



November 5, 2010

County Planning Commission
County of Sacramento
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL

RE: 4415-4441 College Oak Drive Church (2007-0073)

Dear Commissioners:

*WALKS*Sacramento supports the staff recommendations that will provide improved pedestrian safety and convenience along the frontage of the project site. Specifically, we encourage the Planning Commission to approve the project, including conditions #20, #26, and #21.

Condition #20 (a 12.5-foot PUE which will include future 6-foot sidewalk) provides for the space to construct a sidewalk on the west side of the street trees. Pedestrians will be safest and most comfortable walking on a detached sidewalk.

Condition #26 restates Condition #20 with additional detail and an alternative. The detached sidewalk is called out as being four-feet wide rather than six feet. Our preference would be for the detached sidewalk to match the existing sidewalk to the north. Condition #26 also allows for constructing an attached sidewalk as an alternative. Because the travel lanes may need to transition towards the roadway centerline, it is critical that "An attached sidewalk alternative will require that safety needs be met and tree impacts minimized."

We believe Condition #21, which allows a center median in the new driveway, is also valuable. This median will provide a planter for a tree about twenty-two feet directly west of the street tree that will be removed for the new driveway access. With retention of this tree, it appears that a detached sidewalk will have close to 100% shading.

*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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Holm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

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