



June 23, 2008

Mr. Dave Franke,
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RE: Comments on Transportation Development Fee Update

Dear Mr. Franke,

WALKSacramento is pleased to offer the following comments in response to the March 25, 2008, public workshop regarding the proposed Sacramento County Transportation Development Fee schedule and authorizing ordinance.

- We appreciate the addition of intersection improvements on several six lane roads. These intersections are significant barriers to pedestrians and need treatments that will make them easier and more convenient for pedestrians, particularly for the disabled. We urge the County to include, as well, mid-block crossings on the longer stretches of road.
- We support the concept, discussed at the March 25, 2008, public workshop, of the County setting a regular schedule of fee updates. This would provide a consistent approach for builders and the community, while allowing for reasonable changes to meet increases in the cost of project delivery, and decreases in funding sources such as Measure A.
- We recommend that gas stations be provided a specific category due to their relatively high impact on traffic demand for their size, as other jurisdictions have done, to ensure their fair share of needed fees. This is consistent with the proposed fee schedule's recognition that different commercial uses, such as office parks and retail malls, often produce different levels of demand on the network.

We continue to support the incorporation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the overall project plan. Although we are still concerned about the many proposed six lane roads, the project plan is a significant step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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