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VIA EMAIL to elkgrovestation@gmail.com

San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
Attn: Elk Grove Station Project NOP
949 E. Channel Street
Stockton, CA 95202

RE: Notice of Preparation for Elk Grove Station Project (SCH# 2021080045)

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for providing the opportunity for WALKSacramento to respond to the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Elk Grove Station Project. We support many of the project objectives, including expanded rail service and transit connections, improved regional air quality, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Station access using active transportation will be a critical component of the project's operation in order to achieve the project objectives. We offer the following comments on the scope of the environmental document.

The Elk Grove Station Project Initial Study Land Use and Planning impact analysis determined consistency with the Elk Grove General Plan policy MOB-3-8 because motorists will be directed to the station parking lot. The policy is intended to help users of all modes, though. We ask that wayfinding for walking and biking be included in the project's environmental analysis.

The project was also found to be consistent with Elk Grove General Plan policy MOB-3-12 because Dwight Road would include sidewalks and a signalized crosswalk at the parking lot access. The policy statement, though, concerns safe and convenient paths and crossings of major streets, taking into account the needs of the disabled, youth, and the elderly. We ask that pedestrian facilities and operations along and across Laguna Boulevard be included in the project's environmental analysis.

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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