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VIA EMAIL

June Cowles, Senior Planner
City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department
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RE: Mather Business Park (DD9877)

Dear Ms. Cowles:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the project routing for Mather Business Park (DD9877) and we offer the following comments. There are two design elements we'd like revised to improve the pedestrian travel and experience.

The driveway at Routier Road has large curb return radii which may result in the curb ramps angled toward the street rather than aligned with the sidewalk, and the sidewalk across the driveway may have a cross slope making the crossing more difficult for people to maintain their balance or comfort. **We recommend the driveway be reconfigured so the sidewalk, curb ramps and driveway crossing are aligned and with as little cross slope as possible.**

The project proposes to construct sixteen light industrial buildings on three parcels, all of which are zoned Office Industrial Mixed-Use (OIMU). The Rancho Cordova design guidelines for industrial land uses recommends that buildings have a strong relationship to the street with functional public entrances, although a strong pedestrian connection establishing a sense of formal public entry may be substituted. The project proposes that Buildings 1 and 5 on Routier Road have a side facing the street with elevations that replicate the front elevations minus entry doors.

Since Buildings 1 and 5 will not have functional entrances fronting the street, the sidewalk and landscaping should create a stronger pedestrian connection to the new development. **We recommend widening the project sidewalk between the street and the buildings, and adding small plazas where the project sidewalks connect to the public sidewalk.**

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
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