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To: [Downtown West Project](#)
Subject: Fw: Diridon Outreach update
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Jose - Thanks for the update. Keep 'em comin'. And keep up the good work! :)

Vanessa - Thanks for continuing to work to get these agreements finalized on the City side.

Thanks to all of you for your service to the City & community during these difficult days.

Warmly - Alex

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On May 8, 2020, at 2:36 PM, Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hello all –

*Please disregard the previous email, as it had an incorrect link to the ONLINE SURVEY. This email has the correct link.

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Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jose



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Hello,

It has been another wild few weeks since my last check-in! We are slowly getting clarity about how the emergency mode is affecting staff capacity and Diridon project timelines. Given the circumstances, we are adjusting the target for City Council consideration of Google's Downtown West Mixed-use Plan from end of 2020 to early 2021. For the City-initiated amendments to the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP), the goal is to release a Draft Amended Plan this fall.

We just posted new information and an online survey on the project website and will send along a separate email that explains the materials now available in more detail. We ask that you help us spread the word about the new info and current feedback opportunities through whatever channels you are using and to the extent you have capacity. However, **we will not have staff capacity to plan for or support any virtual or in-person Diridon events through June.** *Alex and Adina – I think this affects your plans the most, so let's chat within the next few days. Everyone else – please let us know if this decision impacts your plans too.*

Also, Jose and the rest of the Diridon Planning team will be taking over the community engagement program when I go out on maternity leave starting next week. Vanessa will be the point for the community partnerships, including getting the agreements through the process and getting checks to you all ASAP. Dave, with the consulting team and copied on this email, is also available to help answer any questions.

The team will check in with you all when they know more about the plan for the next round of outreach and engagement (probably late summer or early fall). To account for the adjusted timeline and maximize flexibility, we will be extending the end date of the grant agreements to end of 2021.

I am disappointed that the circumstances have impacted the exciting plans that we have worked on together, and look forward to resuming the work once I return and things have hopefully settled down! We really appreciate your collaboration and dedication to the San Jose community.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the revised timeline and next steps.

Thanks!
Lori

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