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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Trumark at Kassis Community (DD9865)

Dear Ms. Goulart:

Thank you for providing WALKSacramento with the opportunity to comment on the 3rd submittal for Trumark at Kassis Community. We are pleased to see that the 3rd submittal retains two major revisions that were incorporated in the 2nd submittal. The addition of townhomes facing Folsom Boulevard will create a consistent streetwall and help reduce noise within the neighborhood from traffic on Folsom Boulevard. The elimination of 13 homes on the north side of Street G also eliminates 13 driveway crossings by the multi-use path making it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

New to the project in the 3rd submittal is a sidewalk in Neighborhood Green Lot I and the portion of Landscape/Paseo Lot H adjacent to Private Drive Lot N. The sidewalk connects to the multi-use trail in Lot H that was first proposed in the 2nd submittal. The sidewalk in Lots I and H and the multi-use trail in Lot H plus the multi-use trail segments on the west side of the Water Quality Basin Lot A/Neighborhood Park Lot B and on the east and south sides of Street G create a end-to-end continuous pedestrian pathway that crosses streets at only two intersections. This pathway will provide residents convenient access the neighborhood park and to Folsom Boulevard to the south and Rod Beaudry Drive, River Bend Park and beyond to the north.

The 5' width of the sidewalk in Lots I and H will, unfortunately, result in a weak link in the new edge-to-edge pathway. Bicyclists heading south using the 10'-wide multi-use path will be inclined to use the sidewalk when they get to the transition between multi-use path and sidewalk at the elbow on Street C. The sidewalk will be too narrow for both pedestrians and bicyclists so conflicts may arise. There appears to be no geometrical constraints to increasing the sidewalk width except at the northwest corner of Lot 1 in Village 4. We recommend increasing the width of the sidewalk to 10' where possible and keeping the 5' width at Lot 1 only for the minimum distance required.

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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