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Hi All,

Sorry for the delay in getting this information to you. We have had a few legislative deadlines to meet this week. Here is a list of your outstanding requests, and the City's responses. I need to run out to catch the bus, but I'll provide the highlighted responses tomorrow:

1. **City to review Land Use Section of ADEIR-1 and identified if additional policies should be highlighted in section.** *Will provide tomorrow.*
2. **City direction on cumulative impact significance for Population and Housing.** *Will provide tomorrow.*
3. **City to provide direction related to identification of compliance with City process as a mitigation measure.**

*Discussed this with public works (PW), and it's acceptable to provide a mitigation measure to comply with LOS policies. Compliance with the policies will be confirmed during building permit review. However, in support of this, PW is expecting a description of existing and proposed infrastructure and connections to the system in the EIR.*

*Related to this, I had the following question that we didn't receive a response to: Is there any analysis planned to determine impacts to existing LOS downstream of the project?*

4. **Shadow confirmation (placement and methodology)**

*Analysis should be provided in the Land Use section under non-CEQA affects. However, it needs to be provided for compliance with General Plan policies. The shade/shadow analysis need only include the parks covered in the [Downtown Strategy 2040 EIR](#). Other parks potentially affected by the project can be discussed briefly at qualitative level.*

*Following is an excerpt from the Land Use and Planning section (section 3.11): “The City identifies significant shade and shadow impacts as occurring when a building or other structure located in the Downtown area substantially reduces natural sunlight on **six major public open spaces (St. James Park, Plaza of Palms, Plaza de Cesar Chavez, Paseo de San Antonio, Guadalupe River Park and McEnery Park)**, measured on winter solstice when the sun is lowest in the sky (December 21st); the spring equinox, when day and night are approximately equal in length (March 21st); and the summer solstice when the sun is at its highest point in the sky (June 21st).”*

*Refer to the [draft SEIR for Museum Place](#) for the level of detail. An SEIR was required to add the shade/shadow analysis, so this is a good reference.*

**5. Cumulative list confirmation.**

*No need to include projects in addition to projects added shortly after the NOP was circulated.*

Thank you,

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