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**New Traffic Signal to Improve Safety at Bagby School**  
***Councilmembers, San José Police, CHP to emphasize safety***  
***in all school zones as kids go back to school***

**Event:** This new traffic signal at Leigh & Harris will improve pedestrian safety for children attending Bagby Elementary School beginning on this first day of school. Community and school representatives will join Councilmembers Ken Yeager and Judy Chirco to acknowledge this critical safety improvement with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. San José Police Chief Rob Davis will focus on the need for driving safely in school zones citywide, as kids go back to school.

**When:** Tuesday, September 6, 2005, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Bagby Elementary School  
1840 Harris Avenue (corner of Harris and Leigh Avenues)

**Who:** Councilmember Ken Yeager, City of San José  
Councilmember Judy Chirco, City of San José  
Dr. Barry Groves, Superintendent, Cambrian School District  
Sue Pyne, Trustee, Cambrian School District Board of Trustees  
Rob Davis, San José Chief of Police  
Jim Helmer, Director, City of San José Department of Transportation

**Visuals:** San José Police Mounted Unit  
California Highway Patrol

**Background:** Councilmembers Yeager and Chirco worked collaboratively with parents, school officials and the community to identify funding for this traffic signal to improve safety for children crossing to school. The Cambrian School District Board of Trustees and Covenant Presbyterian Church approved the easement donation to allow for installation of the signal.

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