

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: October 7, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Department of Public Works
Presentation by: George L. Musallam, Public Works Director

Summary

Subject: Walton Avenue Crosswalk Removal, south of Camino De Flores
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution eliminating the mid-block crosswalk on Walton Avenue, south of Camino De Flores.
Fiscal Impact: Minimum staff time to remove the painted crosswalk and install new centerline and edgeline striping.

Background:

Public Works has received a written request, attached as Exhibit A, from Yuba City Unified School District (YCUSD) to remove the mid-block crosswalk located on Walton Avenue approximately 250 feet south of Camino De Flores. Refer to Exhibit B for a map of the subject area.

YCUSD indicates that with the new traffic signal in operation at the intersection of Walton Avenue and Camino De Flores, student safety will be better achieved by using a single point of crossing Walton Avenue at the new traffic signal.

Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code states that an existing marked crosswalk may not be removed unless notice and opportunity to be heard is provided to the public not less than 30 days prior to scheduled removal. This section of the California Vehicle Code also indicates that notice of the proposed removal shall be posted at the crosswalk identified for removal.

On August 19, Council adopted Resolution 08-082 setting October 7, 2008 at the Yuba City Council Chambers as the date and place for hearing all persons interested in the question of the proposed mid-block crosswalk removal and directing the Public Works Director to post Resolution 08-082 in accordance with Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code.

On August 26, Public Works staff posted Resolution 08-082 at the mid-block crosswalk proposed for removal in accordance with Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code.

Analysis:

Public Works has reviewed the YCUSD request to remove the mid-block crosswalk on Walton Avenue south of Camino De Flores and recommends that Council approve the request. Public Works has posted notice of the proposed crosswalk removal at the crosswalk location in accordance

accordance with Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code. To date, Public Works has not received any objections to the proposed crosswalk removal. Upon conducting a public hearing tonight, all requirements of the California Vehicle Code pertaining to removal of existing crosswalks will have been met.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimum Street Maintenance staff time to remove the crosswalk and install new centerline and edgeline striping.


Alternatives:

Reject the request to remove the crosswalk.

Recommendation:

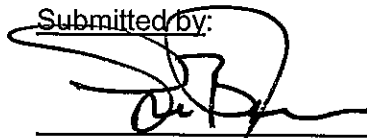
Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution eliminating the mid-block crosswalk on Walton Avenue, south of Camino De Flores.

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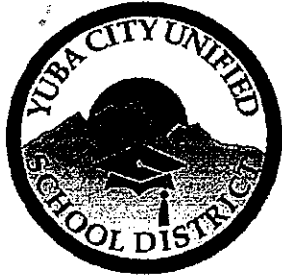


EXHIBIT A

LETTER FROM YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 28, 2008

City of Yuba City
Development Services – Engineering Division
Diana Langley, Senior Engineer
1201 Civic Center Blvd.
Yuba City, CA 95993

Re: Request for Deletion of Mid Block Crosswalk – Walton Ave./Camino de Flores
(Andros Karperos Middle School)

Dear Mrs. Langley,

Due to the much appreciated improvements being made by the City at the above subject intersection (new traffic signal), the Yuba City Unified School District formally request that the current mid block crosswalk (approximately 250' south) be removed permanently. Our site staff and administration are in agreement that since the addition of this controlled signal intersection, student safety will be better achieved by using the single point crossing at Camino de Flores/Walton Ave.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, feel free to contact me at (530) 822-5253.

Sincerely,

George Parker
Director of Facilities
Yuba City Unified School District

Cc: McPeak – AKMS Principal
Morton – District Office Administrator

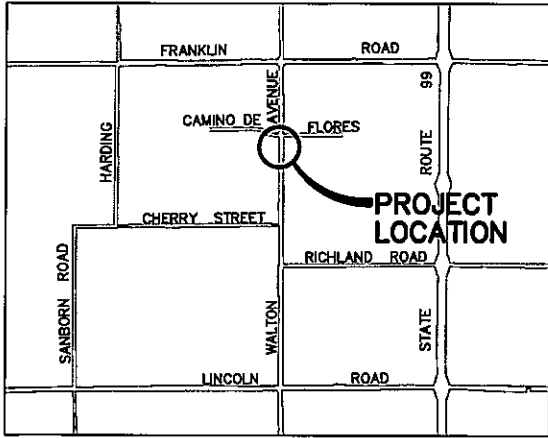
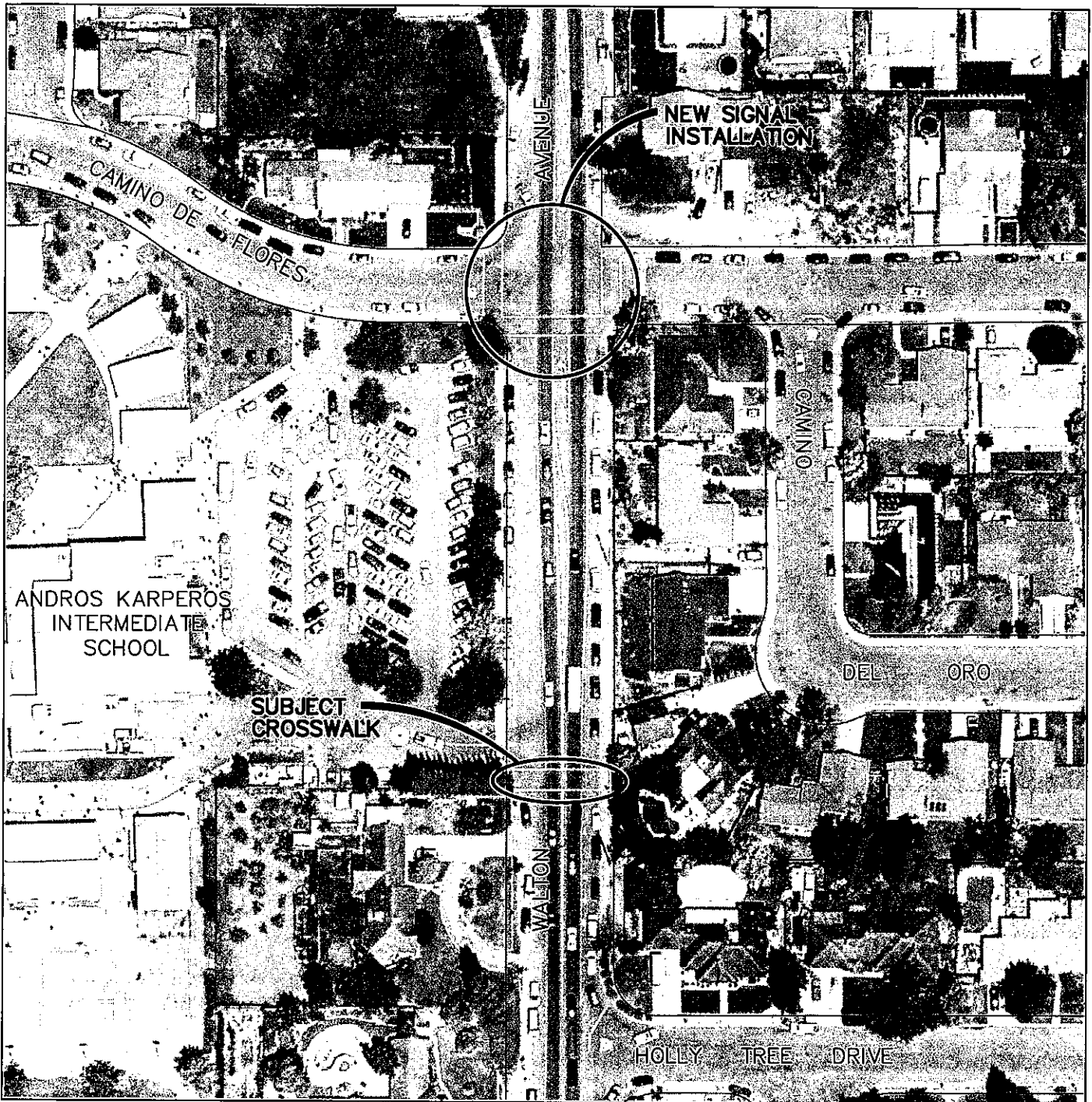


EXHIBIT B WALTON AVENUE MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK REMOVAL



RESOLUTION NO. 08-___

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
ELIMINATING THE MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON WALTON AVENUE SOUTH OF
CAMINO DE FLORES**

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Unified School District has provided a written request to the City of Yuba City for removal of the mid-block crosswalk on Walton Avenue, south of Camino De Flores, and

WHEREAS, since the recent installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Walton Avenue and Camino De Flores, consideration of the removal of the said mid-block crosswalk is necessary at this time, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2008, the City Council of the City of Yuba City adopted Resolution 08-082 setting the 7th day of October 2008, at the Yuba City Council Chambers, Yuba City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, California, as the time and place for hearing all persons interested in the question of the proposed removal of the said mid-block crosswalk, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2008, the City Council of the City of Yuba City adopted Resolution 08-082 directing and instructing the Public Works Director to post Resolution 08-082 in accordance with Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code sufficiently in advance of the said time and place set for hearing on the proposed crosswalk removal, and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2008, Resolution 08-082 was posted at the said mid-block crosswalk in accordance with Section 21950.5 of the California Vehicle Code, and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2008, at the Yuba City Council Chambers, Yuba City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, California, the City Council of the City of Yuba City held a public hearing for hearing all persons interested in the question of the proposed removal of the said mid-block crosswalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuba City that the mid-block crosswalk on Walton Avenue, south of Camino De Flores, be and the same is hereby eliminated.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of October 2008.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RORY RAMIREZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TERREL LOCKE, CITY CLERK