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Item 6. Center for Resilient Cities. Good to see redevelopment of the site. One concern with phased construction is the west façade of the phase I building. This façade will be viewed from the corner of Badger and Rimrock and will be the first impression for many of the building, yet, I would assume little articulation for cost savings with the hope of completing phase II.

Item 7. St. Paul's Univ Center. The extent to which the height of the building exceeds the immediate context does not appear appropriate and requires study to break down the massing at a more distant view (few surrounding blocks). Study the proportion of the section through the plaza. While supportive of increased density and feel new construction can be of a larger scale than the existing context, to be successful, the massing of the building must create a relationship with the context. This site also poses the challenge of the detailed historic masonry buildings as well as the concrete library and bookstore structures. Emulating the masonry architecture at a significantly larger scale may be making the building feel more out of scale.

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