

From: [Hart, Jared](#)
To: [Hill, Shannon](#)
Cc: [Keyon, David](#); [Tu, John](#); [Ruano, Jose](#); [Han, James](#); [Downtown West Project](#); [Pham, Kieulan](#)
Subject: RE: General Plan Amendment Question
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:58:55 PM

Hi Shannon –

Yes, we are planning on taking this change during the Annual Review. You can keep the text highlighted below.

Thanks,

Jared

From: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
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Subject: RE: General Plan Amendment Question

Hi Jared,

I see that Kieulan is out of the office until 10/1. We are trying to finalize revisions made to the Screencheck EIR in response to City comments by COB tomorrow. Do you know if the City-initiated General Plan text amendment to update the Midtown Specific Plan to reflect the boundary changes/clarifications made in 2017 will be made during the GP Annual Review?

It would be great if you could confirm that the following text can remain in the EIR:

“In 2017, the City amended the General Plan to modify the boundary of the Midtown Specific Plan to eliminate the overlap between the Midtown Specific Plan boundary and the Diridon Station Area Plan (GP17-011/GPT17-005; approved November 28, 2017). The General Plan amendment shifted the eastern boundary of the Midtown Specific Plan between West San Carlos and West Santa Clara Streets westward to the Caltrain tracks such that all properties within the Diridon Station Area Plan are located within its boundary and not within the Midtown Specific Plan. **Prior to the project sponsor obtaining project approvals, the City anticipates processing conforming amendments to the Midtown Specific Plan to align the boundary shown in the Midtown Specific Plan with the General Plan.**”

Thanks!

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From: Pham, Kieulan
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Subject: Re: General Plan Amendment Question

Hi Shannon,
That should be fine, Jared and I will chat next week.

Best,
Kieulan Pham
City of San José - General Plan/Data Analytics

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Great, thanks Kieulan!

FYI, public circulation of the EIR is scheduled for 10/7, and all changes need to be finalized by 9/30. Will it be possible to obtain a definitive answer before 9/30, so we can adjust as necessary?

Thanks!

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Cc: Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: General Plan Amendment Question

Sounds good to me. This is a small text amendment, we can look into doing it with the Annual Review.

Thanks,
Kieulan Pham
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Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:10 PM
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Adding Kieulan.

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Ha! I like it, the Quad J's. So it sounds like Google is anticipating that we will do a City-initiated General Plan text amendment to update the Midtown Specific Plan itself to reflect the boundary changes/clarifications we made in 2017. It should be a fairly minor update to the Midtown Specific Plan. The plan is from 1992, which might make it tricky to edit the document itself, but we can figure something out. I've copied Kieulan on the email. We'll discuss if this is something that can be included in our upcoming GP Annual Review.

Jared

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Haha! Thanks John.

From: Tu, John
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Shannon,

Might have to be Quad J's, Jared might be your best source for this unless Jose can answer it.

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Subject: DTW: General Plan Amendment Question

Hi Triple J,

Please refer to the text in Karl's email below. Does this align with your understanding of proposed Amendments? Please confirm.

If the description is not consistent with your understanding, we may need to have a follow up meeting because this footnote is proposed to be included in the EIR project description.

Thanks!

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Subject: Footnote

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For John Tu/James Han review.

In 2017, the City amended the General Plan to modify the boundary of the Midtown Specific Plan to

eliminate the overlap between the Midtown Specific Plan boundary and the Diridon Station Area Plan (GP17-011/GPT17-005; approved November 28, 2017). The General Plan amendment shifted the eastern boundary of the Midtown Specific Plan between West San Carlos and West Santa Clara Streets westward to the Caltrain tracks such that all properties within the Diridon Station Area Plan are located within its boundary and not within the Midtown Specific Plan. Prior to the project sponsor obtaining project approvals, the City anticipates processing conforming amendments to the Midtown Specific Plan to align the boundary shown in the Midtown Specific Plan with the General Plan.

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