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Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed Adams Street connection associated with the Heron Commons Specific Area Plan. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify ACHD's role and the applicable policies.

A couple items to consider:

- ACHD's jurisdiction extends to streets and highways and related transportation facilities. If the connection functions solely as a bicycle, pedestrian, and emergency-access facility and does not serve as a public roadway for general motor vehicle traffic, it would generally not fall under ACHD jurisdiction.
- The Adams Street connection is currently identified within ACHD's Master Street Map. Any modification to remove or revise that planned roadway connection would require ACHD Commission consideration and approval. City adoption of a Specific Area Plan would qualify as the primer for ACHD to consider modification to the Map. Typically, the City would adopt its Plan first, providing the basis for considering a modification to the MSM.
- One additional consideration is ACHD policy regarding stub street extensions. As staff has discussed with Jenah, ACHD policy generally requires existing stub streets to be extended when adjacent properties redevelop. In this case, the southeastern leg currently terminates at the property line and would trigger that policy consideration. The purpose of this policy is to support emergency response, maintenance operations, and overall system connectivity. I would like the opportunity to meet with my team to consider options that would meet the intent of our policy, while supporting the City's desire for a more limited connection before giving a final response to your question.
- Even if future determination results in a vehicular connection, ACHD has a variety of design and traffic-management tools available to address speed, neighborhood livability, and multimodal safety concerns. Staff would be happy to work with the City on those options if that circumstance arises.

We truly appreciate your partnership in wanting to have these conversations early. I will meet with my team as soon as possible and get back to you shortly.

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Hi Ryan,

I hope all is well.

Attached is a copy of a letter you will receive from me regarding the SAP we are drafting for the ACHD Garden City property that will be auctioned as surplus in September. The city is asking for guidance on the Adams connection to the Waterfront District.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Bill



Regards,
Bill Jacobs,
Mayor



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