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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Northwest Land Park Phase 5 @ The Mill (P18-067)

Dear Mr. Anguiano:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the cycle 2 revisions for Northwest Land Park Phase 5 @ The Mill (P18-067) and we make the following recommendation to improve walkability of the project site and surrounding area.

We are pleased to see that the private north-south street that originally had only sidewalks (5'-wide attached) on the east side is now a public street with 5' detached sidewalks on both sides. The original private east-west street with 5' attached sidewalks is also now public with 5' detached sidewalks.

The new street designs can result in slower vehicle speeds for several reasons. While the curb-to-curb width is the same (31'), the apparent width will be less because the sidewalk on one side is no longer attached. The presence of trees in the landscape planters on both sides will further reduce the apparent width and create a sense of enclosure that can also reduce typical driving speeds.

20'-wide private streets have been used in previous Northwest Land Park phases to provide vehicle and pedestrian access to homes, but this project will be the first to provide access from a collector. Phase 5 proposes a 25'-wide private motor court and we assume pedestrian access to the residential units on either side of the court will be via the vehicle travel way. Pedestrians walking on the court near 5th Street may be at risk of collisions from vehicles on 5th Street turning into the court. **We recommend designating the private motor court at 5th Street an emergency vehicle access point that restricts non-emergency vehicles from entering but allows pedestrians to pass through.**

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
Project Manager