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**Subject:** Diridon online feedback forms

Hi team,

See attached online feedback form submissions to date. I'll plan to send out weekly or so.

Thanks,  
Lori

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## What questions do you have

None

Will the Diridon station be restored? or town down?

None

What exactly are the future plans for parks in the area? The city struggles heavily to maintain what it has now?

## What resonates with you the most

I'm glad to see a focus on arts and active uses, as well as transit improvements.

Also nice to see some new quality active transportation as well.

That Diridon Station will be a gateway into downtown.

Glad to see the public spaces and mixed uses.

The short sightedness of this whole project. Are we really selling the city to Google in the midst of all the antitrust allegations? Regardless of whether they are found criminally responsible or not, they will forever be morally responsible! Come on SJ... you can do better!!!

What needs improvement	Additional Comments	Zip Code	Age
<p>The plan needs stricter anti-displacement measures. While I'm happy to see the report acknowledge the need, I saw no sign of any form of eviction protections or rent controls for residents who face the threat of being priced out due to the new investments.</p>			
<p>Also, while I like the new focus on transit, I feel the plan still prioritizes parking a little too much, especially given the City's climate concerns and the fact that Diridon is set to become one of the largest transit hubs in the nation.</p>			
<p>Finally, the housing element should be greater. Dense, transit oriented housing is certainly financially feasible for the City, and if the amount of housing created doesn't meet the new jobs that DSAP will bring, we will be digging ourselves deeper in our housing crisis.</p>	<p>Turn San Carlos Bus Priority into dedicated public service lanes.</p>	<p>95129</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>An appreciation for history and historic buildings that are in the area under consideration. Will any be restored? or moved to the history site in SJ?</p>	<p>I love the historic Diridon train station. I hope any plans will include keeping it and renovating as necessary, and not tearing it down. I'm thinking of the historic Sacramento station and how lovely that is. And Penn Station in NYC. I'm sure there are many more but the historic quality of the building brings character and connections with the historical San Jose that should be kept and not torn down. St. Joseph's Cathedral is a good example of how restoring a beautiful building adds to the quality and character of downtown.</p>	<p>95112</p>	<p>76</p>
<p>Displacement protections could be strengthened with a Tenant Right to Purchase provision. San Carlos Street should have public service lanes. Parking minimums should be eliminated; just keep parking maximums. More housing would be great too, maybe increase the FAR for those parcels.</p>	<p>Instead of realigning the VTA tracks through the DSAP, maybe plan for investments in VTA operations which are about to get severely cut.</p>	<p>95113</p>	<p>24</p>



The entire plan! There is very little reason to visit Downtown as a destination, this will not help that!

The Diridon Station Plan WILL cost the city a fortune!! Can anyone name any joint venture that has not costed the city a fortune? That's of the city will just pay off their debts by laying off employees then spending millions trying to figure out how to hire them back!

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## What questions do you have

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With all this money the city is getting why are you not dealing with the homeless problem?

Only concern to me is increase of traffic on Bird Ave traveling South. People already use this street as thorough fare or freeway instead of 87 to get from 280 headed South. I live on Bird before Willow and when Lincoln Ave was reduced to two lanes traffic on Bird increased by at least double. I like the Google Village plan and look forward to the improvements it will make to our City and Diridon. Are you limiting car parking to prevent increase in vehicle traffic in the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. Bird should not assume additional traffic burden on a street that is already over used, negatively impacted by the reduction to Lincoln Ave, particularly during commute hours.

Why do we continue to build so many business offices and they sit EMPTY year after year? How many of the employees will only work from home isn;t it time to rethink work places and make home offices the key!

How will San Jose handle the increased burden on traffic infrastructure with the new Google campus?

Is it possible to ask Google to connect the Guadalupe creek trail and the bicycle trail they are planning in their area? I couldn't tell from the map if they were connected. That could greatly decrease the traffic on the street because if the trails are connected (so there is no street bicycle riding necessary -- other than perhaps crossing a street at a signal every few miles); it would connect more areas by bicycle.

Do you have specific building designs? Specifically the tallest ones?

Why has Google decided to go with 4,000 homes compared to the possible 5,900? We happen to be in a housing crisis with the need to mitigate Climate Change. Homes near transit and jobs helps with both these issues.

Would it be possible for the district to provide VTA Smart Passes to all the residents and workers as part of the development plan? The area is transit rich and there is a steep discount built into buying large amounts of transit passes. Why would the city allow so much housing on prime job creation lands? Why the rush to meet the special interest groups demands on housing?

This will be a beautiful site and improvement for San Jose. How will the homeless be kept out of that area? When we look at the investment that has been made by Apple in Cupertino, we have pride in this development. However, the homeless lined up on the sidewalks along side of Wolfe Road ruin this enhancement to our community. Hope this doesn't happen to the Google Campus downtown.

It looks like there are areas that Google is no longer planning for in front of the station. What are the plans for this area?

I will be happy to see all the new parks and open space. My question: who will be responsible for upkeep, repairs, and enforcing of regulations? If it is left to the city, the new open space will quickly deteriorate and look just like Guadalupe trail. The city doesn't have the money to maintain more infrastructure.

Can there be some kind of private / public partnership, so that there is more money for the long haul?

Currently our freeways such as, 101, 280, 680, 17, 237, 85 and 87 are lined with weeds, litter, garbage, trash, plastics, 5 gallon buckets of who know what's in them and dead animal carcasses that don't get removed. I have taken over 1,000 photos showing all of it. Not only is it blight to our eyes, but it makes Silicon Valley look like a underdeveloped country. But it does not stop there, soon the rains will come washing all that toxic pollution into the storm drains that empty into our creeks, rivers and bay including the Los Gatos creek within your project. These rains will create an environmental disaster in our sensitive Bay Area.

I am currently working on a You Tube video that shows this unacceptable problem along with narration.

It is a take on Diane Warwicks hit song "Do you know the way to San Jose"?..... just follow the trash and you will be getting close!

I've also added another twist, Do you know the way to Apple, Google, Netflix, eBay, and Facebook?..... just follow the trash and you will be getting closer!

I had to do this to relive the stress and anger I have looking at our historic roads being trashed and leaving the waste to pollute us

Since following trash on the freeway is one way to find your current Google Headquarters. Will this also be the way to find your new Google Downtown Project? or are you going to develop a plan so the roads and freeways that lead to your Google Village will be kept clean and landscaped?

What will you do about keeping people and animal habitat safe in your village when the Los Gatos Creek is polluted with this trash and toxic waste?.....and do you have a plan to keep the Los Gatos creek free of trash and pollutants along with landscaping?

It is my understanding the graffiti that currently lines our freeways, signs and overpasses represent gangs involved in hate crimes, racism, sex trafficking and drugs. When this graffiti makes its way in and around your village,....Will you just leave the graffiti like we currently do, or do you have a plan to deal with it?

Concern 2

In your cultural plans are you going to give the native Ohlone people who's land your building on, their rightful due?.....Perhaps creating an Ohlone museum with library, a garden space, sculptures and Ohlone cultural events along with creating job programs and opportunities. Also, you could use their language words to identify walkways and spaces. The most important thing to know about San Jose is the land the city is built on belongs to the Ohlone's. I hope you honor and support financially our native Ohlone people who are the rightful owners of this land.

Concern 3

Since you will be consuming the Poor House Bistro location, do you have a plan to carry on this important cultural music treasure of San Jose by honoring Black American roots Blues music that brings all people together to dance, sing and

Who will you be hiring to design the public land use and commercial non-office space? I've seen many new small commercial developments and the problem is that they feel extremely sterile. how will you enable local businesses to take hold? will you keep large chains out of the commercial space? can you bring the immigrant and multicultural soul to SJ? can you allow small experimentation with small business, nonprofits, and community groups to come in?

### **What resonates with you the most**

Really hope this passes. We could use a development like this!!  
Getting help for the homeless and cleaning up all the trash in our city. Grow a backbone.

Like the green space, bike and walking paths and emphasis on mass transit.

TOO MUCH HEIGHT too much space with concrete  
We are big fans of this project. Big tech should move out of Palo Alto and Mountain View and into San Jose. San Jose takes on all the burden of housing and services but doesn't get any tax benefits of company campuses. This will also help reduce traffic on 101.

The multi-use throughout and sharing the auditorium with the community  
Integrating with the city outside "Building a place of San Jose", reliance and investment in public transportation. Building more desperately needed housing. Finally "nature and transit".

The design guidelines are very comprehensive and well-thought-out. The emphasis on the connecting trails and sustainable forms of transportation is exactly what is needed.

This brings much needed jobs, and tax base to the city.

The enhancement to downtown San Jose and the location close to the train station makes so much sense.

Awesome mix of different stuff. Great downtown.

n/a

Concerns 1,2 and 3

the idea of making the space inclusive and feeling truly like san jose. we are tired of sterile new builds that feel like a new dystopian hell.



## What needs improvement

Love all the green space and multi use spaces. It looks amazing!!!

The homeless problem, trash everywhere, and lack of funding for social workers to deal with the homeless and police departments actively addressing the

Plans and studies to understand impact of vehicle traffic into/out of and in surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Too many empty spaces for lease and rent year after year after year. Not enough housing and horrible transportation schedules with them getting CUT BACK again!!!

General concerns around traffic. 101/87/880 is already very congested and this will make it significantly worse, much less city streets close to downtown.

More expenses covered by Google and less by our taxes.

Can we get more investment in linking guadeloupe and Los Gatos trails, give better access from LG creek trail to Diridon (grade separated)

The amount of parking seems high for this area and a forward-looking project of this type.

Would like to see Google look at helping to fund Guadalupe trail improvements to North San Jose where it has only developments. This would help e-bikes to be the quickest and most convenient mode between campuses and also offer benefits to the community.

Move housing further away from the station so the station doesn't become a commuter hub for job centers to the north.

N/A

How it all feeds into the existing downtown. Is it just going to be cut off by 87?

n/a

- \*We must manage our waste before the Bay Area becomes a toxic wasteland from the trash on our freeways. Please support this.
- \*Honoring and supporting our Ohlone native people. Please commit to this.
- \*More Live Blues music. Please honor the Poor House Bistro with this.

how can google encourage

## Additional Comments

People are not going to care for our city if you don't care about it yourself.

Great job getting Google to come to San Jose! This will help revitalize the downtown and is the kind of excitement that the city needs.

That's all that comes to mind at this time. I am concerned about the many years of construction and the traffic flows, that's why connecting the trails and the light rail before full construction is crucial.

I think this is a great project

I believe that the office space next to Diridon Station will be hugely beneficial to the area and San Jose. But I think Google should work to build the maximum amount of housing in this transit and job rich area.

This is a great project that will bring much needed jobs and tax base to the city. San Jose more than carries its weight on the housing front. Any additional housing units should be placed as far away from the station as possible or the city risks its huge infrastructure investments only serving job centers to the

n/a

Good Luck with your project and Thank You for choosing Downtown San Jose!