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VIA EMAIL

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RE: 8551 Folsom Blvd Storefront Cannabis Dispensary (Z20-043)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for routing the revised plans for 8551 Folsom Blvd Storefront Cannabis Dispensary. Several of the site plan revisions will create a safer and health-supportive environment for pedestrians and drivers.

- The elimination of the two existing driveways and construction of a single driveway will improve pedestrian travel on the public sidewalk as there will be fewer conflicts with turning vehicles.
- The new sidewalk through the landscape planter and marked accessible path between the public sidewalk and the access aisle for the two accessible parking spaces at front of building will provide a safer walking path to the building.
- The landscape planters added behind the public sidewalk will provide a more attractive view and the physical separation from the parking lot will protect pedestrians from vehicles that are parking. We would prefer the landscape planter to be between the street and the sidewalk to better separate pedestrians from the travel lanes, but we recognize this would not match the adjoining properties.

The landscape planter at the back of the public sidewalk is proposed to be about 5-½ feet wide and appears to have shrubs and groundcover. The planter width may be sufficient to allow planting of trees that could shade the sidewalk and the parking lot. The additional shade from trees in the landscape planter would help to cool the walkway on hot, sunny days. Additional shade on the parking lot would also reduce the air temperature on the pavement, reducing emissions from parked vehicles and lowering the local air temperature. **We recommend adding trees to the landscape planter that's behind the public sidewalk.**

The drawing on the site/landscape plan sheet A1.3 appears to show a new curb at the front of the sidewalk. The street sidewalk should match the attached sidewalks with vertical curbs that front all other parcels on the block. Note SN13 referencing the City's standard drawing T-21 on sheet A1.3 implies the sidewalks will have vertical curbs but note SN14 indicates the existing driveways will be patched and repaired to match the existing. Since SN14 doesn't specify what the patch and repair will match – driveway or raised sidewalk with vertical curb – it's not clear that the project frontage will have vertical curbs. **Sheet A1.3 should clarify that the street sidewalk will have vertical curbs.**

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,

Chris Holm
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