TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

DATE: JUNE 24, 2002

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS APPROVING INSTALLATION OF NEW MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON CHANNING AVENUE BETWEEN BRYANT AND WAVERLEY STREETS AND REMOVING AN EXISTING MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON HOMER AVENUE BETWEEN BRYANT AND WAVERLEY STREETS

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends Council approval of a resolution to remove/relocate a crosswalk on Homer Avenue between Bryant and Waverley Streets (Attachment A), and resolution to establish a crosswalk on Channing Avenue between Bryant and Waverley Streets (Attachment B).

BACKGROUND
On June 3, 2002 Council removed the above item (agenda item 9; CMR:267:02) from the Consent Calendar and expressed concern about removing an existing mid-block crosswalk on Homer Avenue. Staff explained that the removal was only temporary, as a new mid-block crosswalk would be installed nearby in the future when the new City park was built on the former Palo Alto Medical Foundation parking lot. To address Council’s concerns, staff proposed that the resolution authorizing removal of the crosswalk be revised to clarify that there would be no net loss of an existing mid-block crosswalk; and brought back to Council. Council did not have an issue with the proposed addition of the crosswalk on Channing Avenue.

DISCUSSION
Attached to this staff report is a revised resolution (Attachment A) authorizing removal of the existing Homer mid-block crosswalk in preparation for its relocation farther east in the same block, in connection with anticipated development of a public park. Thus, there would not be a long-term loss of a mid-block crosswalk in this block. There would, however, be no mid-block crosswalk in this block in the short term until the new park is constructed. Staff does not recommend keeping the existing crosswalk in place in the meantime because the
north end of the crosswalk will lead directly into the new curb cut for the underground garage ramp curb for the new Summerhill housing project at the corner of Homer Avenue and Bryant Street. For safety reasons, it is not advisable for the end of a crosswalk to be located in a curb cut, if it can be avoided. The Summerhill project is now under construction.

Attachment B of this staff report is the prior, unchanged resolution attached to CMR:267:02 authorizing installation of the new mid-block crosswalk on Channing Avenue. In addition, CMR:267:02 is included as Attachment C.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Resolution Removing a Crosswalk on Homer Avenue Preparatory to Relocation in the Same Block  
B. Resolution Establishing a Crosswalk on Channing Avenue  
C. CMR:267:02, June 3, 2002 (without original attachments)

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