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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Sutter Green Apartments Parking Modification (DR20-009)

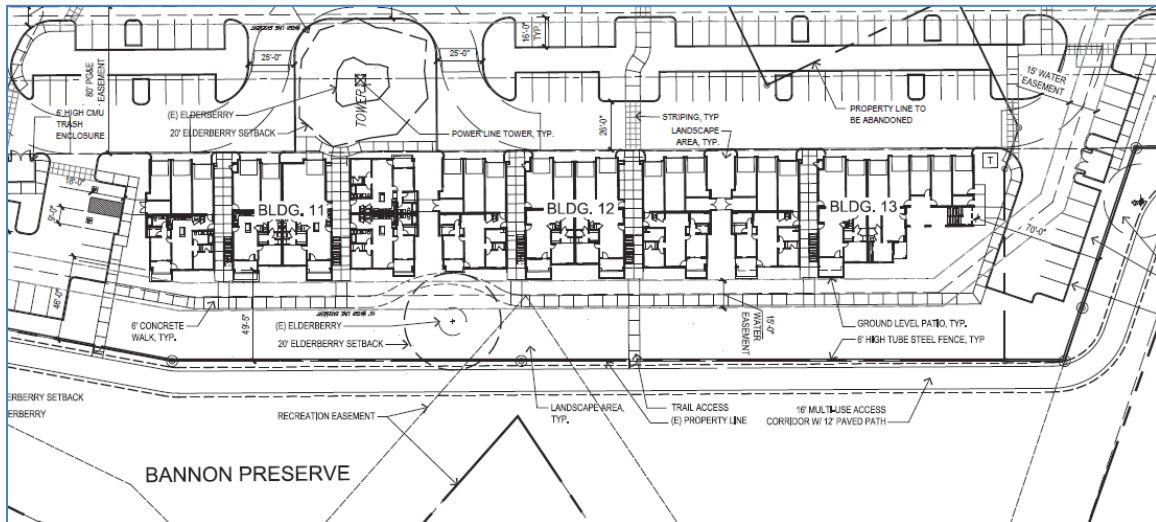
Dear Mr. Hung:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the Sutter Green Apartments Parking Modification. We offer the following recommendations to support opportunities for residents of Sutter Green Apartments to incorporate more walking and biking in their daily life.

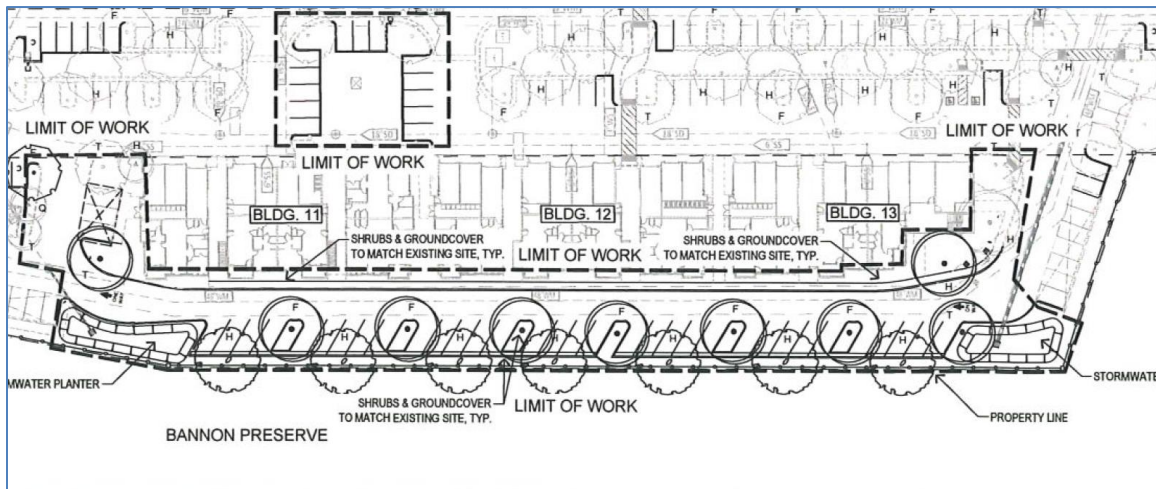
Sutter Green Apartments were approved in 2016 as Natomas Park Drive Apartments. The project was located where access to daily destinations via walking and biking would be convenient. Discovery Park, the American River Parkway and Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail, and the Bannon Creek Parkway Trail are across the streets bordering Sutter Green Apartments. Many mid-rise and high-rise office buildings and two shopping centers anchored with grocery stores are within several blocks, plus a bus stop is located near the main entry driveway. Sutter Green Apartments is in an outstanding location for residents to take advantage of active transportation when they choose to leave their car in the parking lot.

Natomas Park Drive Apartments also provided a 12' paved access road/recreation path from the corner of Natomas Park Drive at Garden Highway on top of the levee down to the path of the planned Bannon Preserve Trail just outside the west edge of the apartment site. The site and landscape plans in the Record of Decision for Natomas Park Drive Apartments (P15-003) showed pedestrian gates that would provide access to the preserve trail: one at the southwest corner and two along the west edge of the apartments site.

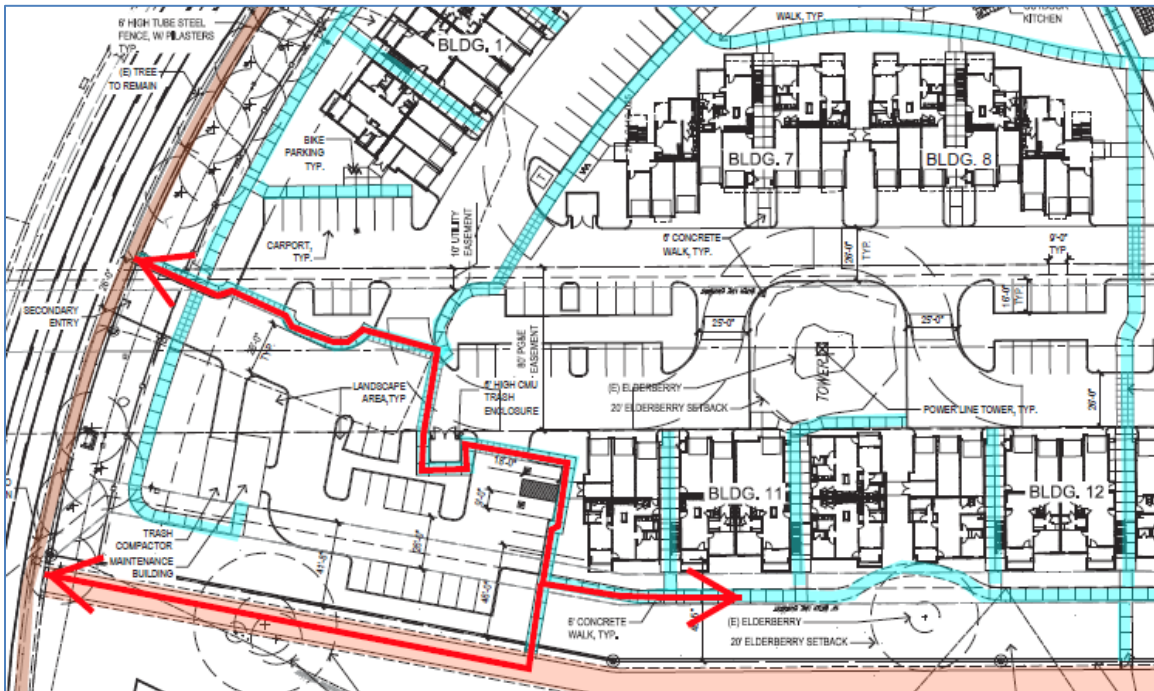
The Sutter Green Apartments Parking Modification project proposes to locate additional parking spaces along the west edge of the site, but the two pedestrian gates and access sidewalks are missing. The approved project has a sidewalk and gate near Building 12 that's the western terminus of the primary east-west pedestrian walkway and the main connection to the trail. The proposed project also eliminates the approved sidewalk and gate near Building 11. Further, the proposed project eliminates the sidewalk that is part of the walkway between Building 11 and the Natomas Park Drive sidewalk at the northwest driveway entrance that's near the Bannon Creek Trail terminus. Figures 1 and 2, below, show the approved and proposed site plans. Without the gate near Building 11 and the removal of some interior sidewalks, residents of Building 11 and part of Building 12 will have a much longer walk to get to Natomas Park Drive. Figures 3 and 4, below, show the walking route to the street in the approved and proposed project.



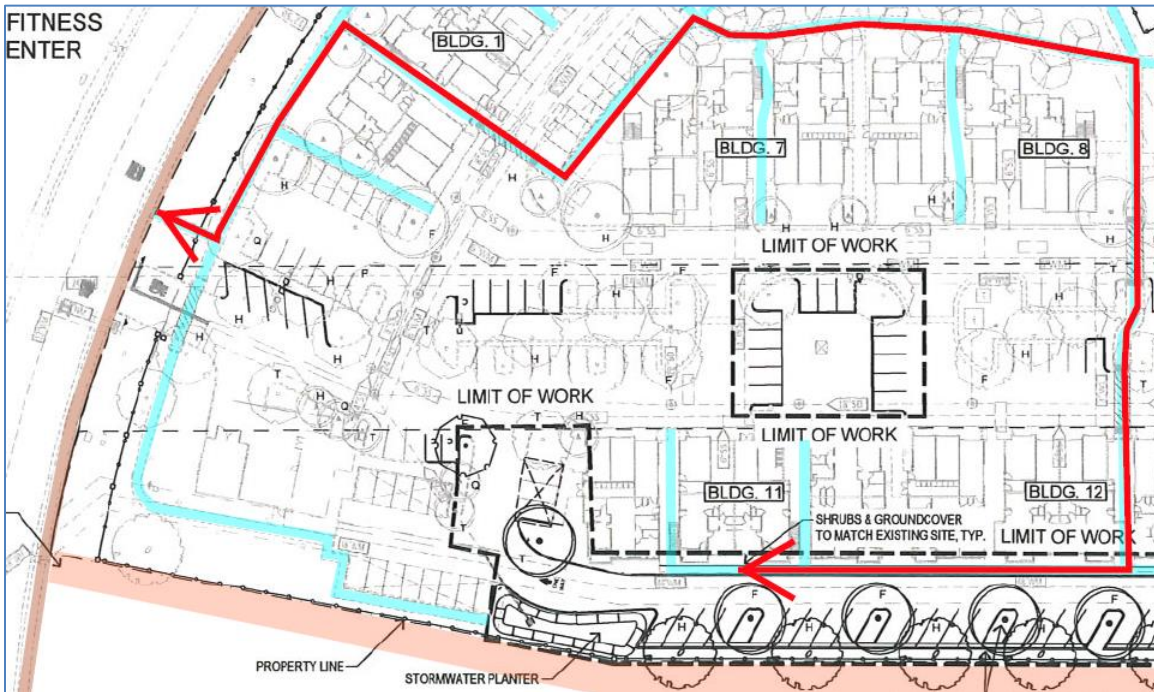
1 Approved Natomas Park Drive Apartments



2 Proposed Sutter Green Apartments Parking Modification



3 Approved Natomas Park Drive Apartments Walking Route to Street



4 Proposed Sutter Green Apartments Parking Modification Walking Route to Street

WALKSacramento recommends that the pedestrian gates and access sidewalks at the west edge of the project site be retained.

WALKSacramento recommends adding a path of travel from the west side of Building 11 to the Natomas Park Drive 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 public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager