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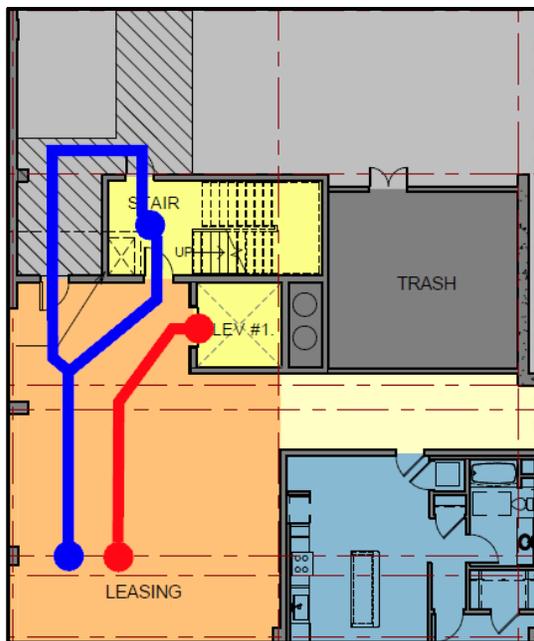
**RE: 601 Capitol Mall Mixed-Use (P18-054)**

Dear Mr. Sites:

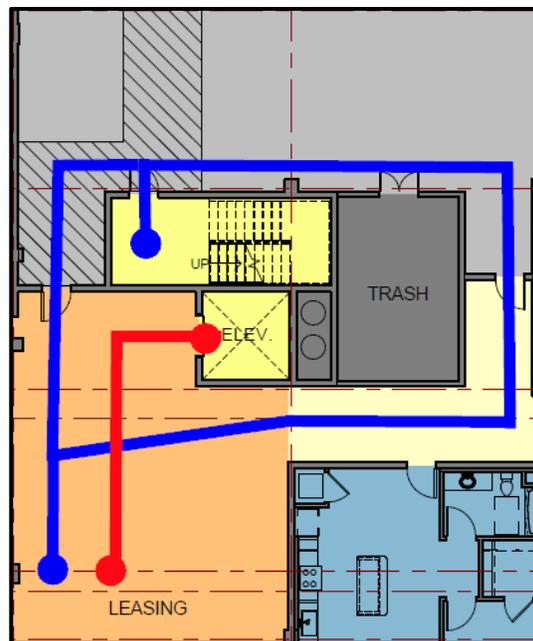
The revised plans for 601 Capitol Mall Mixed-Use (P18-054) incorporated two of the recommendations we made in our September 25, 2018 letter. The changes were made on the first level and will influence residents to use the stairs rather than the elevator for internal trips. This could increase the amount of daily physical activity for residents and benefit their health.

Following are comments on the two previous recommendations that were implemented, and a new recommendation to alleviate mode conflicts resulting from one recommendation that wasn't implemented.

✓ **Move the ground-level door for the south stairwell so it opens into the Leasing area space.** The revised plans incorporate a second stairwell door that opens directly into the leasing area and the lounge/lobby area. The door is within several feet of the elevator, so residents will have an obvious choice between using the stairs or the elevator. The figures below show the direct stairwell access routes in the revised plans on the left, while the original routes are shown on the right.

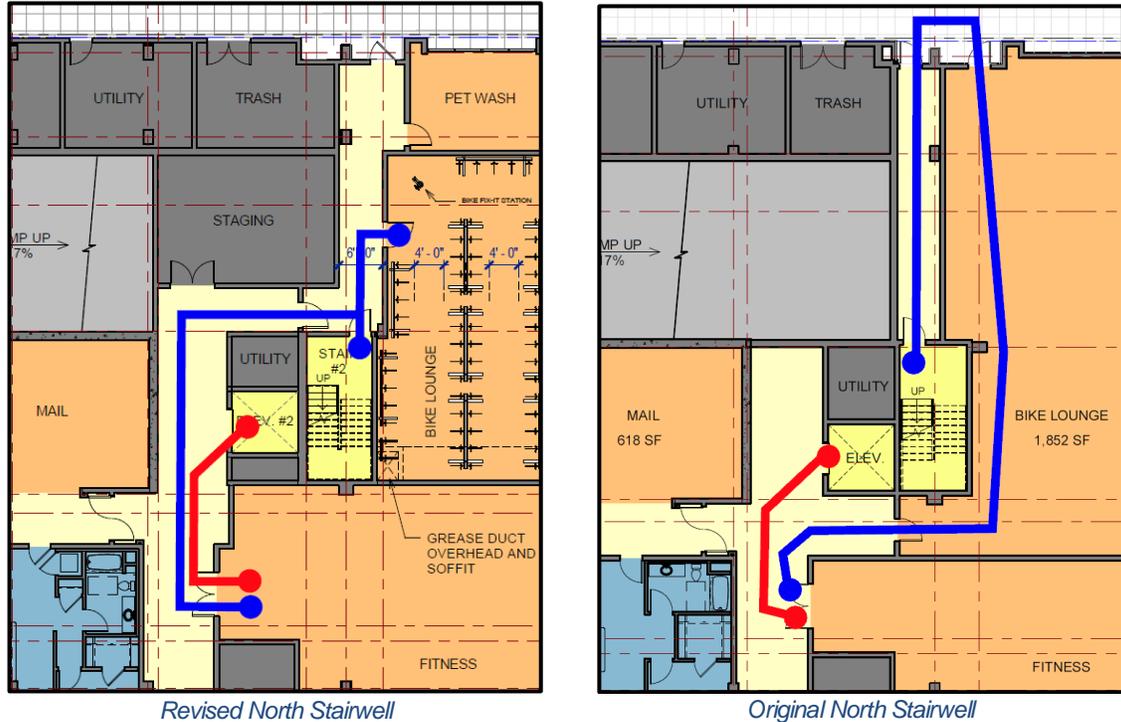


*Revised South Stairwell*



*Original South Stairwell*

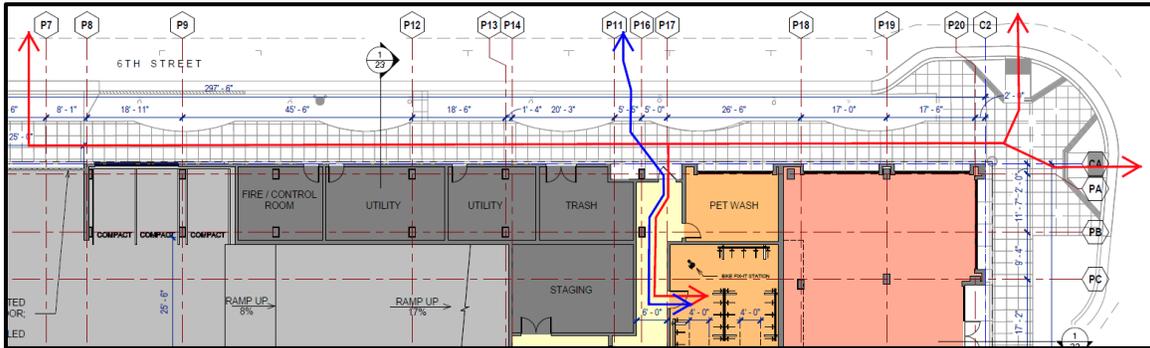
✓ **Add a door to the ground-level north stairwell that opens into the hallway serving the Bike Lounge and the Fitness room.** As shown in the figure below on the left, the north stairwell now provides access to the bike lounge without exiting the building, and the fitness center can now be accessed through the hallway.



- ✘ **Locate the north stairwell doors on levels 2-8 in the main north-south hallway or as close as possible to the elevator.** No changes were made.
- ✘ **Locate the south stairwell doors on levels 3-8 in the main north-south hallway or as close as possible to the elevator.** No changes were made.
- ✘ **Move the Bike Lounge close to the garage driveway.** Since the Bike Lounge wasn't moved close to the garage driveway in the garage, bicyclists will be using the sidewalk to access the street at either the garage driveway to the south or the corner curb ramps to the north. (Expected bicycle travel path is the red line in the figure on the next page.)

The street curb is continuous between the driveway and the corner, with on-street parallel parking spaces except at the fire hydrant. The sidewalk travel to the driveway or corner will be inconvenient, while the vertical curb and parked vehicles will make it inconvenient to take the shortest route directly across the sidewalk to the street.

- We recommend providing a narrow driveway-style ramp for bicycles and removing one vehicle parking space at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street curb across the sidewalk from the door that provides access to the Bike Lounge.



*Recommended Bicycle Travel Path (Blue Line)  
Implied Bicycle Path of Travel (Red Line)*

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.

Sincerely,  
Chris Holm