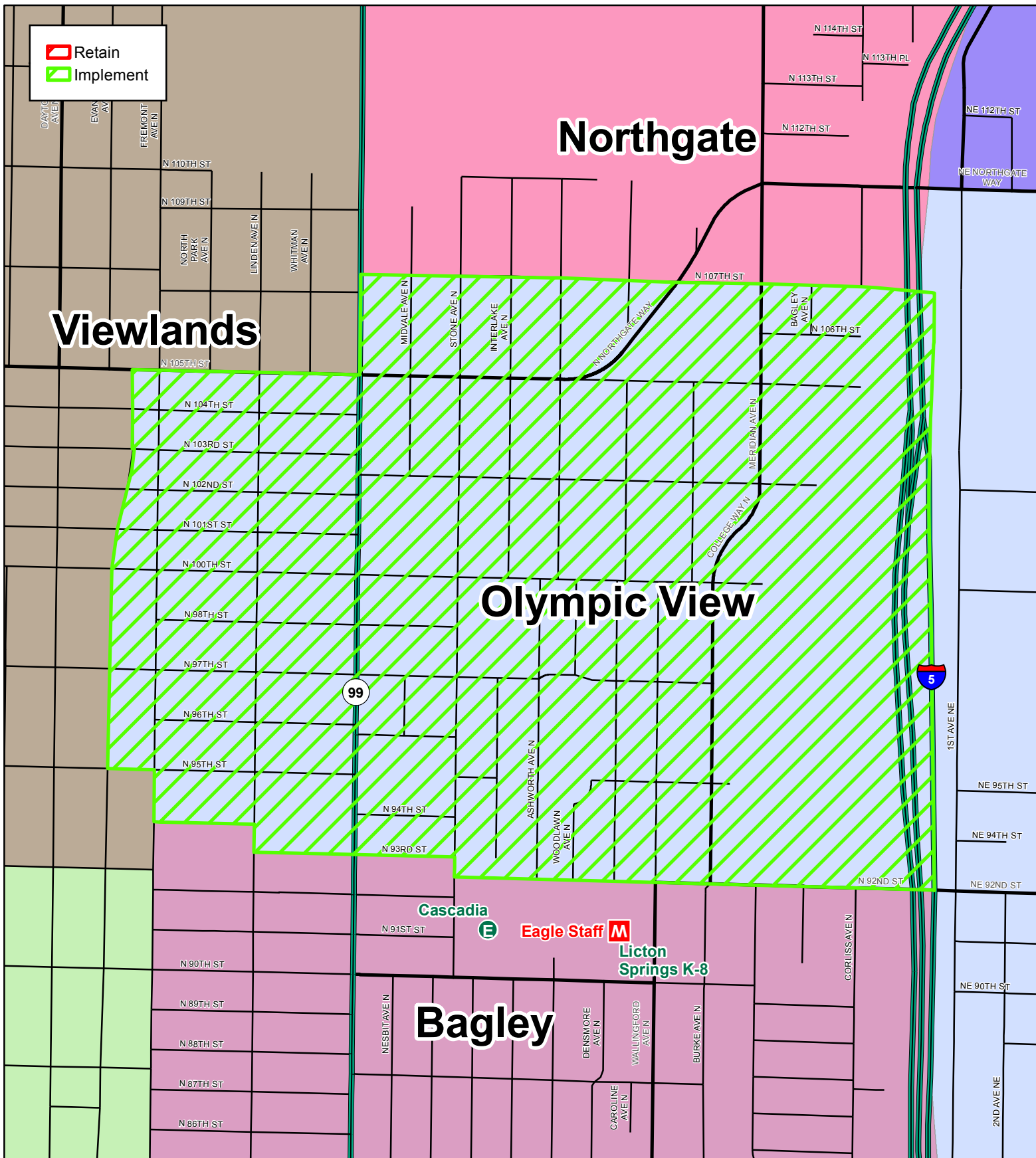
None.

## **XI. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Upon approval of this motion, the underlying Board Action Report for the 2017-2018 Implementation Amendments to 2013-2020 Growth Boundaries Plan would be amended.

## **XII. ATTACHMENTS**

- Reference map:
  - [Area 117](#) (page 15)
  - [Area 18](#) (page 2)



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