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VIA EMAIL

Robert Williams, Associate Planner
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RE: 5050 Stockton Boulevard (Z18-169)

Dear Mr. Williams:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the 5050 Stockton Boulevard (Z18-169) revised project routing and we offer the following comments regarding walkways and trees.

We appreciate the relocation of the pedestrian walkway between Stockton Boulevard and the building. The new location will expose pedestrians to primarily autos travelling past the building in the drive aisle, whereas the prior location would entail additional exposure to autos using the northern driveway at Stockton Boulevard and the drive-through lane entrance. This change resolves the first pedestrian access deficiency that we identified in our September 24, 2018 letter.

The second deficiency we discussed in our previous letter was concern about the lack of a pedestrian walkway between Lawrence Drive and the building entrance. Unfortunately, the relocation of the path of travel to the building has exacerbated the issue. Figure 1, below, illustrates the proposed path of travel (blue lines) and two potential desire paths (red lines).



Figure 1: Path of Travel and Desire Paths

The likelihood of a desire line from the corner to the building is illustrated by Figure 2, below. It shows a Google street view on Perry Avenue, just one block north of the project site, looking towards Stockton Boulevard. An informal path through the landscape planter can be seen and is highlighted by the red cloud line. It appears that people are frequently leaving the sidewalk along Stockton Boulevard and walking through the corner parking lot to get to the grocery south of the building closest to the corner.



Figure 2: Desire Path at 4940 Stockton Blvd

Figures 3 and 4 are aerial images of the project site and the site one block to the north; the red lines indicate a distance of approximately 144'. The corner of the proposed building in the project will be about 112' from the corner. It seems likely that a similar informal path between the corner of Lawrence at Stockton and the proposed building will be created if a direct path of travel is not provided. **We reiterate our recommendation to add a path of travel between Lawrence and the building.**

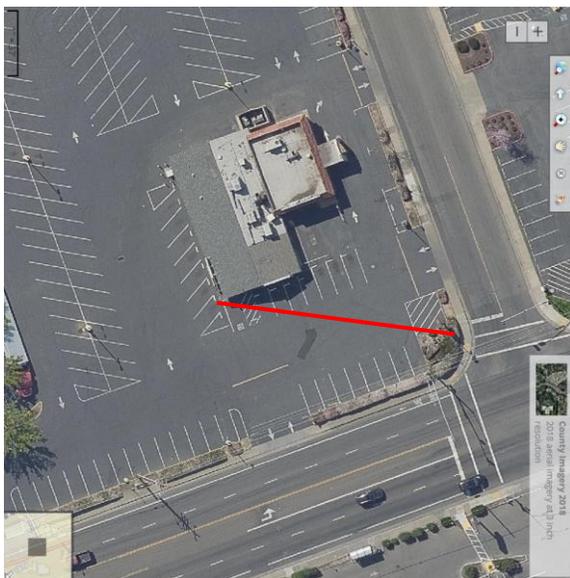


Figure 3: 5050 Stockton Blvd

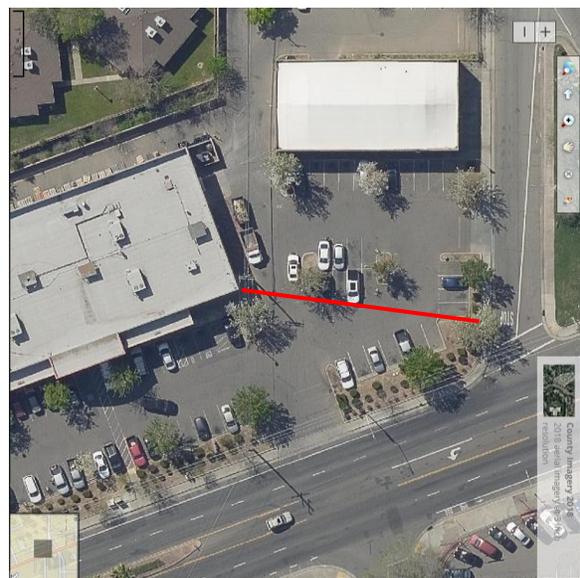


Figure 4: 4940 Stockton Blvd

We also appreciate to see the landscape plan revision that will substantially increase the number of shade trees on the site. This will create a more pleasant and attractive pedestrian environment by adding greenery and reducing localized temperatures in the summer.

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