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VIA EMAIL

Gemma Tierney, Assistant Planner
County of Sacramento Office of Planning and Environmental Review
827 7th Street, Room 225
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RE: Riverview TMP (PLNP2021-00202)

Dear Ms. Tierney:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the Riverview Transportation Systems Management Plan (PLNP2021-00202) and offer the following comments.

The project proposes to develop a subdivision, consisting of 140 single-family lots, one park site, and one open space lot on 57 acres in South Rancho Murieta. There is an existing HOA, the Rancho Murieta HOA, which the project proposes to annex into. As required by the Conditions of Approval, the project must develop a Transportation Systems Management Plan (TMP) per the trip reduction goals outlined in the 2007 Sacramento County Pedestrian Master Plan to reduce peak-period trips to and from the development.

The proposed TDM offers a comprehensive set of strategies through a range of active transportation infrastructure improvements, programs, and incentives to encourage Riverview residents to lead healthier lifestyles and contribute to emissions reductions in their community. The TDM focuses on encouraging commuters to opt for active modes, and those who might be completing daily activities or seeking recreation opportunities, including young families. Investments in the pedestrian environment, including street trees, wide sidewalks, wayfinding, and trail expansions, combined with the proposed bicycle amenities such as fix-it stations and bike parking, encourage residents to walk, bike, or roll both to and from the site and throughout the development. These efforts are important as Sacramento County's *Be Healthy* index outlines Rancho Murieta with some of the lowest obesity rates in the County. Moving forward with these active transportation strategies can help sustain these low rates and support mitigating the risk of obesity and its related comorbidities.

To ensure the strategies outlined in the TDM are as effective as possible in reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips, we highly encourage the project team to consider the suggestions below to improve accessibility of the proposed materials, services, and programs.

All written materials should prioritize accessibility for those who do not speak English as a primary language and those who are blind or low-vision. For instance, Spanish translations (and/or additional languages as needed) should be provided for the Riverview Commuter Resource flier, wayfinding signage, and other written materials. The project team should also ensure a digital copy of the flier and other commuter information is provided to all residents in a digital format that is screen-reader accessible.

To make the Amador Sacramento Express bus stop closest to the project (Rancho Murieta Parkway South) as comfortable, safe, and accessible as possible for transit riders, the project team and/or the County should work closely with the Amador Regional Transit System (ARTS) to ensure the stop has adequate lighting and amenities (i.e., shelter, seating, real-time tracking, etc.).

Lastly, considering the proposed Rancho Murieta HOA-operated shuttle will initially provide limited servicing to the closest light rail station, the project team should prioritize service for off-peak weekday hours and weekends for those who do not have “traditional” (Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm) work schedules until the RM HOA is able to expand service. In the meantime, residents who do work more traditional hours will be able to access the Amador Sacramento Express, which provides two daily peak hour weekday trips to the closest light rail station.

Overall, the Riverview TDM should be updated as needed if and when the Sacramento County Active Transportation Plan becomes officially adopted, particularly as the Plan focuses on improving walkability and bikeability in the Unincorporated County. More information on the project can be found at walkbikesaccounty.net.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and recommendations. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jordan Grimaldi
Project Coordinator