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4990 Traffic Way  
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Subject: 4990 Traffic Way, Atascadero, CA; Landscape Design Memorandum

To whom this may concern,

It has come to my attention that there are concerns with the 3 foot width of the proposed landscape planters located between the chainlink fence and gravel pathway along Traffic Way.

The proposed Chinese Pistache trees in that planter will be specified as standard form trees, which means they will have a vertical trunk when they are planted and pedestrians will be able to walk underneath the canopies of these trees. The mature trunk diameter of a Chinese Pistache typically does not exceed 12 inches in diameter, which will easily fit in the 3 foot wide landscape planter (see example photos below).

The mature widths of the proposed Prostrate Coyote Brush, Lemonadeberry, and Coffeeberry shrubs can exceed 3 feet in width, however these shrubs will be pruned and maintained so that the adjacent gravel pathway will have an unobstructed clear width of no less than 4 feet, which is the minimum required width for a public pathway. Lemonadeberry, and Coffeeberry are commonly used California native shrubs for hedges/screens and they can be naturally pruned to a 3 to 4 foot width with a 8 to 12 foot height (as shown in the landscape elevation renderings and in the example photos below).

Furthermore, all proposed trees and shrubs will be surrounded by either a decomposed granite storage yard or a gravel pathway (not concrete or asphalt paving) which will allow for the root systems of all trees and shrubs to spread out further, which will increase the long term health of all proposed plantings. If the City decides to install a concrete sidewalk in the future along Traffic Way, it could easily be constructed in the same location as the proposed gravel pathway along Traffic Way.

Examples of Chinese Pistache trees thriving in narrow planter areas:



Examples of Lemonadeberry shrubs which have been trimmed to conform to narrow planter areas:



Examples of Coffeeberry shrubs which have been trimmed to conform to narrow planter areas:



Examples of Prostrate Coyote Brush shrubs, which reach 3 to 4 feet in width, located in narrow planter areas:



If there are any other questions or concerns feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address above.

Sincerely,

*Erin O Carroll*

Erin O Carroll, Landscape Architect