



May 9, 2011

Bret Sampson
City of Rancho Cordova
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

RE: Notice of Preparation for Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Ranch at Sunridge Project

Dear Mr. Sampson:

WALKSacramento appreciates the opportunity to provide suggestions on the analysis needed for the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Ranch at Sunridge Project. The EIS/EIR analysis is important for pedestrian safety in that it can identify how the street network and the mix and location of land use types may positively or negatively impact the health of both future residents of the project and existing and future residents in the surrounding area. We recommend that the EIR/EIS address the following items.

1. School Location

- Will the mean and average travel distances for elementary school students be less than one-half mile?
- Will the school be accessible for most students on local streets, off-street pedestrian walkways, or off-street multi-use bikeways?
- If students must cross three-lane or wider streets to get to school, will crossings be plentiful, convenient, and safe?
- Will the street network provide pedestrian and bicycle access points that are not for vehicles?

2. Complete Streets

- Are pedestrians and bicyclists included in Level of Service analysis?
- Do land uses, especially schools, parks, and senior facilities, influence design speed?

3. Multi-Use Trails

- Will the multi-use trails have lighting for safe use during times of the year when daylight is limited?

- Will the multi-use trails be usable during parts of the year when there are high water flows?

4. Multi-Mode Connections

- Will the project street and trail networks connect to existing streets, trails, and land uses?

5. Commercial Center

- Will pedestrians and bicyclists be able to access the commercial center directly from local street and trail networks?

*WALKS*Sacramento encourages people to walk and bicycle in their communities. The benefits include improved physical fitness, less motor vehicle traffic congestion, better air quality, and a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in local neighborhoods.

*WALKS*Sacramento is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and recommendations. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 446-9255 or cholm@walksacramento.org.

Sincerely,



Chris Holm

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