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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Natomas Arena Reuse Planned Unit Development Project (SCH# 2019039011)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Natomas Arena Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD) Project (SCH Number 2019039011).

The existing road system surrounding the project site was sized to handle peak traffic loads generated by the events at the sports arena. The project site's proximity to two freeways enabled much of the event traffic to leave the area without excessive interaction with local traffic. The project proposes changes to zoning and the land use designation that will generate a much different pattern of traffic and more trips that will stay within the area and include walking and biking.

The travel patterns and modes will not necessarily be well served by the existing road system. Sacramento's Vision Zero study found that two-thirds of fatal crashes occur on streets with posted speeds of 40+ mph. The Natomas Arena Reuse PUD site is surrounded by streets that are wide and have speed limits that are 45 mph. The project will allow for land uses that will create walking and biking trips for people of all ages along and across these high speed roads.

We request that the EIR evaluate the safety impacts of the existing roads on the future users. We also request that the EIR evaluate the potential negative impact to walking and biking mode share the existing roads may incur.

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