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Hi Jose,

Adding Tim here too, as I think he answered at least part of your question regarding the ways in which the preferred DISC concept would affect land within Plan Area for DSAP in our meeting yesterday.

Based on what the DISC Partner Agencies are currently proposing, the impacts to property of our preferred concept (which we call the “Concept Layout”) are to parcels that Google already owns or will own in the future (i.e. Lots A,B,C). There should be no impacts to non-Google DSAP properties.

Other than property impacts, I think that the primary impacts or affects or the Concept Layout are to circulation.

It will do this by specifying where the station entrances are located—one close to Santa Clara and one close to San Fernando. Additionally, the Concept Layout will raise the tracks roughly 25 feet, which will allow for at-grade street east/west street connections underneath the tracks. Indeed, the primary reason for raising the tracks is to knit together neighborhoods on both sides of the tacks.

We included a discussion of all of this in the memo that we posted last Friday in advance of a 1/28 City Council Study Session. You can access that [here](#).

Note that Council already approved Decisions 1 and 2 below. Decision 3 will go to Council on 2/4 after the 1/28 Study Session.

I’m including part of the discussion text below for ease of reference. Let me know if you need anything else. Hopefully you can massage the text that I’ve written here to insert into the Word doc?

Let me know if I can help further.

Thanks,

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After considerable evaluation and interaction with the community, Team ABC and the Partner Agencies developed a fourth spatial layout (the “Concept Layout”) that optimizes transit and passenger needs, while supporting future development potential and balancing city and neighborhood impacts. The project staff of the four Partner Agencies jointly authored a memo in December 2019 that put forward three decisions related to the Concept Layout for consideration by the Mayor and City Council. This included the following:

- **Decision #1: Elevated Station Platforms.** Elevating the tracks and platforms will allow for street-level east/west connections through the station area, knit together neighborhoods on either side of the tracks, and facilitate connections for people walking, bicycling, and driving.
- **Decision #2: Station Entrances at Santa Clara Street and San Fernando Street.** The Partner Agencies recommend two main concourses with four station entrances. One concourse is oriented toward Santa Clara Street and will be close to BART, light rail, bus, and other connecting modes to allow for quick transfers. The other concourse will be located near San Fernando Street and allow for easy connections to the bike network, creeks, existing neighborhoods, and future office and housing development.
- **Decision #3: Existing Track Approaches into the Future Station.** The Partner Agencies recommend maintaining track approaches that generally stay within the existing northern and southern corridors in order to leverage existing rail infrastructure, minimize overall community impact, and minimize the need to acquire significant land.

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Hi Ramses,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding changes to the transportation sections in the DSAP. As mentioned in the DTP kick-off meeting, the DSAP consultant (SOM) scope calls for the following elements to be provided by other departments and incorporated/summarized in the DSAP, with perhaps some additional text/graphics to place them in context:

Transportation – to be provided by DOT

Parking – to be provided by DOT

Public Open Space – to be provided by PRNS (we have SWA Group landscape architects on the team to augment the open space strategy with additional graphics, etc.)

Housing – to be provided by Housing

Infrastructure – to be provided by ESD.

The consultant scope is attached for your reference.

Would you be able to provide me with a draft tracked changes version of the DSAP (including revisions to graphics) for the transportation sections by Friday 1/31. The next outreach event to present and discuss concept level changes to the DSAP is scheduled for March. We'd like to have materials from Transportation that we can present on poster boards for this round of outreach.

A Word document version of the DSAP is attached.

The CEQA team is starting the DSAP EIR process and has requested information to develop a project description. Below are several questions that will help finalize the DSAP project description for CEQA **(would you be able to provide answers to these questions by Friday 1/24):**

Changes in Transportation Network

- a. Street network and bike/ped network changes (especially beyond those proposed in Downtown West).
- b. How will preferred DISC concept change plan.
- c. Is Autumn Parkway Extension still assumed to occur?
- d. Parking (new location for parking garages?)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jose



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