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## Wicklows Lot Plan Comments

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Feedback to Wicklow Lot Plan, 7/4/2024

The goal of planning is to prevent future problems. The proposal and the DEIR empathize bicycles and pedestrians with lip service to transit as noted following this discussion. Both have the same potential problems for bus stops and the shuttle(s) rerouting as noted and discussed about a year ago with the original plan.

The proposed streets all have greenways which may or may not have an adequate width for bus stops. The sidewalk width should accommodate potential bus shelters. Also there maybe school buses or full size rental buses for group outings.

The bus stops should be planned within the beginning development plans. The proposed affordable apartment building(s) appear to be the logical locations for bus stops. They should be in the original designs, ideally as hollows within the adjacent structures. (I remember an example of this with the Sacramento convention center or a similar public building there, but couldn't find a photo on the internet.)

Bus stops should be given the needed, detailed and proper consideration.

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Following are the "lip service" citations for transit from the DIER:

The proposed Project provides opportunities for multi-modal circulation, with infrastructure to accommodate vehicles, public transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The WWSP Vision and Principles outline a system of pedestrian and bike paths and pedestrian pathways which add to the mix of transportation choices available for residents. Off-street Class I and Class IA bike paths are included in landscape corridors and open space areas along with on-street Class II bike lanes. The system of pedestrian and bike paths are enhanced by street design standards which place priority on pedestrian comfort and safety. Amador County Transit operates the Route 5 Shuttle in the vicinity of the proposed WWSP site, with transit stops along Wicklow Way near Walmart and Argonaut High School. Route 5 follows a circular route encompassing 37 stops. It commences at the Sutter Hill Transit Center, providing a 1-hour frequency of service, operating between 9:05 AM to 3:15 PM on weekdays. Residents would be able to access the bus stop locations via the system of paths and pedestrian pathways. DEIR 3-15 13. Reduce emissions from traffic by implementing the following measures, if feasible:

- a. Coordinate with local transit operators to extend or expand service to the WWSP area.
- b. Provide transit stops within the WWSP site. DEIR 4.6-15

**Policy 6.1**

: Create a safe and efficient circulation system for all modes of travel consistent with the California Completed Streets Act of 2008 and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 375). DEIR 4.8-12

**Policy 4.17:**

Land shall be reserved for public services and facilities, as required by Amador County. Public services and facilities sites shall be in the general locations as shown in WWSP Figure 4.1 Specific Plan Land Use Designations. DEIR 4.13-7

Assembly Bill 1358: The California Complete Streets Act

The California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358) requires general plan circulation elements to address the transportation system from a multimodal perspective. The bill states that streets, roads, and highways must “meet the needs of all users in a manner suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.” Essentially, this bill requires a circulation element to plan for all modes of transportation where appropriate, including walking, biking, car travel, and transit. AB 1358 also requires circulation elements to consider the diverse users of the transportation system, including children, adults, seniors, and the disabled. DEIR 4.14-1

Transit Service

Amador Transit provides bus service to the area. Route 5, Sutter Creek-Jackson Shuttles A and B serve the proposed Project area, with transit stops both along Wicklow Way near Walmart and near Argonaut High School. Route 5 follows a circular route encompassing 37 stops. It starts at the Sutter Hill Transit Center, providing a 1-hour frequency of service and operating between 9:05 a.m. and 5:03 p.m. on weekdays. DEIR 4.14-5

Based on Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines, an impact on transportation is significant if implementation of the proposed Project would do any of the following:

- Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities; DEIR 4.14-6

Land Use Policies

**Policy 4.17:**

Land shall be reserved for public services and facilities, as required by Amador County. Public services and facilities sites shall be in the general locations as shown in Figure 4.1 – Specific Plan Land Use Designations of the WWSP. DEIR 4.16-5