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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Les Schwab Tire Center – Meadowview (P16-009)

Dear Ms. Gumm,

WALKSacramento has reviewed the Development Project Routing for the Les Schwab Tire Center at 1430 Meadowview Road. Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comment on the project.

Development projects that lead to more walking and active travel are critical to our community's future. Although this project proposes a predominantly auto oriented use, there are opportunities to facilitate safe and convenient pedestrian travel to and from the site for customers and employees. To best encourage and accommodate those trips it is imperative that the site provides direct pedestrian routes to and throughout the site. Based on our review we offer the following observations and recommendations:

Extend the North/South Pedestrian Walkway to Meadowview Road.

Although the project narrative describes a continuous pedestrian path of travel from the building's entrance north to Meadowview road, the project plans show landscaping separating the walkway from the sidewalk. The proposed north/south walkway from the building's entrance should be continued through the landscaping to Meadowview Road to provide direct access between the sidewalk and the building. The extended walkway would ensure that employees accessing the site from the adjacent community or the nearby bus stop would not be required to walk through the parking lot to access the building. Additionally, the continuous path of travel to Meadowview Road would allow for customers to more directly access nearby commercial destinations and/or transit stops after dropping off their vehicle.

WALKSacramento 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. 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Kirin Kumar
Project Manager