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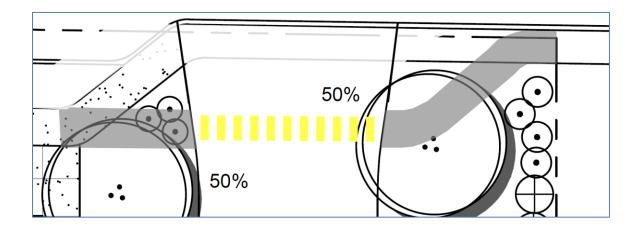
## RE: 7700 College Town Apartments (DR19-097)

Dear Mr. Thacker:

WALKSacramento offers the following comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> submittal for 7700 College Town Apartments (DR19-097).

The College Town sidewalk along the project frontage is proposed to be detached for most of the frontage, but it shifts to attached as it approaches the driveways. We assume the sidewalk is attached on the west end to conform to the City's standard 4-lane arterial expanded intersection design.

The sidewalk returns to the curb at the east end of the site, where the driveway is 2 lanes wide and will be right-in/right-out only. The existing sidewalk across the driveway is sloped towards the street and reconstructing it in place without the cross-slope may be difficult. **WALKSacramento** recommends aligning the sidewalk as shown in the figure below so the crosswalk is set back from the street, allowing for a level crosswalk and providing room for a pedestrian to cross behind a car stopped at the curb.



There appears to be differences in the windows shown on the site plan compared to the elevation drawings. Incorporating windows and doors with clear glass insets in the stairwells and hallway ends provide views of outdoors and interior natural illumination that can encourage greater use of

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the stairs by residents. WALKSacramento recommends maximizing the glazing in all stairwells and hallway ends with exterior exposure.

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 Analyst