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City of Salinas, Community Development Department
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Via email: thomaswi@ci.salinas.ca.us

SUBJECT: Comments on Mitigated Negative Declaration for 618 Sherwood Drive

Dear Mr. Wiles:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is the Regional Transportation Planning and Congestion Management Agency for Monterey County. Agency staff has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 618 Sherwood Drive project.

The project is located on a 73-acre site at 618 Sherwood Drive and proposes to establish and construct a new park and recreational facility. The project includes creating a walking path that will connect with the nearby school and other recreational facilities. Agency staff offer the following comments for your consideration:

1. The Agency supports the integration of bicycle and pedestrian elements in the project area to support comfortable and safe travel of bicyclists and pedestrians. TAMC encourages the development to place a premium on safe and accessible pedestrian access to the site from intersections and crosswalks, sidewalks and bicycle facilities. TAMC's Complete Streets Guidebook can serve as a resource for implementation of complete streets, available here: <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/complete-streets>
2. The Agency strongly encourages the developer to connect the proposed walking path with existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities around the project site.
3. The Agency encourages the developer to consider installing a bicycle repair station, bicycle racks and secure bicycle parking on the project site. Bicycle racks should be placed near building entrances, and the development should ensure bike lockers and bike racks have adequate lighting to improve safety and visibility.
4. Consideration should be given to the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, as new construction provides an opportunity to install this needed infrastructure at a much lower cost.
5. The Agency encourages coordination with Monterey-Salinas Transit to accommodate existing and planned transit connections at the development. Monterey-Salinas Transit's *Designing for Transit Guideline Manual* ([linked here](#)) should be used as a resource for transit coordination.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If you have any questions, please contact Madilyn Jacobsen of my staff at madilyn@tamcmonterey.org or 831-775-4402.

Sincerely,



Debra L. Hale
Executive Director