APPENDIX E Public Comments Summary



Forward Together Action Plan Public Comments Summary

February 2024

1. Public Review

- a. The public review period was open for 30-days from January 25, 2024, to February 25, 2024.
- b. Online comments were gathered using the following interactive website: <u>https://sacramento.konveio.com/forward-together-action-plan</u>
- c. City staff presented the Forward Together Action Plan to the Planning and Design Commission on February 8, 2024, and will be recommending for adoption by City Council, anticipated for March 19, 2024.
- d. City staff reviewed all the comments received and compiled this document as a summary of key themes from the comments received.

2. Emerging Themes

- a. Pedestrian safety and accessibility:
 - i. Better crosswalks, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and active transportation on the corridor.
 - ii. Reduce speed, traffic calming measures (monitor speed).
 - iii. Focus on the intersection of Oxford/Del Paso Blvd and Arden/Del Paso Blvd, Marysville/Arcade.
 - iv. Improve public transit experience (travel time, access, and safety).
 - v. Designated parking areas along the corridor for patrons to park.
 - vi. Cleaner streets.
 - vii. Critical transportation resources are needed to meaningfully support pedestrians, cyclists, and micro-mobility users to access jobs, homes, and shopping destinations.
 - viii. Plan needs to address transportation and infrastructure, either as separate modules or integrated concerns in each of the sections.
 - ix. Consider the planned train station (Altamont Corridor Express/ACE), near the El Monte/Acoma. Old North Sacramento is confirmed as a train station, expected to open in 2029.
- b. Landscape and lighting improvements:
 - i. Better lighting for night-time safety.
 - ii. Improved landscapes, sidewalks and bike lanes.

- c. Increased public-private partnerships:
 - i. Incentives for businesses to build new buildings, especially in the service sector.
 - ii. Restaurants, pharmacies, and grocery stores.
- d. Dedicate additional funding towards action plan implementation:
 - i. The action plan represents more than half a million dollars in improvements. Additional funds to be allocated to support these actions will be needed.
- e. Increase arts and culture representation.
- f. More information on the community engagement process:
 - i. More information and data on the community engagement process will be provided, see Appendix E: Community Engagement Summary.
- g. Addressing homelessness and related issues:
 - i. Avoid perpetuating ongoing redlining, racial covenants, and prevent displacement of minority communities, which constitute majority of North Sacramento (prevent gentrification).
- h. Other comments
 - i. Golden One Credit Union's Financial Resource Center on Marysville Blvd. can serve as a hub for this programming.
 - ii. Nice that the City of Sacramento continues to recognize and appreciate our indigenous members of the community. There does not seem to be a direct solution to addressing or honoring these people's land and culture. A less vague, more forward proposition would be appreciated. Guaranteed housing and/or income would be a great and necessary follow-up to this acknowledgment.