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VIA EMAIL

Sierra Peterson, Associate Planner
Department of Community Development
300 Richards Boulevard 3rd Floor
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RE: Railyards Lot 3 (DR21-251) Revisions

Dear Sierra Peterson,

Civic Thread has reviewed the revised plans for the Railyards Lot 3 project (DR21-251). Our comments from the first round highlighted the enhancement of connectivity to surrounding destinations and amenities within the site, as well as establishing prominent bike facilities and improving access to create an environment supportive of daily active transportation.

When comparing the two versions, we regret to see a change in the plan's proposed bicycle parking that impedes opportunity and progress towards bikeability around a location central to important daily destinations such as transit connections, retail, recreation, and jobs. Current changes in plans show prioritization to vehicle parking and car use. **Vehicle parking has a proposed increase of 80 spaces, while bicycle parking has reduced by a total of 40 spaces (longterm bicycle reduced by 24 spaces, and short term reduced by 16).** Our organization strongly proposes a ratio increase of bicycle parking to residential units for both long term and short term spaces. Developments that create an environment making car use easier than active transportation are likely to promote a car centric culture impacting more traffic congestion, more pollution, and challenge opportunity to opt for healthier modes of transportation to get to local points of interest.

As stated in our initial letter, this location is prime as it is less than a quarter mile from a major transit hub (the Sacramento Valley Station) and in close proximity to Downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento River Bike Trail. There is large opportunity to establish safe and convenient active transportation networks to these key destinations and this project has the ability to maximize access for its consumers and residents alike. Improving pedestrian and cyclist connectivity to, from, and within this development is

critical to meeting the City's climate goals and generally promoting healthy, active lifestyles among Sacramento residents.

Please notify Civic Thread of future routings or notices for this project. Thank you for your consideration of these comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Pristina Zhang

Project Manager, Civic Thread