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VIA EMAIL

Daniel Abbes, Assistant Planner
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RE: Sacramento Native American Health Center (DR20-114)

Dear Mr. Abbes:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the project routing for Sacramento Native American Health Center and we have the following comments.

We are pleased to see that the existing buildings will be renovated for use as a health center and a new continuous sidewalk in front of Buildings #2, #3 and #1 will connect to Luther Drive. This pedestrian access to the Health Center will be convenient for patients and employees that arrive from the residential neighborhoods to the south, but access from Florin Road will not be convenient.

Florin Road may be the primary pedestrian accessway to the Sacramento Native Health Center due to it being a major arterial and because the high-frequency service bus route 81 has both eastbound and westbound stops within a 4-minute walk. The omission of a sidewalk between Florin Road and the buildings will encourage pedestrians to walk through the landscape strip and the parking lot. **WALKSacramento recommends adding a sidewalk between Florin Road and the northwest corner of Building #1.**

We are also pleased to see the removal of the chain-link fence along Florin Road and most of the Luther Drive frontage. The existing juniper shrubs in the landscape strip between the street sidewalks and the fence will be replaced with low/medium water-use shrubs and ground cover, and three evergreen trees will be planted in a 70' section on the north side of the Luther Drive driveway. Although the landscape planter is narrow, small trees planted along the full site frontage on Florin road and Luther Drive would enhance the view of the health center site for all street users. The tree canopy that could be provided with street trees would also improve the walking experience on the sidewalks, contribute to improved air quality and reduce heat island effects. **WALKSacramento recommends adding deciduous trees to the landscape planter along Florin Road and Luther Drive.**

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
Project Manager