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I will monitor email during this time.

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Subject: RE: Diridon Engagement - summary of questions

Hi all,

Vanessa put together this summary of questions we have received over the last few months related to Diridon projects. Wanted you to have it as a resource as we are preparing for fall engagement, so we can proactively address questions when possible.

Thanks!
Lori

Questions related to housing
Who can be held accountable if the housing is not affordable?
It's easy to use the phrase "affordable housing", but what deems the housing as affordable vs catering the new residents, like Googlers?
Will any of the housing be for low income use?
Why is it that you nly have anywhere fomr 11% to 25% affordable housing. A person making 100,000.00 is able to fit into affordable housing because wages are extreme. Yet the real people who need low cost housing make \$17.00 per hour and will NEVER get apartments to live in away from relatives or sharing a place with several other low income workers.
How much low income is included? I'm really interested in senior housing.
If I'm understanding the google resident numbers is 5,900 of their employees and 12,900 is for other, then 3225 is deemed affordable. Hopefully, affordable means low income and/or subsidized housing?
Are you thinking people will live and work in DSAP area? Not!!! Because I see huge traffic jams!!
Push housing to Willow Glen or Cambrian or North San Jose. Why ruin it for long time residents? Bring back grocery stores - especially near San Jose State University. Let's think about all of downtown.
how high is appropriate in single family neighborhoods? Need plannng to consider that
How is the potential housing fund going to work with other exisitng housing policies?
How do we ensure people who need the resources the most and aren't participating in the outrech get heard about these important topics?
How do we get to 25% affordable housing?
How do you prioritize funding to different type of addordable housing?

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Questions related to transportation
What is the eastern boundary of the plan?
Is there any expansion to the Diridon Station?
Will the station include a high-speed train?
Is google planning to include an expansion as well? Such as housing?
Are there any estimates of traffic vitality in 2020?
How are we going to be getting around? Is there information from other cities on whether mopeds? How do you envision that working in San Jose?
Since VTA reduced and eliminate a lot of service hours, how about coming up with options to help the riders to get home?
Is there a way to alleviate the already traffic congested areas?
Can we avoid having the same traffic problems from San Fernando on Santa Clara?
What can be done to make the city a more walkable area?
What are the appropriate heights for single family home neighborhoods?
Will Caltrain Survive with all the changes going on around the Diridon Station?
What are the plans for safety measure improvements around biking and driving?
Are there plans to increase funding around pedestrian trail shapes?
What are the guidelines that will be set if mopeds become a thing in Downtown?
How can we minimize car use and optimize public transportation?

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Questions related to parks and open space?
Is there a ballpark to how many acres are going to be put into open space?
Are greenways going to be included into the planned 17 acres of open space?
How much additional housing is going to be included in the Diridon area? (in reference to park space)
Are on street trails going to be counted as park space?
Is the city's park department content with the number of acres dedicated to open space?
Concerned with how the 17 acres of open space will be used. Is the Berberian corridor included in that plan?
Can we prioritize the open space plans where people actually need it such as close to neighborhoods instead of where it fits?
What will the City do to ensure that the open space provided by Google will be accessible to the public?
What are the plans for open space? Will different varieties of trails and recreational usage?
Are the plans for using open space for gardening puposes that will help with food security?
Are there plans to incoorporating more green bicycle lanes?
What is the city doing to prevent segregation with the plans for new open space?
What are the plans with social distancing in open space areas given the COVID-19 circumstances?
What is the city doing to prevent segregation with the plans for new open space?
What will the city do to ensure the new spaces will be eco healthy?

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Questioning relate to building heights
Want more insight behind the strategy of the polls of what people will want for building heights?
will the exisiting neighborhoods with 20ft height limits be affected?
What are the plans for single family housing?
In what ways will increasing building heights imporv the downtown SJ area?
Will the new height limits be used to add commercial use recidents will actually put to use?
Who is designing San Jose's future? The city, or Google?
How will sunlight and the airport be affected with the new height limitations?
How can we provide more green space without affecting the already existing neighborhoods?
Is there a way to expand the city without drastically changing the historic areas?
How can we ensure we are tailoring the new spaces to the needs of the residents, such as job opportunities and community centers?
What are the plans to maximize the use of the new commercial use that will come with the heights?
How will the collected input of what people want with the building heights be incoorporated into the plans?
What are the safety concerns the city will face with adding new height extensions?
Will new parking structures with higher floor limits be incoorporated?

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