



April 21, 2021

Luis Lopez, Development Services Director  
City of Coachella  
53-990 Enterprise Way  
Coachella, CA 92236

RE: Pulte Coachella Subdivision

Dear Mr. Lopez,

This letter is in response to your request for comments regarding the proposed Pulte Coachella Subdivision located on North of Avenue 51<sup>st</sup> within the City of Coachella. SunLine Transit Agency's (SunLine) staff has reviewed the specific plan and offers the following comments:

SunLine currently provides service within close proximity to the project site, with the closest bus stop #505 located on Avenue 50<sup>th</sup> at Van Buren, 0.7 miles from the project site, served by Routes 6 and 8. SunLine is not requesting inclusion of any transit amenities at this time.

Please note internal transit-friendly pedestrian access can be accomplished by following the guiding principles listed below:

- Pedestrian walkways to bus stops should be designed to meet the needs of all passengers, including the disabled, seniors and children. All pedestrian walkways should be designed to be direct from the street network to the main entrance of buildings.
- Pedestrian walkways should be designed to provide convenient connections between destinations, including residential areas, schools, shopping centers, public services and institutions, recreation, and transit.
- Provide a dedicated sidewalk and/or bicycle paths through new development that are direct to the nearest bus stop or transit facilities.
- Provide shorter distance between building and the bus stop by including transit friendly policies that address transit accessibility concerns to encourage transit-oriented development. These policies can be achieved through zoning policies, setback guidelines, building orientation guidelines, and parking requirements.

- Limit the use of elements that impede pedestrian movement such as meandering sidewalks, walled communities, and expansive parking lots.
- Eliminate barriers to pedestrian activities, including sound walls, berms, fences, and landscaping which obstructs pedestrian access or visibility. Gates should be provided at restricted areas to provide access to those using transit services.
- Pedestrian pathways should be paved to ensure that they are accessible to everyone. Accessible circulation and routes should include curb cuts, ramps, visual guides and railing where necessary. ADA compliant ramps should be placed at each corner of an intersection.
- A minimum horizontal clearance of 48 inches (preferable 60 inches) should be maintained along the entire pathway.
- A vertical clearance of 84 inches (preferable 96 inches) should also be maintained along the pathway.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 760-343-3456, ext. 1511.

Sincerely,



Jeff Guidry  
Transit Planning Manager

cc: Todd McDaniel, Chief Transportation Officer

cc: Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager