



February 12, 2021
Thomas Wiles, Senior Planner
City of Salinas
Community Development Department
65 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Tentative Map 2019-002

Dear Mr. Wiles:

As you know, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) provides public transportation throughout the City of Salinas. MST operates vehicles that range in size from 30-foot medium duty to 45-foot over-the-road coaches. As requested by the City of Salinas, and pursuant to the Salinas Subdivision Ordinance and Subdivision Map Act, we have reviewed the tentative map and plans and the purpose of this letter is to provide comments and recommendations of the subject property.

MST maintains four (4) bus stops within the general vicinity of the subject property that serve three lines in both travel directions of E. Laurel Drive and N. Sanborn Street. This general area would be served by existing Lines 41, 42, and 45 via those stops. Lines 41 and 42 would be directly accessible on the same side of the street as the subject property via the proposed 6' trail provided in the plans through MST's existing bus stop #3335 (St. Edwards/E. Laurel). MST is making the following comments to ensure that this development would provide a safe and comfortable walkway to MST bus stop #3335, and to crosswalks at N. Sanborn Street/Laurel Dr. and to St. Edwards/Laurel Dr. for passengers to access the aforementioned bus lines.

After reviewing the plans, it has come to our attention that MST bus stop #3335 would be accessible via a 6-foot-wide trail connection to a proposed 5-foot-wide sidewalk on E. Laurel Drive, in the northwest side of the project area. The City of Salinas and developer should consider widening the sidewalk to six (6) feet, in accordance with the preferred width of sidewalks in the 2020 MST Designing for Transit Guidelines¹. MST also recommends the City and developer consider providing pedestrian lighting on the proposed sidewalk on E. Laurel Drive in order to enhance safety for passengers attempting to access MST bus stop #3335 or crosswalks.

If you have any questions about the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sloan Campi at scampi@mst.org or 831-264-5881.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Muller Overmeyer".

Michelle Muller Overmeyer
Director of Planning and Innovation

CC: Sloan Thomas Campi, Planning Manager
Monterey-Salinas Transit

¹ <https://mst.org/wp-content/media/DesigningForTransit-2020-Edition.pdf>

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