



**To:** Members of Dublin City Council

**From:** Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager

**Date:** September 30, 2021

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**Re:** Proposed City Entryway Improvements

## Background

Over the past several months, City staff has evaluated the condition of the City's entryways. Additionally, Councilmember Keeler inquired regarding the state of some of the City's entryways in June 2021. Although many of the City's entryways are in generally good condition, there are a number of improvements that can be made to improve the aesthetic of the entryways. Additionally, although staff recommends maintaining minimal, attractive signs at most city entryways, there is an opportunity to upgrade certain key entryways in a way that is more impactful. Specifically, staff found the following:

- The City's entryway signs are not consistent to current City branding (A map and current photos of existing city entryway signs can be found at the following link)  
<https://dublinohio.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/attachmentviewer/index.html?appid=a10c976f07c14075b136edd3bc9dbb6c&center=-83.0797%2C40.1268&level=13&attachmentIndex=0&selectedLayerId=17b7987666a-layer-2>
- The landscaping surrounding the City's entryway signs lacks similar aesthetics and a consistent level of maintenance.
- There is an opportunity to install monument signs at key City entryways that better define the City's boundaries and represent the City's commitment to creating a well-kept, attractive community.
- Site-specific issues should be addressed at the Frantz Rd. and US-33/SR-161 entryway, the Sawmill Rd./I-270 Interchange, and the I-270 Corridor.

## **Updated Entryway Signs – Standardized Signs**

The City's current entryway signs are dated, non-standard throughout the City, and do not conform to the City's current branding (see examples below). The Division of Transportation and Mobility has worked with Communication and Public Information to update the signs to conform to the City's current branding (**Exhibit A**).



**6500 Emerald Pkwy.**



**Dublin Rd. & Frantz Rd.**



**Rings Rd. &  
Houchard Rd.**

The proposed signs provide a standardized location for various City recognitions (high school state championships, Purple Heart City, Tree City USA, Bicycle Friendly Community, and Sustainable 2050 Community). Additionally, the high school logos used on existing entryway signs have not been updated in several years. Jerome High School recently updated its branding, and Coffman High School and Scioto High School may desire to re-visit the logos the City is using to recognize state champions. Staff recommends contacting each high school to receive updated guidance regarding the logos desired for the City's entryway signs. Staff plans to maintain three state champion recognition locations for each high school per the policy outlined in Resolution 65-06, which was passed in 2006 (the resolution is attached to this memo). Staff recommends moving some of the current locations of the high school recognition signs to allow for the standardization of entryway signs and locations in better proximity to the high schools. If Council accepts staff's recommendations, staff will return at a future Council meeting to update the ordinance with the new locations.

Staff proposes including three of the special recognitions listed above on each sign. A detailed proposal for the specific locations for each accolade sign is included in the comprehensive table attached to this memo (**Exhibit B**). Per the proposal, each recognition will be placed at 20 locations throughout the City. The Division of Transportation and Mobility can absorb the cost of producing the new signs with the funding currently proposed in the FY 2022 operating budget.

**Updated Entryway Signs – Landscaping**

Several entryway sign locations throughout the City have attractive landscaping; however, this is not the case at all entryway sign locations. Staff proposes maintaining a landscaping package of an attractive mulch bed with flowering plants and tall decorative grasses. Although staff intends to use day lilies in as many locations as possible to maintain consistency, due to environmental factors at various locations, staff may use other flowering plants with a similar aesthetic in some areas. The attached comprehensive table of entryway signs identifies the landscaping needs for

each location. An example of an existing well-maintained entryway sign consistent with the proposed landscaping can be seen below. The estimated cost to improve the areas that need updated landscaping updates is \$4,500 - \$5,000 total, which can be absorbed in the existing Division of Public Services operating budget.



**Monument Signs**

Staff recommends enhancing the following six entryways with monument signs:

- **Dublin Road & Glick Road**
- **Emerald Parkway & Sawmill Road**
- **Hard Road & Sawmill Road**
- **SR-161 & Sawmill Road**
- **Tuttle Crossing Boulevard & Frantz Road (NB Frantz Road)**
- **Hyland Croy & Post Road (Future Post Road Interchange)**

The map below shows the proposed location for each entryway sign. These are key entrances to the City that are heavily trafficked. Monument signs will help set these entrances apart from bordering cities, and they will better represent the pride and care Dublin takes in being a uniquely attractive city. Mock-ups of the proposed monument signs are attached to this memo.



The table below shows an estimated cost for the proposed monument signs:

**Preliminary Cost Estimate**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Cost Per Location</b>	<b>Assumed Number of Locations</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Monument Sign	\$20,000 - \$25,000	6	\$120,000 - \$150,000
Landscaping	\$5,000 - \$10,000	6	\$30,000 - \$60,000
Design Cost	\$4,000	6	\$24,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$174,000 - \$234,000</b>

The Finance Department has reviewed this proposal and determined there will be sufficient unencumbered funds in the 2021 Capital Improvement Program to cover the proposed costs.

The following assumptions are made concerning the proposed monument signs:

- The monument signs are assumed to be approximately five feet wide and three to four feet tall.
- The monument signs include a dry-stacked stone facing similar to the walls in Veterans Park, the walls being constructed along South High Street, and other projects throughout the City.
- Limestone or precast concrete cap each monument sign.
- The message portions of the monument signs (Welcome to Dublin, Tree City, etc.) are mounted to the monument with the ability to remove and replace the various elements, with specific details to be determined during the design process.
- The proposed monument signs will either need to be crash worthy or include a breakaway base, since they will likely be within the clear zone of the travel way. Staff is currently assuming crash worthy signs based on the size of the signs, which will require ample foundation.
- If lighting is desired, small solar-powered floodlights can be considered. If hardwiring is necessary, staff will investigate pulling power from a nearby traffic signal. Lighting is not considered in the cost estimate provided above.
- Some level of design is expected to be coordinated, either with a sign manufacturer or a design engineer.

### **Additional Items for Consideration**

- **Entryway at Frantz Rd. and US-33/SR-161** – On-going maintenance is necessary at this primary entrance into Dublin from I-270 and US-33. One specific aspect of this entryway that needs addressed is the informal U-turn created by both the police department and civilian motorists west of the intersection of Frantz Rd. and US-33/SR-161 (see picture below). The police department has determined that it no longer needs to use this location for U-turns. Staff will work with ODOT to have guardrails placed in this location to prevent U-turns that are ruining the landscaping in this median. Staff can then focus on rehabilitating the landscaping without the potential of cars running through it.



- **Sawmill Rd./I-270 Interchange** – Staff proposes working with ODOT and the City of Columbus regarding an agreement for the City to take over maintenance of the entirety of this interchange. Although maintenance of parts of this interchange are technically the responsibility of ODOT and the City of Columbus, neither of those parties are maintaining the area to the City's standard. The City similarly maintains the City of Columbus's roundabout at Lakehurst Court and Emerald Parkway to ensure it is maintained to Dublin's standards.

Staff is requesting an additional \$30,000 in the FY 2022 Operating Budget to contract the maintenance of this interchange, which will include mowing the east side of the interchange and the maintenance of all the expansion joints in the concrete islands from Billingsley Rd. south to SR-161/Dublin Granville Rd.

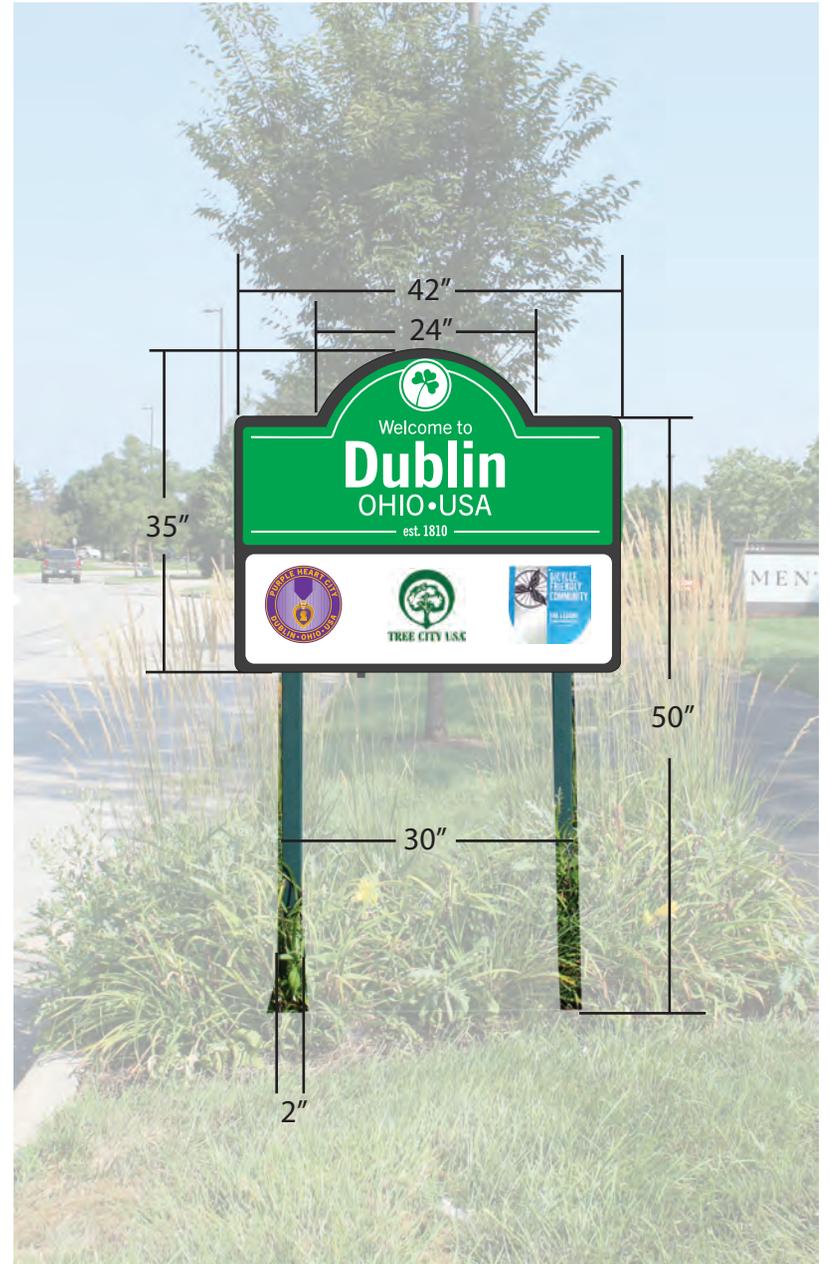
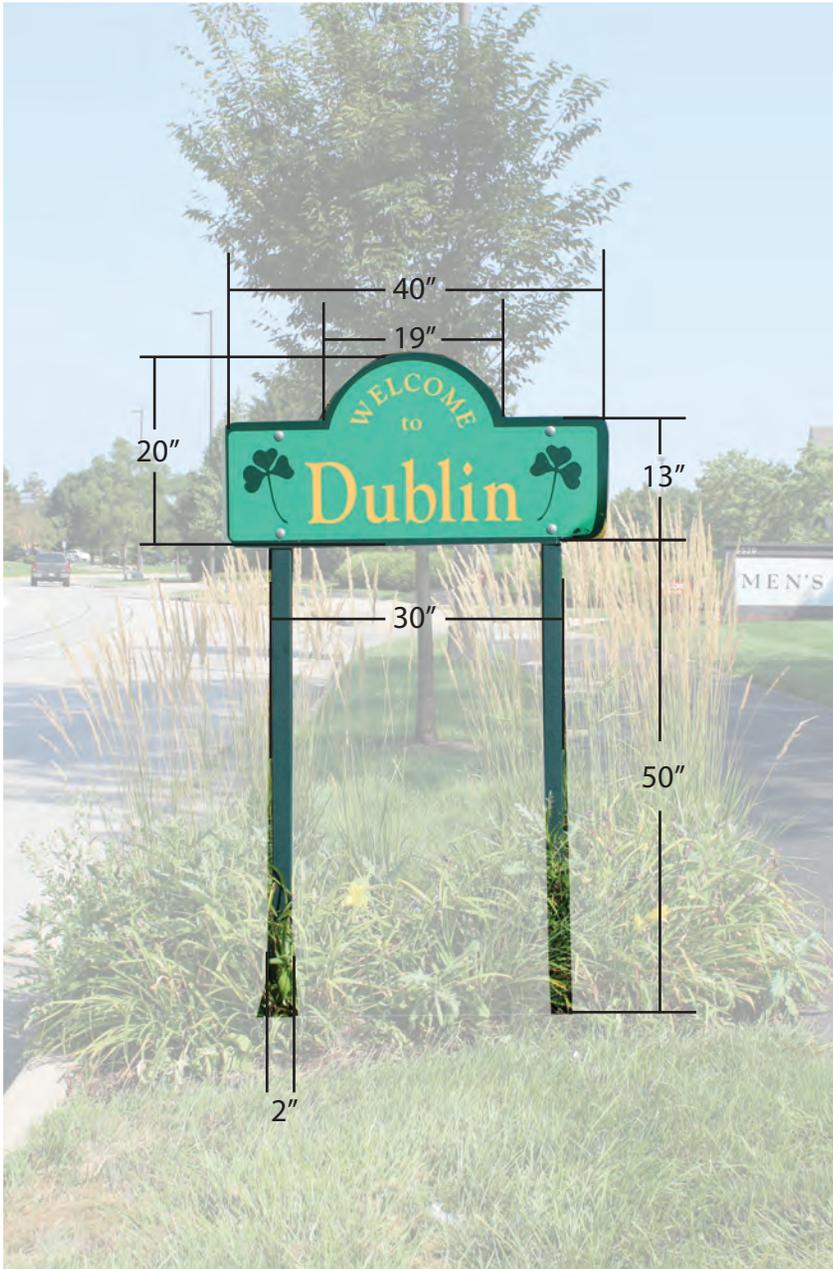
- **I-270 Corridor** – Staff proposes moving this to contract work in the upcoming budget. Staff estimates the total cost of mowing the corridor at \$100,000, which is included as a request in the FY 2022 Operating Budget.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the existing entryway signs are updated to the proposed entryway sign package that is consistent with Dublin's branding and landscape standards described in this memo. Further, staff recommends monument signs are installed at the following locations: Dublin Road & Glick Road, Emerald Parkway & Sawmill Road, Hard Road & Sawmill Road, SR-161 & Sawmill Road, Tuttle Crossing Boulevard & Frantz Road (NB Frantz Road), and Hyland-Croy Road & Post Road in conjunction with the future Post Road Interchange.

If there are any questions, please contact Robert Ranc, Deputy City Manager/COO, or the City Manager directly.

# Exhibit A - Standard Non-Monument Signs





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# Exhibit B - Comprehensive Entry Sign Inventory

	Proposed Monument Sign	High School Recognition	Purple Heart	Tree City	Sustainability Recognition	Bike Friendly Community	Landscaping Needs
1	Dublin Rd & Glick Rd	X	X (Coffman)	X	X	X	None
2	Winchcombe Dr			X	X	X	None
3	Campden Lakes Blvd			X	X	X	None
4	Summit View Rd & Sawmill Rd			X	X	X	Needs grasses & more lilies
5	Emerald Parkway & Sawmill Rd	X					
6	Hard Rd & Sawmill Rd	X	X (Scioto)	X	X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
7	Bright Rd & Sawmill Rd		X (Scioto)		X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
8	161 & Sawmill	X	X (Scioto)	X	X	X	
9	161 @ Wendy's						
10	Martin Rd & Sawmill Rd			X	X	X	Needs grasses
11	Dublin Rd & Frantz Rd			X		X	Needs grasses & lilies
12	Tuttle Crossing Rd & Frantz Rd (EB Tuttle Rd)			X		X	None
13	Tuttle Crossing Rd & Frantz Rd (NB Frantz Rd)	X	X (Coffman)	X	X	X	
14	Tuttle Crossing Rd & Blazer Pkwy			X		X	None
15	6500 Emerald Pkwy		X (Coffman)	X			Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
16	Tuttle Crossing Rd @ Holiday Inn Express			X	X		Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
17	Wilcox Rd South of Tuttle Crossing Rd			X	X	X	Needs grasses
18	Cosgray Rd & Boucher Rd			X	X		Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
19	Cosgray Rd & Rings Rd (Main St)			X	X		Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
20	Rings Rd West of Churchman Rd				X	X	Needs mulch bed & lilies
21	Rings Rd & Houchard Rd				X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
22	Houchard Rd S of Railroad Tracks			X	X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
23	Cosgray Rd & 161			X	X		
24	Eiterman Rd & Post Rd Roundabout			X	X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
25	Hyland Croy & Post Rd (Future Post Rd Interchange)	X	X (Jerome)	X	X	X	
26	Hyland Croy Rd North of Tullymore Dr		X (Jerome)	X			Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
27	Hyland Croy Rd @ Oak Park Blvd						
28	Mitchell Dewitt Rd Roundabout						Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
29	Glacier Ridge Roundabout		X (Jerome)				Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
30	Manley Rd & Glick Rd			X	X	X	Needs mulch bed & lilies
31	Concord Rd N of St Boswells Ct			X	X	X	Needs mulch bed, grasses, & lilies
Total Number of Recognitions		9	20	20	20	20	



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# RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045

Resolution No. 65-06

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the City's annual fee ordinance.

Section 6. At the end of the display period, signs on display in the school right-of-way will be given to the school and may be disbursed in a manner determined by the school.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon passage in accordance with Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this 21st day of August, 2006.

Walter Chinnier Zurek  
Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Anne C. Clarke  
Clerk of Council

I hereby certify that copies of this Ordinance/Resolution were posted in the City of Dublin in accordance with Section 731.25 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Quath K. Beal  
Deputy Clerk of Council, Dublin, Ohio



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# Memo

To: Members of City Council

From: Jane S. Brautigam, City Manager *Jane S. Brautigam*

Date: August 16, 2006

Initiated By: Paul A. Hammersmith, P.E., Director of Engineering/City Engineer  
Jean-Ellen M. Willis, P.E., Assistant Director of Engineering - Transportation

**Re: High School Recognition Signage**

## Summary

In response to a suggestion raised by Council, staff has met and investigated alternative type signage recognizing the achievements of the high school athletic teams. The current method of posting recognition signage is to prepare a sign for each achievement for each high school, and post at seven entry points into Dublin. This often results in numerous signs posted simultaneously and sign clutter. Currently, sign distinction is difficult, resulting in the inability for a driver to read or understand the signage.

Council requested that staff research other methods to recognize the achievements of the teams which would not require such a large number of signs. Staff has worked with the Dublin Schools to determine potential placement locations for each of the three high schools. The Schools are in agreement with all locations proposed. The memo is organized into three sections:

- Existing Policy
- Proposed Policy
- Proposed Changes

### *Existing Policy*

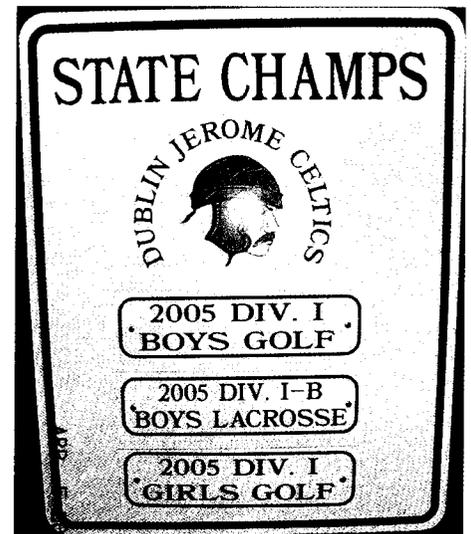
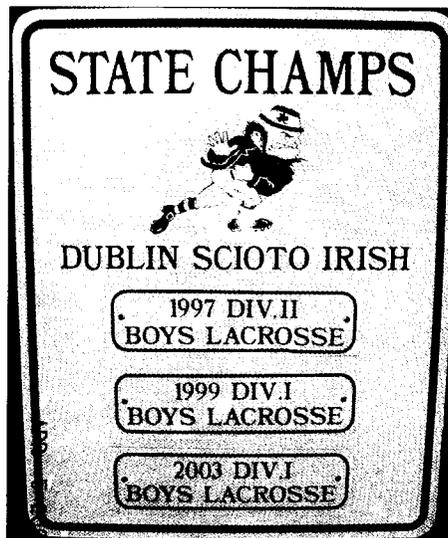
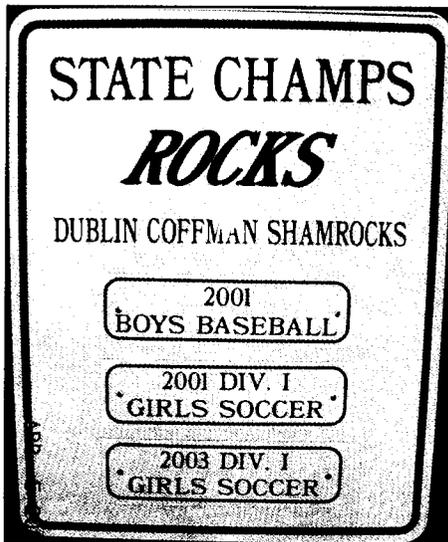
The City's existing policy in placing the recognition signage includes the following parameters:

- The signage is placed at these intersections:
  1. Frantz Road at Tuttle Crossing Boulevard
  2. SR 161 at Sawmill Road
  3. Sawmill Road at Hard Road
  4. US 33/Riverside Drive, south of Martin Road
  5. Emerald Parkway, north of Rings Road
  6. Avery Road, south of Rings Road
  7. Dublin Road, south of Glick Road
- The signage remains in place for two years

- One additional sign is placed in the right-of-way in front of the school receiving the recognition
- Sign size is limited to 24" x 24"
- The City bears the cost of making and installing the signs for the initial installation
- At the end of the display period, all signs on display are given to the school and disbursed as determined by the school.

*Proposed Policy*

The following pictures illustrate the proposed signage:



Dublin Coffman High School

Dublin Scioto High School

Dublin Jerome High School

As shown, each high school will receive its own recognition signage listing the achievements of the athletic programs. The signs are each 24" x 30" in size. There are three placards riveted to each sign, and they would remain in place until another state championship is earned to replace an earlier achievement. The placards would be rotated out as new state championship recognitions are earned. The larger background signs could be reused at the City entryway locations as the placards are replaced.

One individual sign will be made and posted at the school for a maximum of two years or until another state championship recognition is earned, as is done currently. This sign will recognize one state championship recognition at a time on a single sign face. It will be given to the school upon removal, as is also done at the present time.

Each high school would be recognized at three entry points to the City as follows:

Dublin Coffman High School

1. *Dublin Road, south of Glick Road*
2. *Frantz Road at Tuttle Crossing Boulevard*
3. *Emerald Parkway, north of Rings Road*

Dublin Scioto High School

1. *US 33/Riverside Drive, south of Martin Road*
2. *Sawmill Road at Hard Road*
3. *SR 161 at Sawmill Road*

Dublin Jerome High School

1. *Avery Road, north of Woerner-Temple Road*
2. Glick Road/Manley Road/Avery Road at roundabout (added location)
3. Hyland-Croy Road south of Brand Road (added location)

The italicized text indicates locations as defined in the current City policy that are in proximity to the respective high schools. The non-italicized text indicates new locations for signage to be installed. Note that under both Dublin Coffman and Dublin Scioto High Schools, all locations have been included in the current City policy. Further, two locations under Dublin Jerome High School are not included in the current City policy, because Dublin Jerome High School was not built when this policy was developed and therefore not taken into consideration.

*Proposed Changes*

The changes to the existing policy would be:

- Adding two sign locations
- Assigning entryway locations to represent individual schools (3 locations for each school)
- Allowing slightly larger signs
- Providing three placards on each entryway sign to display school accomplishments

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends Council adopt the proposed resolution for high school recognition signs. The Dublin Schools agree with the proposed sign styles and respective placement locations.

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