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**Target Cupertino Store Remodel
Comments to Resubmittal Plans dated 1/22/2018**

**Stevens Creek Blvd. (Between Saich Way and Bandley Drive) Cupertino, CA
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Site Plan/Landscape/Site Furnishings

Visual and Physical Connections from neighboring streets should be an important aspect of this project per the City of Cupertino's "Heart of the City Specific Plan"

The previous Target Remodel submittal created new, enhanced connections from Saich Way, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Bandley Drive.

There is no direct Pedestrian Connection illustrated from Alves Drive and the neighboring residential neighborhood. The Applicant should address how they might accommodate a connection from that area.

The Pedestrian Connections from Saich Way, Stevens Creek Blvd and Bandley Drive are illustrated as painted diagonal striping from the public sidewalks. In addition, to meeting ADA requirements, enhanced material paving should be utilized, such as pavers, colored, scored concrete, etc. along with new landscaping and new trees to accentuate the pedestrian experience through the parking areas.

At the streets, enhanced features in the paving, furnishings, etc. should create marked "portals" for entry to these enhanced walk ways.

Bicycle racks, benches, etc. appear to be included in the Entry Plaza but should be added at termination points of these enhanced walk ways.

The Entry Plaza indicates enhanced paving and some movable table and chair furnishings. Additional tables and chairs should be added or distributed further at the Entry Plaza outside of the primary circulation paths to main entries. Tables and chairs are only located in one area in this submittal. The planters and integral benches are good but primarily located in one area so additional movable furnishings should be added to fully activate the Entry Plaza

It does not appear that a new planting islands or additional trees are being planned in this submittal. Additionally, "pervious asphalt" parking areas had been planned in the previous application. The Applicant should address how the existing parking areas are enhanced or treated. Will the City of Cupertino's tree shading canopy requirement be met?

Since the building is such a long distance from the adjacent streets, there should be some additional effort in enhancing the pedestrian and bicyclist experience through additional public art pieces along with new landscape elements.

The landscaped area along Stevens Creek Boulevard along with the improvements to the sidewalk and curbs should be illustrated with more detail and material call-outs. This is a "primary door" to the projects and should promote that entry and integrate the existing Bus Shelter with other enhanced furnishings and finishes.

Lighting at Entry Plaza should be more clearly defined. Site Pan/Diagrams should clearly illustrate new proposed site furnishings.

Elevations

The proposed elevations illustrated reasonable treatments to mitigate the "big stucco box" appearance.

Applicant should continue use of the "Horizontal Wood Board-Dark" or the "Red Stained Wood" below the sloping metal trip canopy line. The "gaps" where the wood board has not been applied below the sloped metal trim, should be completed with Wood Board siding. The proportions of stucco to enhanced materials should be better balanced.

Additional Art areas/color, etc. should be considered at "rear" side along Alves Drive between Green Wall screens.

The painted stucco walls at the Northwest and Northeast service and trash enclosure areas should be painted a different - but darker color to differentiate those blank corners of the building. The large, light colored stucco walls will be susceptible to wear and neglect.

These simple comments are intended to enhance all elevations of the existing stucco box.

End of comments