



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Item No. PW 09-32

SUBMITTED TO: Chairman McGovern and Members of the Commission
SUBMITTED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works *TH*
DATE: September 16, 2009
SUBJECT: Amend 2009/10 CIP – Add Safe Route to School Grant Project

Statement of Issue: Staff is seeking a recommendation to the City Council to amend the 2009/10 Capital Improvement Program to add the recently authorized Safe Route to School Grant project for Spring View Middle School.

Funding Source: Funds in the amount of \$306,900 have been approved through the Safe Route to School Grant program. An additional \$34,100 is required from the City as matching funds. These funds will be available through anticipated revenues in the 2009/10 Gas Tax fund.

Impact on Future Maintenance Costs: Installation of a new traffic signal will require additional routine maintenance and energy costs of approximately \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year.

Recommended Action: Motion to recommend to the City Council, the amendment of the 2009/10 Capital Improvement Program to add the Spring View Middle School Safe Route to School project with an overall budget of \$341,000 and identified funding of \$306,900 through the Safe Route to School Grant program and \$34,100 in Gas Tax funds.

Alternative Action(s):

1. Recommend the project be postponed until the 2010/11 fiscal year and recommend staff request a delay through Caltrans. This alternative could jeopardize funding depending on the State's financial status next year.
2. Recommend the City reject the grant award and not pursue this project any further.

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Analysis: In April 2009, the Public Works Department submitted applications for three school-related improvement projects to Caltrans for funding consideration under the Safe Route to School program. In mid-August, staff was informed that one of the three projects was selected to receive funding available in the 2009/10 fiscal year.

The successful application includes improvements related to Spring View Middle School and includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane, several new curb ramps and upgraded school area signing and striping. Staff completed a detailed review of conditions at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane as part of developing the grant application. The investigation revealed a substantial number of school-aged pedestrians (more than 80 during the peak hour) using the crossing guard controlled crossing and several traffic accidents at the intersection including 5 within a 12-month period. The traffic signal will provide enhanced traffic control and visibility of controls. The new traffic signal also will serve student pedestrians attending Saint Bonaventure School near the corner of Heil Avenue and Springdale Street. It may also reduce the need for continued use of a crossing guard to assist pedestrians.

The Safe Route to School program requires a minimum of 10 percent local match for the grant funding. Staff proposes using Gas Tax to meet the City's obligation in this program. Funding for the grant application is available immediately and staff has initiated the process to gain authorization for the funds through the State. The intent is to complete design and bid the project in early 2010 to allow construction during the summer of 2010, thus avoiding conflicts with school activities.

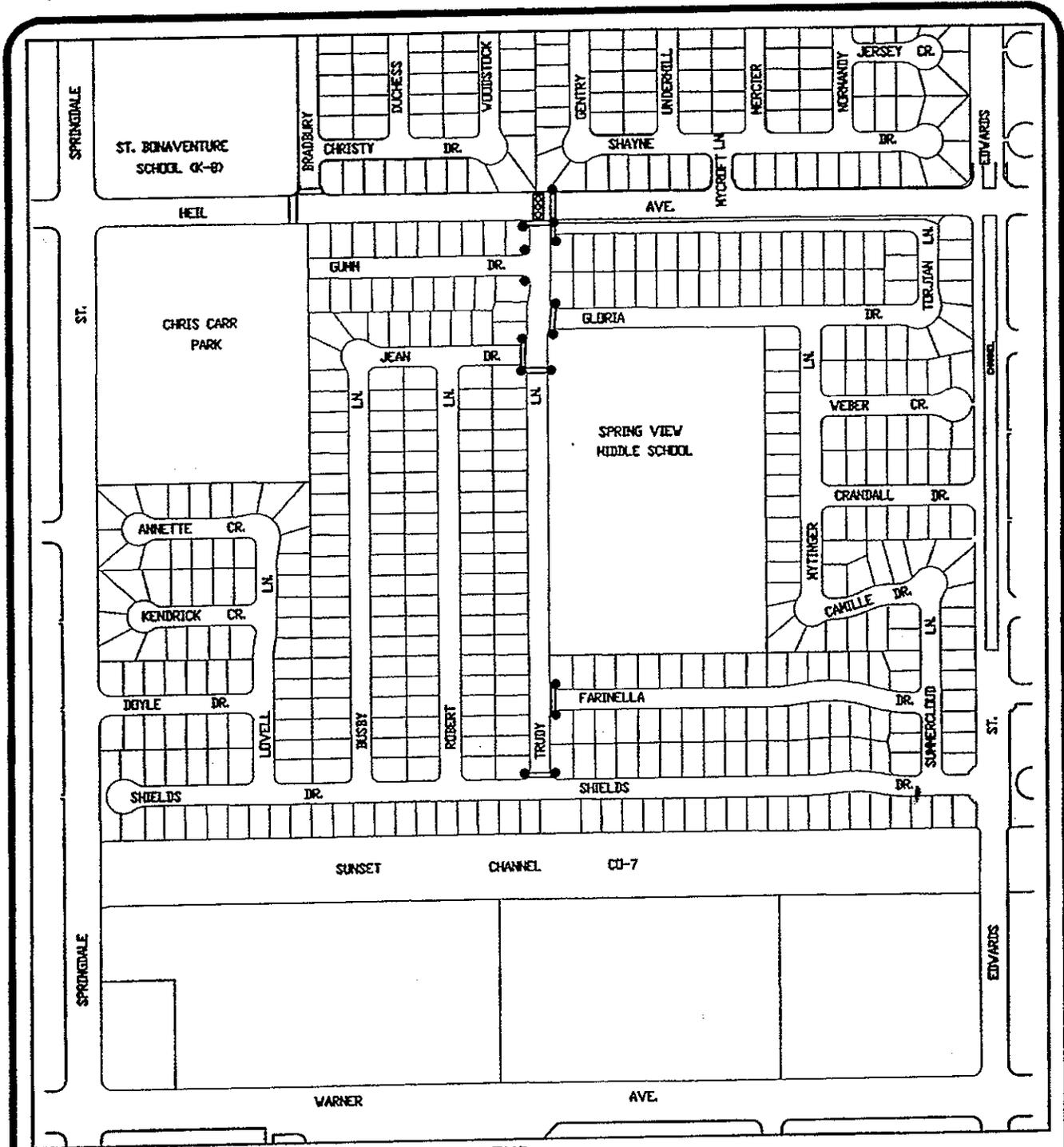
Attachments:

1. Spring View Middle School Proposed Improvements

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ATTACHMENT #1



LEGEND

-  = PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL
-  = PROPOSED CURB RAMP

**SPRING VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

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