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VIA EMAIL

Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager
City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

RE: The Preserve (DD9835)

Dear Ms. Goulart:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the November 21, 2019 project routing for The Preserve (DD9835) and we offer the following comments.

Based upon the revisions made, and not made, to the TSM in the June 19, 2019 project routing, we assume the sidewalks within parcels I, J, M and N are for pedestrian use only and that bicyclists will be expected to walk their bikes on the sidewalks or use either the street or alternate routes. This is an opportunity lost to encourage and facilitate more trips by bicycle rather than by automobile.

It's particularly concerning that the sidewalk on the south side of Street 'A' (cross section C) was reduced to 8'. As we stated in our July 19, 2019 letter, the wide sidewalk will encourage riding on the sidewalk, thereby increasing the risk of bicycle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicycle collisions. At 8' width, the potential for conflicts is even greater. It's also disappointing to see that the landscape planter on the north side of Street 'A' was eliminated and the sidewalk is now attached. **We recommend that the south-side sidewalk width be reduced to 5', the south-side parkway be eliminated, and the north-side sidewalk be detached and an 8'-wide planter be added between curb and 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.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and recommendations. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm
Project Analyst