

July 10, 2006

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
July 19, 2006

**REMOVAL OF CROSSWALKS ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
AT UNCONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission:

1. Receive comments from the public;
2. Support removal of painted crosswalks on Pacific Coast Highway at 1st, 3rd, and 4th Streets and installation of signage restricting pedestrian crossings at those locations; and
3. Support forwarding to City Council for approval to request that Caltrans make these changes.

Summary:

Staff has considered implementing this change following the pedestrian fatality that occurred this year at 16th Street and Pacific Coast Highway (before the traffic signal was installed). Staff is always hesitant to install painted crosswalks at un-controlled intersections because they give the pedestrian a false sense of right-of-way. Staff is also hesitant to remove a painted crosswalk that has existed for over twenty years because it may reduce vehicular awareness of the crossing location. Pedestrian crossings are legal at un-marked and un-controlled intersections; therefore staff is recommending signage which prohibits crossing at those locations.

Notice of this public meeting was posted at all of the crosswalk locations on Thursday, July 13, 2006.

With the Public Works Commission's support, staff will submit the proposal to City Council for approval, then forward the request for this change in striping and signage to Caltrans.

Attachment: Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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