

4260 El Camino Real - No Glare Problems From Siding

The picture below shows 4260 El Camino Real from the angle of the morning sun (notice the shadow of the light pole falls almost directly behind it on the stairway).



As can be seen from the picture, even a highly reflective surface on the left side of the building would not create glare. The left side of the building is very heavily shaded by trees. Furthermore, if there were any reflected light, it would go into the large Crowne Plaza parking lot. The sun does not shine on this side of the building in the afternoon.

The front of the building is nearly entirely covered by windows, the garage gate, and the stairways. There is very little siding to reflect light. The stairway siding is not going to be metal panels. The small amount of metal siding on the front is set back from the street and is not visible from El Camino Real until the viewer is almost directly in front of the building. Even a very reflective surface would not create a glare problem.

The right side of the building is on the opposite side from the morning sun and thus in shade until afternoon. The new 5-story hotel is going to be 10 feet from 4260 El Camino Real and will be built closer to the sidewalk than 4260 El Camino Real, leaving a dark alleyway between the two buildings. Afternoon sun will not reach the right side. The right side of 4260 El Camino Real will not be visible to traffic. Even if the hotel isn't next door, since the afternoon sun is coming towards the right rear corner of 4260 El Camino Real, any light striking the right side could only be reflected across El Camino Real and not into the eyes of people traveling on El Camino Real. The sun would have to be coming from the north to be reflected towards traffic on El Camino Real.

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Both the McLaren building and the Volvo building have silver metallic panels, have a roughly similar orientation as 4260 El Camino Real, and do not create a glare problem even though they do not have the tree cover which 4260 El Camino Real has.



The picture above shows the worst possible reflected light from the McLaren building. The reflected light is no worse than a white surface. It is also not reflected towards El Camino Real. 4260 El Camino Real is oriented so that any reflected light would be even further away from El Camino Real, but the trees along the side of 4260 El Camino Real block light from even shining on the side of the building.

The southwest facing rear of 4260 El Camino Real is shaded by both 40 ft high red-wood trees and a five story high condominium building. Very little light ever falls on it.

The northwest facing right side of 4260 El Camino Real is currently partially shaded by large evergreen trees. After the new five story hotel is built, very little light will ever fall on it. There will be a narrow dark alley between the two buildings. The right side of 4260 El Camino Real will not be visible to traffic because the hotel is much closer to the street. Even before the hotel is built any light shining on the right side of 4260 El Camino Real would have to be in the afternoon because the sun sets behind and slightly to the right of the building. For light to be reflected down El Camino Real the sun would have to be in the north which of course it never is.