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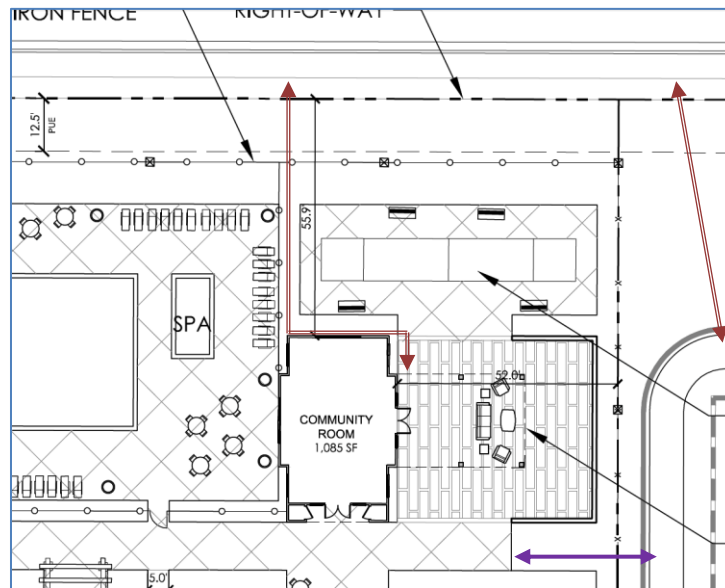
RE: Northlake (Formerly Greenbriar) Welcome Center (DR19-251)

Dear Mr. Abbes:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the project routing for Northlake (Formerly Greenbriar) Welcome Center. We offer the following comments to enhance the project's contribution to walking and biking by future Northlake residents.

Convenient access to the Welcome Center building from Eventide Avenue is provided. Considering the Welcome Center is a center for the Northlake community, it's important to provide convenient access from all directions. However, pedestrian access to the Community Room building and bicycle access to the Welcome Center building is not convenient. To address these conditions, we recommend the following.

1. **Add a pedestrian connection between the Lakewalk pedestrian promenade and the sidewalk adjacent to the Community Room building.** This would allow people arriving via the promenade to walk directly to the Community Room and the Welcome Center without having to walk south to the closest sidewalk access point. The primary route would provide the most direct access and, perhaps, it would establish an attractive view that would draw people to the Lakewalk.



Recommended Additional Pedestrian Access (Primary Route with steps in purple and Accessible Route in red)

2. **Add a pedestrian connection between Eventide Avenue and Community Room area.** This route would provide pedestrians from east of the Welcome Center a shorter and more direct path to the Community Room area rather than having to walk around the Welcome Center. Implementing recommendation #1 would suffice.
3. **Switch the location of the bicycle parking and the adjacent sidewalk, and add a bike ramp to the bicycle parking pad.** This would allow bicyclists to better access the racks from both the sidewalk and the parking lot, and it would lessen conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians..

The masonry wall at the end of the Waterleaf Court cul-de-sac will block views of the Welcome Center and Lakewalk landscaped areas. Opening up the view will provide a better pedestrian experience and natural surveillance of the Welcome Center common space.

4. **Replace 6' masonry wall at the end of the cul-de-sac with open view fencing or low masonry wall topped with open view fencing.**

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,

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