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VIA EMAIL

Daniel Abbes City of Sacramento Community Development Department 300 Richards Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

## RE: New Extended Stay Hotel (DR21-132)

Dear Mr. Abbes:

Thank you for routing the New Extended Stay Hotel project to WALKSacramento. The proposed three story, 34 room hotel on Stockton Boulevard incorporates several elements that will positively contribute to increased active transportation and public health, including bike parking and shade trees. The project meets the City's requirements for bike parking by providing two long-term spaces in bike lockers and two short-term spaces at one bike rack. Trees within the Stockton Boulevard frontage will shade the public sidewalk, and trees in the parking lot will shade 55% of the paved area.

The bike lockers and rack are between the building and the street, but visibility of the lockers and rack is limited by their locations. The bike parking spaces are currently located where they'll be visible primarily from the exterior staircase on the building's street-facing wall. There are no windows behind the stairs except for the Linen room windows on the second and third floor, but the Linen rooms will often be unoccupied and the sightlines to the less-secure bike rack will be partially or fully blocked by the stairs. Views of the bike rack from the hotel lobby on the ground floor and the elevator lobbies on all three floors will also be partially or fully obscured by the stairs. <u>Recommendation: Move the bike rack and bike lockers north on the site so the bike rack is in line with and fully visible from the elevator lobby.</u>

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