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Dear Ms. Hill,

Please accept my comments on the Notice of Preparation for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project). Below I have outlined some of my concerns in regards to the 2013 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP). I have some misgivings regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts from this project.

While I recognize that this project is in line with meeting the statewide 2020 GHG goals as set forth by AB 32, my concern is the knowledge that “without further reductions, the City’s projected 2035 GHG emissions per service population would exceed the average carbon-efficiency standard necessary to maintain a trajectory to meet statewide 2050 goals as established by Executive Order S-3-05”. The DSAP clearly states that there would be a significant cumulative impact on climate change from the implementation of the 2040 General Plan.

If these knowns exist before beginning a project, isn’t it a better practice to work towards solutions to mitigate them before getting too deep into the plan? In the Notice of Preparation (NOP) announcement, mention was made of designing ways to reduce the number of vehicle trips to the site and organizing worker transport ahead of the project. I’m interested to know what the status is of those goals as I was unable to attend the NOP meeting.

Additionally, I’d like to see some mitigations incorporated such as:

- Work to exceed the City of San Jose's Green Building Ordinance
- Include installation of solar panels on new buildings and over parking areas
- Require installation of cool roofs, green roofs or solar panels on all new building construction
- Incorporate living terraces, balconies and patios in high rise buildings
- Implement the purple-pipe recycled water system for all landscaping & toilet/urinal flushing

I understand you are very busy and I appreciate your time in reading my comment letter. Thank you and I look forward to your response.

With Concern,

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