

March 16, 2015

Community Development Department  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission  
City of Los Altos  
One North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Project Amenities for Bicycles and Pedestrians  
Draeger's Market  
342 First Street  
Los Altos, CA

The proposed expansion to the existing Draeger's grocery store in Los Altos includes both a building expansion and renovations to the existing exterior facade. The expansion, renovation, and revised parking lot layout consist of many project amenities to greatly benefit both bicyclists and pedestrians.

#### Pedestrian

To improve the pedestrian appeal of the streetscape, a landscaped buffer has been added along First Street, between the sidewalk and parking stalls. The landscaped buffer will allow vehicle overhangs to extend over the landscaped portion, as opposed to protruding into the existing sidewalk, which is the existing configuration. Additionally, the landscape buffer includes a vertical wire fence with climbing vines for increased screening of the parking lot from the sidewalk. Several planting beds have also been integrated into the parking lot, adhering to the city of Los Altos zoning requirement of 7.5% landscaping for a site of our size. The planting beds include both plants and trees to improve the pedestrian appeal of the streetscape and parking lot. The proposed plan also anticipates two-way circulation in the parking lot, which allows all exiting traffic to bypass the main building entrance, which will reduce on-site vehicular/pedestrian congestion. The revised parking lot layout also allows for a direct connection between the sidewalk along First Street and the entrance to the store. Bulb-outs have also been integrated at the crosswalks and revised driveway entrance/exit.

Additionally, an architecturally integrated screening wall and swing gates have been shown to enhance the loading area aesthetics. The project also includes site improvements such as replacement of the existing sidewalk along First Street, re-orientation of the mid-block cross walk near the store entrance, and ADA upgrades to the Whitney Street crosswalk. The proposed elevations include added street lighting and façade improvements along First Street for enhanced pedestrian safety and visual appeal. Furthermore, significant landscaping improvements have been shown along the Foothill Expressway right of way to provide intermittent views of downtown while traveling along Foothill Expressway.

#### Bicycle

Exceeding the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines and CALGreen requirements, the proposed project will add a total of 6 short term bicycle spaces and 2 long term spaces. One 3 space bicycle rack has been shown adjacent to the entrance and another 3 space rack at the end of the outdoor seating area. The long term spaces will be wall hung spaces placed in the employee break room for security and adequate protection from the weather. The project also proposes a revised loading area. The new loading area will allow current on-street loading activity to be reduced and therefore increase both bicycle and pedestrian safety.