



# Watt Avenue Safe Stay Community

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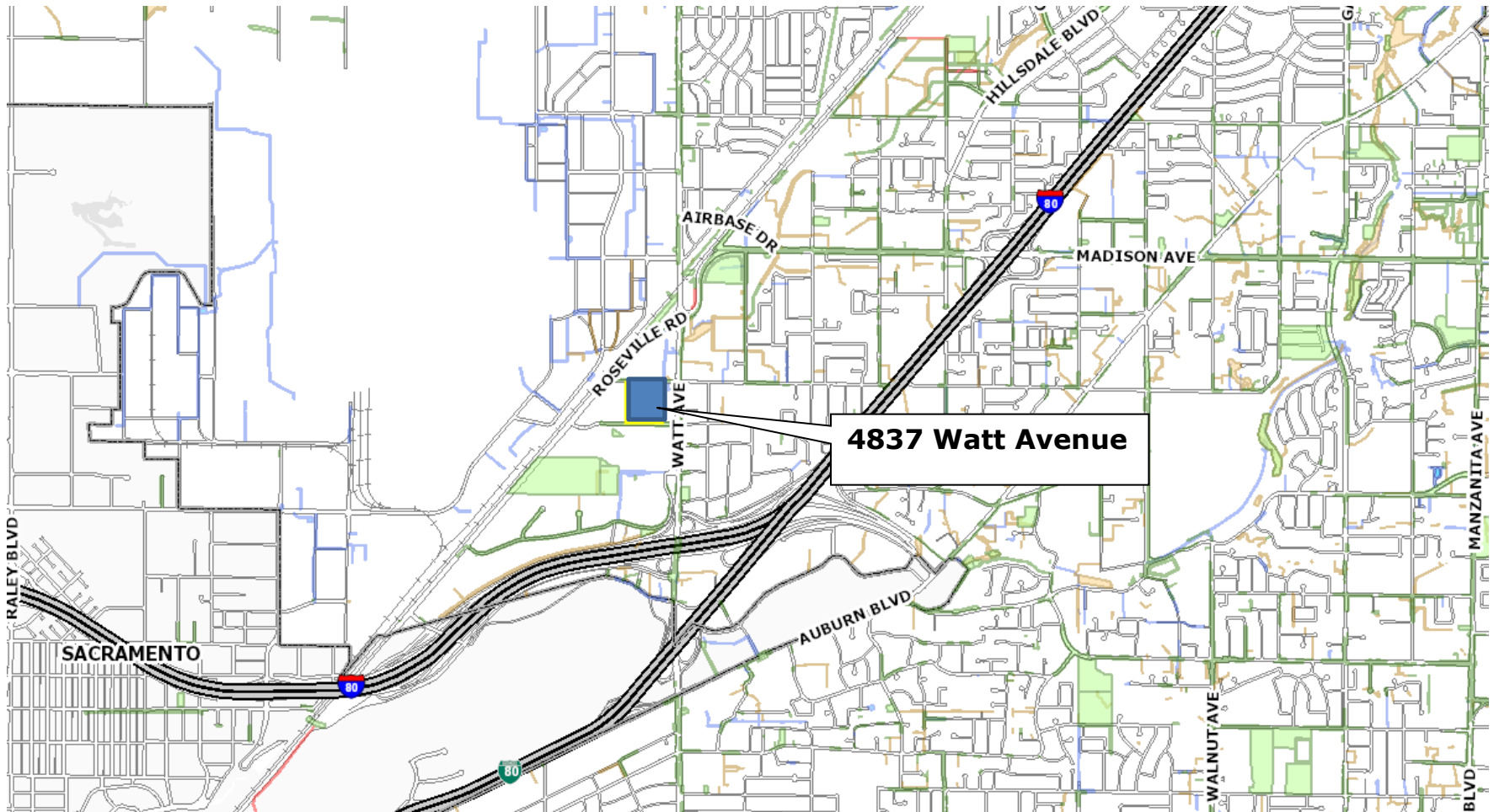
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# Overview

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- October 25, 2022 – Board approved purchase of 4837 Watt Avenue
  - *Expect to close on purchase within the next month*
  - *Staff securing design firm and program operator*
- \$17 million requested for construction and initial operations
  - *Actual construction costs will be determined following a public bid and award process*

# 4837 Watt Avenue



# Property Details

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- 129,491 sq ft industrial building on 13.05 acres



# Initial Design Concepts

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- 140 indoor sleeping cabins
- 50 outdoor safe parking spots
- Programmed space for:
  - *Vehicles for guests staying in sleeping cabins*
  - *Indoor, fully plumbed restrooms and showers*
  - *Office and meeting space for program operations*
  - *Indoor and outdoor gathering spaces*
  - *On-site storage for personal property*

# Initial Program Concepts

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- On-site, 24/7 operator
- Additional 24/7 security
- Good neighbor commitment
- Housing focused services
- Linkages to behavioral health and primary health
- Priority for encampments in immediate vicinity
- Managed entries and exits to minimize impact in community

# Next Steps

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- **OHI:** Continue engagement with the community and other stakeholders, in partnership with selected operator.
- **DGS:** Contract with a design firm to fully scope and develop a site plan in partnership with DGS, OHI and selected operator.
- **DGS and OHI:** Return to the Board with an update on the project and to seek needed approvals.
- **OHI:** Return with a request to fund program operations once these plans are finalized.