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Hi Alex,

The Fire dept. has met with the development team for this site to express our concerns and made a number of recommendations, which are to be addressed. Of prime concern was circulation for fire apparatus and the ability of fire crews to be able to access various locations of each building from the exterior. This is especially true of the South and North buildings along Highland Avenue and the Rte 128 ramp areas. Initial plans had the fire responding units to stage remotely from the building on Highland Avenue or the off ramp this would create a safety issue for both responding personnel and building occupants and was considered to be inadequate. Since these are State roads MA DOT might have also had objections with this staging plan. A solution was arrived at by incorporating the proposed fitness path to be dual purposed to accommodate fire apparatus. This would include paving wide enough for ladder truck operations. By revising the plan this way will allow responding units sufficient circulation to reach at least three side of each building. While full access around each building is ideal, it is not always practical. We feel the solution arrived at will remedy what might be a significant public safety issue in the event of a major response to this large site. We further requested that this pathway be kept free of snow throughout the winter, so that responding apparatus be able to gain sufficient access regardless of time of year. We will continue to work with the developer throughout the project construction to ensure all code and safety regulations are met.

Thanks,
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