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VIA EMAIL

Chris Erias, Principal Planner
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RE: Carillion Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Study

Dear Mr. Erias:

WALKSacramento appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Carillion Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Study. We're glad to see that the City of Galt is planning to improve Carillion Boulevard in such a way that it will be safer for all modes. The information contained in the November 26, 2018 presentation and the July 2018 Existing Conditions Report indicates the City is serious about transforming the corridor to better serve the transportation and livability needs of Galt residents.

Potential improvements identified in the study that will directly benefit pedestrians include filling in sidewalk gaps and extending the corner curbs at intersections. Even though a majority of the potential changes to Carillion Boulevard are specific to bicycles and vehicles, these changes will also greatly improve the pedestrian experience and pedestrian safety. Slowing vehicle speeds between and at intersections will make the sidewalk a more comfortable place to walk, and crossing the street will be easier and safer. Allocating more space to bicycles and providing better bicycle travel ways through intersections will also calm traffic. Even though there are several existing landscaped medians, constructing green infrastructure for storm water management can also create a more pleasant environment for pedestrians by adding greenery to the street and possibly reducing vehicle-generated noise at the sidewalk.

WALKSacramento encourages the City of Galt to continue its efforts to improve pedestrian, bicycle and automobile circulation along and across the Carillion Boulevard corridor. Providing a streetscape and pedestrian connections that will allow and encourage more people to walk within and between neighborhoods in northeast Galt will create a healthier community. More walking and biking for local travel could mean more daily physical activity and less vehicle air pollution resulting in better physical and mental health.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm
Project Manager