



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

Item No. PW 10-20

**SUBMITTED TO:** Chairman Siersema and Members of the Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works 

**DATE:** June 16, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Removal of Crosswalk on Heil Avenue at Bradbury Lane

**Statement of Issue:** The existing school crosswalk across the west leg of the intersection of Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane is recommended for removal in conjunction with the construction of a traffic signal at Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane. State law requires that the public is notified and provided the opportunity to respond prior to elimination of any marked crosswalk.

**Funding Source:** Funding for the recommended action has been previously authorized by the City Council with the award of construction contract for Safe Routes to School, Spring View Middle School, CC 1367.

**Impact on Future Maintenance Costs:** None

**Recommended Action:** Motion to: Direct staff to take the necessary steps to remove the school crosswalk across the west leg of the intersection of Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane.

**Alternative Action(s):** Deny support and recommend an alternate action.

**Analysis:** In May 2010, the City Council awarded a construction contract that included several improvements and modifications in the area near Spring View Middle School. The project includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane. There currently exists a school crosswalk across Heil Avenue at Trudy Lane and another school crosswalk across Heil Avenue exists approximately 700 feet to the west at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane. Staff is recommending that the school crosswalk on Heil Avenue at Bradbury Lane be eliminated and pedestrian crossings redirected to the new signal controlled crossing at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane.

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Observations were made at the Bradbury Lane and Trudy Lane crosswalks both before the start and after discharge of school in the afternoon. The overwhelming majority of students utilizing the crosswalks appeared to be from Spring View Middle School. Removal of the Bradbury Lane crosswalk will not increase the walking distance for Spring View Middle School students, since those utilizing the Bradbury Lane crosswalk access it from Gumm Lane, a parallel route to Heil Avenue. St. Bonaventure students living to the east of the school can use the new signalized crossing at Trudy Lane. Students living to the west and south can use the existing signalized crossing at Springdale Street, at the westerly edge of their campus.

California law requires a local agency to provide a minimum of 30 days advance notice and an opportunity to be heard by the public prior to eliminating a marked crosswalk. Municipal Code section 2.111.030 (j) establishes the Public Works Commission as the public body authorized to conduct initial public meetings on this subject. The recommendation of the Public Works Commission can be appealed to the City Council.

As required by the state law, public notices have been posted at the crosswalk at Bradbury Lane since May 12, 2010, identifying the City's intent to eliminate the crosswalk. In March 2010, an initial contact was sent to the principal of St. Bonaventure School who subsequently placed a notification of the City's consideration of removing the crosswalk in their school newsletter. Notification letters for the Public Works Commission meeting have been sent to the principals of Spring View Middle School, St. Bonaventure School and the Ocean View School District. As of June 8, 2010, the City has received no correspondence or other communication regarding this proposed crosswalk removal.

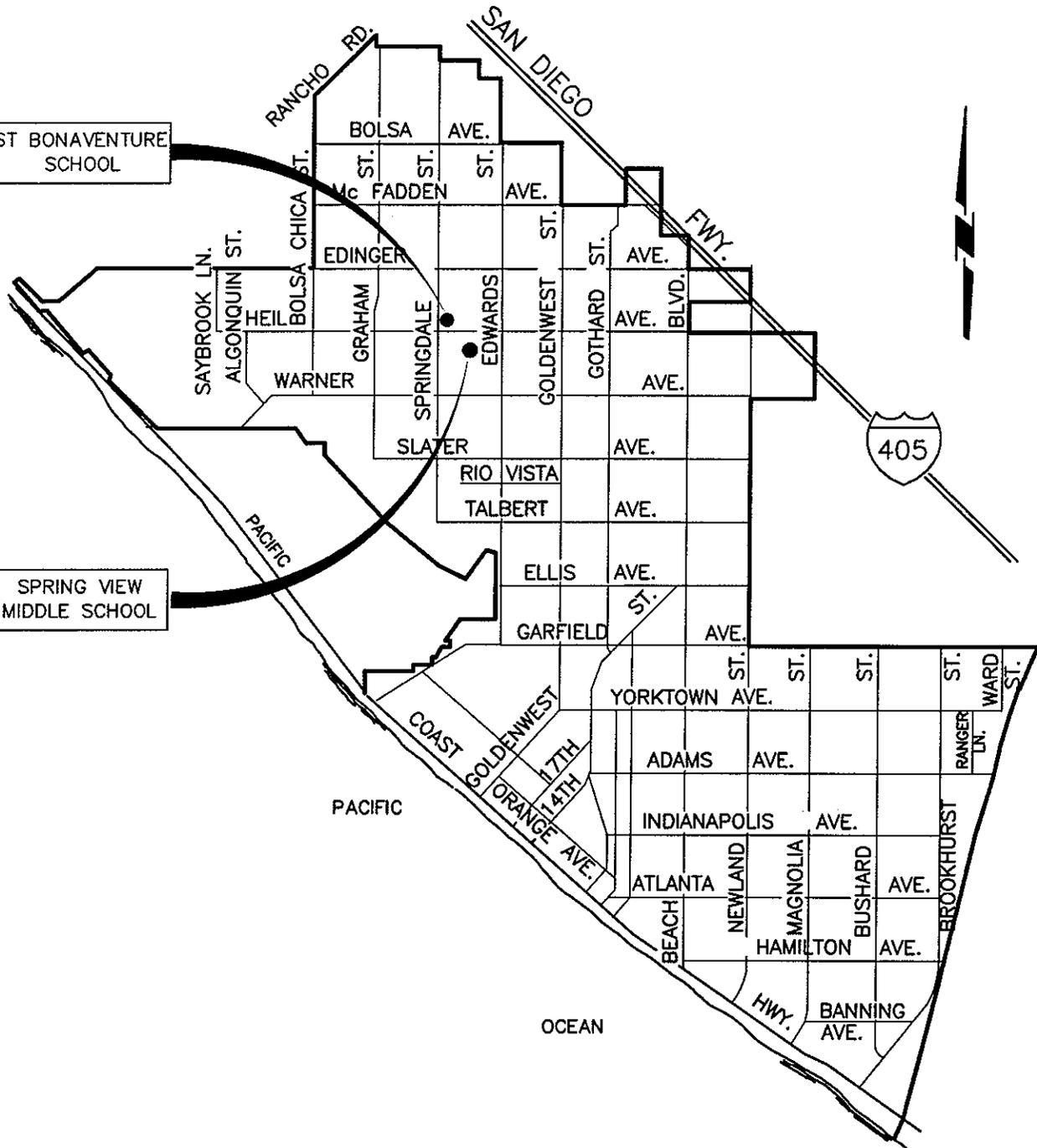
### **Attachments:**

1. Site Location Map
2. Crosswalk Location Map
3. Pedestrian Routes
4. Copy of Public Notice

# **ATTACHMENT #1**

ST BONAVENTURE SCHOOL

SPRING VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

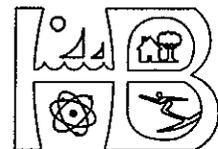


**VICINITY MAP**  
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SITE LOCATION MAP

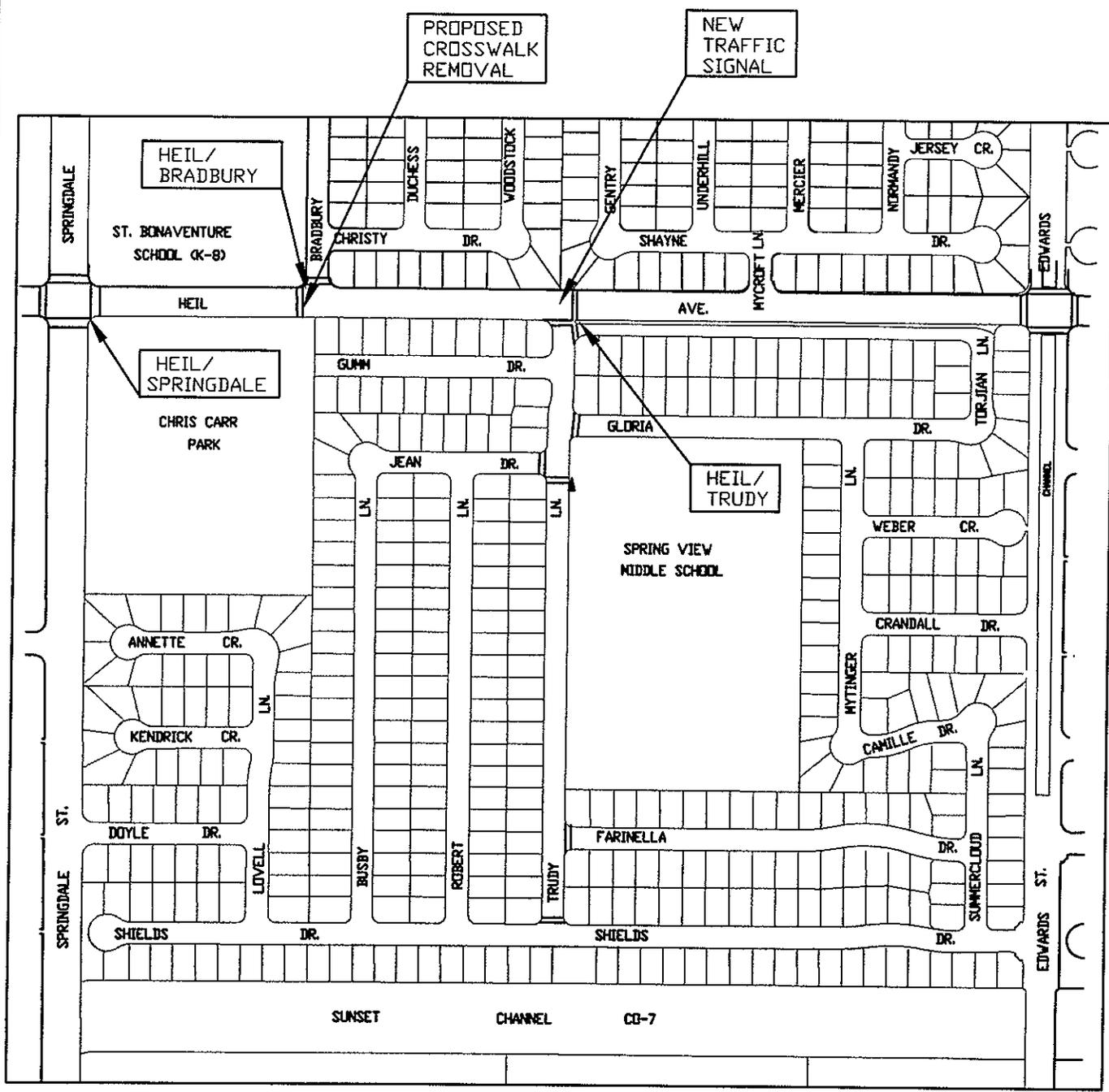
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ATTACHMENT 1

**ATTACHMENT #2**

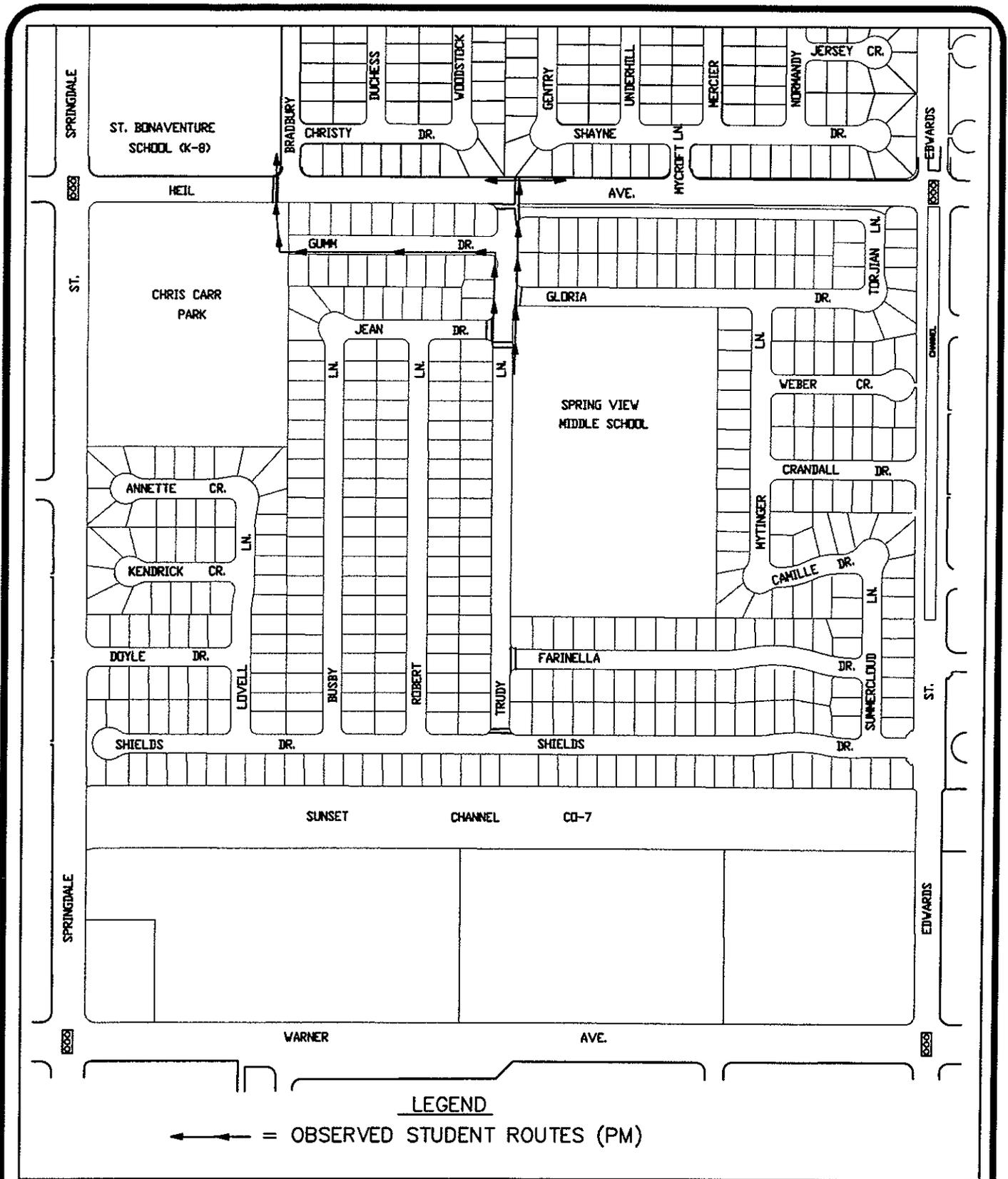


CROSSWALK LOCATION MAP

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**ATTACHMENT #3**



LEGEND

← = OBSERVED STUDENT ROUTES (PM)

**OBSERVED STUDENT WALKING ROUTES  
FROM SPRING VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**ATTACHMENT #4**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## PROPOSED MARKED CROSSWALK REMOVAL

The Public Works Commission of the City of Huntington Beach will consider the permanent removal of THIS MARKED CROSSWALK at its June 16, 2010 regular meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to express their opinions regarding the recommended proposed removal or present their opinions in writing.

This crosswalk will be replaced with the installation of a Traffic Signal at Heil Ave and Trudy Lane, approximately 700 feet east of this location.

Written comments may be submitted to:

City of Huntington Beach  
Department of Public Works  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

If you have any questions regarding the recommended marked crosswalk removal please call Transportation Engineering at (714) 536-5431

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