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VIA EMAIL

June Cowles, Principal Planner  
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RE: Stonecreek Industrial Center (PLND-1121-0020)

Dear June Cowles:

Civic Thread (formerly WALKSacramento) has reviewed the project routing for Stonecreek Industrial Center and offers the following comments to increase the potential that future employees at Stonecreek Industrial Center will be able to choose active transportation as a feasible mode choice to commute to work.

Stonecreek Industrial Center is proposed for a triangularly shaped 41-acre site that has bike trails on its north and south sides, and several residential neighborhoods to the north and west. With the bike trails and homes conveniently close to the project site, many residents working at Stonecreek Industrial Center should be provided the opportunity to walk or bike to work or take walks or bike rides during the work day.

Civic Thread commends the developer for including two trail connections on the southwest corner and along the north border of the site that connect to the Stone Creek Community Bike Trail. These connections will improve access to the surrounding environment via active modes. To further improve the connectivity of the site with the surrounding areas, we recommend an additional access point for walking and biking. This access point could be located at the northwest corner of the site (near the intersection of Baroque Drive and Zinfandel Drive) to allow for an entry that is closer to the surrounding residential neighborhoods and to the nearest bus stop at Zinfandel Drive and Solera Drive. Furthermore, pedestrians and bicyclists coming from Stonecreek Industrial Center are more likely to access the nearby Stone Creek Community Park via Zinfandel Drive because N. Mather Boulevard lacks sidewalks or bicycle facilities.

Providing a bicycle and pedestrian connector at the northwest corner will increase convenience for employees traveling to the park during breaks.

We also recommend extending the pedestrian pathway that is planned along the north side of the parking lot adjacent to Building A, past the break/amenity area to extend along the entire lot and connect to the recommended access point between the northwest corner of the parking lot to the bike trail.

Development projects that encourage more walking and active travel are critical to our community's future. Human beings need moderate exercise, such as walking, for about 30 minutes a day to promote physical health and well-being. Creating opportunities for people to walk or bike to work and to exercise during the work day can improve employee health, productivity, and general well-being. Civic Thread supports developments that make active transportation convenient and accessible for all users. The benefits include improved public health, better air quality, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Please notify Civic Thread of future routings or notices for this project. Thank you for considering our comments and feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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