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## Site plans - building permit

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Hi Nell,

Here are my comments on the plans from MMC:

- 1.) The plans show significant runs of concrete sidewalk. Unless this was associated with a specific site plan or due to steep roadway grades, all sidewalk should be in brick. In particular, I cannot figure out why the plans show the south side of Congress between Valley and Gilman in concrete.
- 2.) Most of the proposed ramp designs look acceptable. However, they should endeavor to avoid showing abutting tip down pieces at adjacent ramp areas, as this results in curb "points" that tend to be damaged during winter operations. Reduced curb reveal between ramps is acceptable to address this situation.
- 3.) The symbol for bicycle lanes should show the City and MUTCD standard helmeted cyclist.
- 4.) The plans do not indicate a phased approach to the street improvements. At a minimum, the improvements shown on the west side of the Congress/Valley intersection should be completed PRIOR to removal of the signal here.

The construction management plan seems OK, but it is still largely at the general stage and no specific TCP formats are shown.

Thanks!

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