

**From:** [Hill, Shannon](#)  
**To:** [Pete Choi](#)  
**Cc:** [Keyon, David](#); [Hillary Gitelman](#); [Karl Heisler](#); [Linda S. Peters](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NOP Comments: 1 New  
**Attachments:** [CA Highway Patrol Letter rcvd 112619.pdf](#)  
[NOP Comments List ESA PCBE Review.docx](#)

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Hi Pete,

I revised the list of NOP comments you sent last week. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. My reminder to get back to you got buried over the holiday break.

All comments recorded as being sent to ESA are included on the list except for the letter from the High Speed Rail (HSR) Authority received via snail mail on 11/25, so I added it to the attached list.

Also, I received a letter on 11/26 from the CA Highway Patrol that I neglected to send you, so a scan of that letter is attached, and I added it to your list as well.

The two additions to your list are highlighted in yellow. Let me know if you need me to resend the HSR letter.

Thanks!

Shannon Hill, Planner

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**From:** Pete Choi <PChoi@esassoc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>; Hillary Gitelman <HGitelman@esassoc.com>; Karl Heisler <KHeisler@esassoc.com>; Linda S. Peters <lpeters@esassoc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: NOP Comments: 4th Batch

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Shannon,

After the comments received today here is the current NOP commenters list (I just added Caltrain). There are 33 comment letters, emails and comment sheets from agencies, organizations, and individuals. Let us know if we are missing any. If there are any late comments, we can add them to the list. We are in the process of preparing a high-level summary of the comments, including the from the scoping meeting. Also, we will send the transcript over to you for the City's files.

Thanks

**Pete Choi**

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**From:** Hill, Shannon <[Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 10:24 AM

**To:** Hillary Gitelman <[HGitelman@esassoc.com](mailto:HGitelman@esassoc.com)>; Karl Heisler <[KHeisler@esassoc.com](mailto:KHeisler@esassoc.com)>; Pete Choi <[PChoi@esassoc.com](mailto:PChoi@esassoc.com)>

**Cc:** Keyon, David <[david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** NOP Comments: 4th Batch

Good morning,

Of course the bulk of the NOP comments came on Friday. The remaining comments are in the attached zip file.

Thanks!

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November 18, 2019

File No.: 340.14534.19065.19-298e

RE: SCH 2019080493

State Clearing House  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is in response to the Notice of Preparation for SCH 2019080493, the Google Downtown West Mixed Use Plan in San Jose, California.

The San Jose Area of the California Highway Patrol has reviewed the Notice of Preparation prepared by the City of San Jose. The San Jose CHP has concerns that this project will negatively impact the smooth flow of traffic on SR-87, which already exceeds its capacity during commute times. This increased congestion will lead to increased, or delayed, response times to emergencies on SR-87, as well as the surrounding surface streets, businesses, and residences. Furthermore, as SR-87 is a primary connector to downtown San Jose from US-101 and I-280, the increased traffic on SR-87 from this project could potentially lead to reduced speeds and increased traffic on those highways as well.

The San Jose Area would recommend that any future studies include SR-87 in the environmental traffic studies and how this project will impact traffic on that highway, the surrounding highways, and how those effects could be mitigated.

If you need any further assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.K. Reardon".

J.K. REARDON, Captain  
Commander



**M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: November 18, 2019

To: San Jose Area (340)

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
*Special Projects Section*


File No.: 063.A17617.A14585.Nop.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE  
SCH# 2019080493

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Preparation" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Due to the project's geographical proximity to the San Jose Area, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be mailed directly to the lead agency, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse at 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121, Sacramento, CA 95814. Your written comments must be received by the lead agency no later than **November 21, 2019**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of San Jose Area's assessment of the project (including negative reports). Via e-mail, please forward a copy of Area's response to Associate Governmental Program Analyst Mary H. Uhazi, at [muhazi@chp.ca.gov](mailto:muhazi@chp.ca.gov). For questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Uhazi at (916) 843-3370.



F. S. MASON, SSM III  
Commander

Attachments: Checklist  
Project File

cc: Golden Gate Division



# Downtown West Mixed Use Plan (File Nos. GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029)

## Summary

**SCH Number** 2019080493  
**Lead Agency** San Jose, City of (*City of San Jose*)  
**Document Title** Downtown West Mixed Use Plan (File Nos. GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029)  
**Document Type** NOP - Notice of Preparation  
**Received** 10/23/2019  
**Project Applicant** Google LLC  
**Present Land Use** Zoning: Industrial (Light & Heavy), Industrial Park, Commercial (Neighborhood and General), Downtown, Combined Industrial/Commercial, Planned development, and Public. General Plan: Downtown; Commercial Downtown; Combined Industrial/Commercial; Transit Employment Center; Opened Space, Parklands, and Habitat; Public/Quasi-Public.

**Document Description** General Plan Amendment, Planned Development Rezoning, and Planned Development Permit for the development of up to 5,900 residential units; up to 7,300,000 gross square feet (GSF) of office space; up to 500,000 GSF of active uses such as retail, cultural, arts, etc.; up to 300 hotel rooms; up to 800 rooms of limited-term corporate accommodations; an approximately 100,000 GSF event center; up to two central utilities plants totaling approximately 115,000 GSF; and a logistics warehouse(s) of approximately 100,000 GSF; all on approximately 84 acres. The proposal also includes conceptual infrastructure, transportation, and public open space plans.

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## Location

**Coordinates** 37°19'54"N 121°54'4"W  
**Cities**   
**Counties**   
**Cross Streets** W Santa Clara Street and S Montgomery Street  
**Zip** 95110  
**Total Acres** 84  
**Parcel #** Multiple (attached)  
**State Highways** SR-87, I-280, I-880  
**Railways** Caltrain, ACE, VTA, BART  
**Airports** San Jose International Airport  
**Schools** Multiple (attached)  
**Waterways** Los Gatos Creek, Guadalupe River

11-21

11/14

## Notice of Completion

Review Period Start 10/23/2019

Review Period End 11/21/2019

Development Type Residential (5900 Units) Office (7.3 M Sq. Ft.) Commercial (500,000 Sq. Ft.) Recreational (15 acres open space)  
Power (Central Util. Plant) Other (Hotel - 300 rooms; Event Ctr. - 100K sq. ft., corporate housing;)

Local Action General Plan Amendment Master Plan Planned Unit Development Rezone Subdivision

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual Air Quality Archaeologic-Historic Biological Resources Greenhouse Gas Emissions Noise  
Population/Housing Balance Public Services Recreation/Parks Schools/Universities Sewer Capacity  
Toxic/Hazardous Traffic/Circulation Water Quality Land Use Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies California Air Resources Board California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bay Delta Region 3  
California Department of Housing and Community Development California Department of Parks and Recreation  
California Department of Transportation, District 4 California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services California Highway Patrol California Natural Resources Agency  
California Public Utilities Commission California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region 2  
California State Lands Commission Department of Toxic Substances Control Office of Historic Preservation  
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality California Native American Heritage Commission

## Attachments

### Environmental Document

Letter PDF 226 K PDC19-039-et-al\_Downtown-West\_NOP\_WEB PDF 12727 K

### NOC

NOC PDF 1411 K

### State Comments

2019080493\_MAH\_C\_NOP Downtown West Mixed Use Plan (File Nos) PDF 239 K

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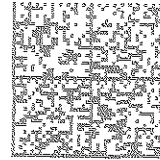
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST  
FOR AREA/SECTION**


Reference: General Order 41.2

	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
<b>Responses</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, <b>Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.</b>	Page 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the State Clearinghouse at 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121, Sacramento, CA 95814, or the lead agency as deemed appropriate, no later than the designated due date. Provide a copy to Special Projects Section (SPS) via electronic mail (e-mail).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project. After mailing your comments to the SCH or lead agency, send a scanned copy via e-mail to SPS.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via e-mail, please respond "no impact to _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	

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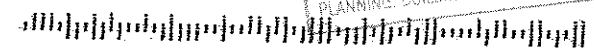


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## **Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan NOP Comments**

11/7/19 Scoping Meeting Comments (Transcript)

### **Individuals**

1. Gayle Frank – 11/7/19 (scoping meeting comment sheet)
2. Sheryl Ehrman – 11/7/19 (scoping meeting comment sheet)
3. Adriana Garcia – 11/7/19 (scoping meeting comment sheet)
4. Marcia Cohen Zakai – 11/9/19 (email)
5. Heidi Giancola – 11/13/19 (SJSU student; email)
6. Annette McMillan – 11/13/19 (SJSU student; email)
7. Tracy Nguyen – 11/13/19 (SJSU student; email)
8. Jared Mills – 11/21/19 (email)
9. Donna Wallach – 11/21/19 (email)
10. Roland Lebrun – 11/22/19 (letter)
11. Jean Dresden – 11/22/19 (letter)
12. Tessa Woodmansee – 11/22/19 (email)

### **Agencies**

13. Native American Heritage Commission – 11/1/19 (form letter)
14. County of Santa Clara, Parks and Recreation – 10/29/19 (letter)
15. County of Santa Clara, Roads and Airports – 11/19/19 (letter)
16. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority – 11/22/19 (letter)
17. Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) – 11/22/19 (email)
18. City of Santa Clara – 11/22/19 (letter)
19. California Department of Transportation – 11/22/19 (letter)
20. Bay Area Air Quality Management District – 11/22/19 (letter)
21. Caltrain – 11/22/19 (letter)
22. CA Highway Patrol – 11/18 (letter)
23. CA High Speed Rail Authority – 11/22 (letter)

### **Organizations**

24. Pacific Gas and Electric – 10/23/19 (form letter)
25. Plant 51 Homeowners Association – 11/21/19 (letter)
26. The Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter – 11/22/19 (letter)
27. Shasta / Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association – 11/22/19 (letter)
28. SAP Center at San Jose – 11/22/19 (letter)
29. Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society – 11/22/19 (letter)
30. Preservation Action Council of San Jose – 11/22/19 (letter)
31. Silicon Valley De-Bug, Affordable Housing Network, & South Bay Community Trust – 11/22/19 (letter)
32. Law Foundation of Silicon Valley – 11/22/19 (letter)
33. Guadalupe River Park Conservancy – 11/22/19 (letter)
34. Diridon Area Neighborhood Group – 11/22/19 (letter)

35. Citizens for Environmental and Economic Justice – 11/22/19 (letter)