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RE: 2117 Ivy Road - Sidewalk Waiver

This letter is to request a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk along Copeley Road, specifically along the northeast end of the 2117 Ivy Road project.

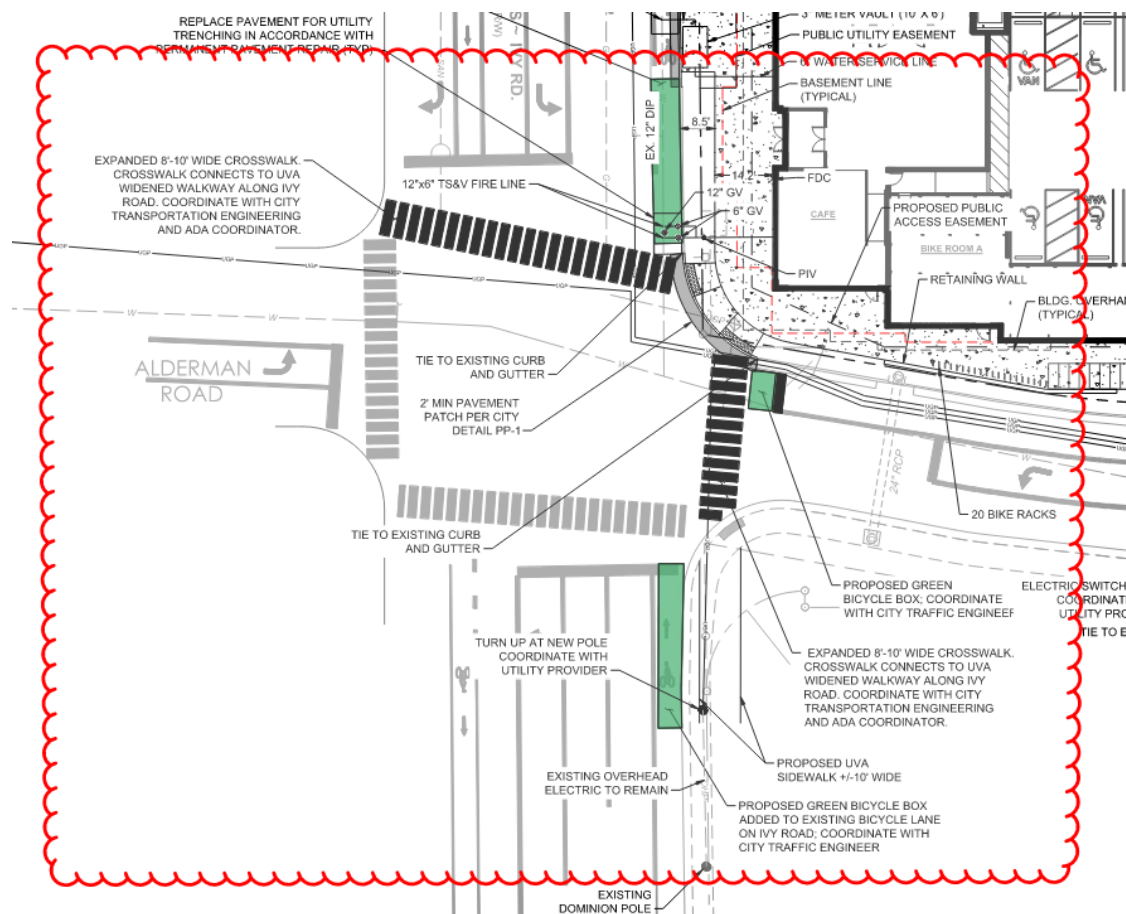
The sidewalk is required by subdivision ordinance section 29-182(j)(3), which requires sidewalks to be provided along the adjacent existing street. The proposed site configuration and partial sidewalk placement along Copeley Road is consistent with the approved PUD for this site.

This waiver request is consistent with the justification stated in the subdivision ordinance section 29-182(j)(5)(iii) which reads "whether the sidewalks reasonably can connect into an existing or future pedestrian system in the area." Additional sidewalk installation along Copeley Road is not advisable or consistent with good engineering practice due to the lack of current or future sidewalk connectivity. The Copeley Road vehicular overpass bridge begins at the northern end of the site and as the following Google Street View image indicates, the west side of the bridge has no shoulder, no pedestrian walkways, and is bound directly off the curb line by vehicular guard railing.



As indicated in the Site Plan Submission, pedestrian and bicycle upgrades have been provided to the fullest extent possible and include the following:

- Upgraded curb ramps located on the northeast corner of the Copeley Rd./Ivy Rd. intersection.
- Re-striped crosswalks, directing pedestrians safely to existing sidewalks to the west on Alderman Road, and to the south to cross to the east end of Copeley Road. Note, this side of Copeley road is equipped with sidewalk for safe travel to the north across the adjacent bridge and towards UVa athletic facilities.
- Proposed green bicycle box striping north, south, and east of the Copeley Rd/Ivy Rd. intersection.
- Intersection striping will be coordinated with City Transportation Engineer and ADA Coordinator as noted on the Site Plan.



We appreciate your review and consideration. Please let us know if you need any additional information on this requested waiver.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Project Manager

