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**Subject:** Downtown West Mixed Use Plan Draft EIR - COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO 12/8/20  
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To Whom it May Concern:

In response to requests received to extend the public comment period for the Downtown West Mixed Use Plan Draft EIR, the City is extending the public comment period from Monday, November 23, 2020 to **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) OF  
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE  
DOWNTOWN WEST MIXED USE PLAN (GOOGLE PROJECT)**

**\*COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 at 5:00  
P.M.\***

**Project Description:** General Plan Amendment, Planned Development Rezoning, Planned Development Permit, Vesting Tentative Map, Development Agreement and other land use related approvals 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; up to two event and conference centers totaling up to 100,000 GSF; up to two central utility plants totaling approximately 130,000 GSF; logistics/warehouse(s) totaling approximately 100,000 GSF; and approximately 15 acres of open space, all on approximately 81 acres. The project also proposes infrastructure, transportation, and public realm improvements. For more information on the project, please see [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject).

**Location:** The Project site is generally bounded by Lenzen Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the north; North Montgomery Street, Los Gatos Creek, the Guadalupe River, South Autumn Street, and Royal Avenue to the east; Auzerais Avenue to the south; and Diridon Station and the Caltrain rail line to the west. The project also includes the area bounded by Los Gatos Creek to the west, West San Fernando Street to the south, the Guadalupe River to the east, and West Santa Clara Street to the north.

**Council Districts:** 3 and 6

**File Nos.:** GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029

The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects on or related to air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geologic hazards, paleontological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise and vibration, population and housing, recreation, transportation, and utilities and service systems. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. The project site includes properties on lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to sites with hazardous waste.

**Document Availability:** Links to the Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of San José's website for the project at [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject).

**Due to the County of Santa Clara’s continuing Shelter-in-Place order to prevent the spread of COVID-19,** City Hall and San José Public Library Branches remain closed to the public. Therefore, hard copies of the document are not available for public review at these locations. However, if you wish to receive a hard copy of the Draft EIR, please contact the Environmental Project Manager, Shannon Hill, at [shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov). Please allow time for printing and delivery.

**Public Review Period and How to Submit Comments:** The public review period for this Public Review Draft EIR begins on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 and ends on Monday, November 23, 2020 Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments must be received at the Planning Department by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 Tuesday, December 8, 2020** to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Please submit all comments in one of the following ways:

1. E-mail: Please send e-mails to Shannon Hill, the Environmental Project Manager, at:

[shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov)

2. Via U.S. Postal Service: Please send letters to the following address:

Shannon Hill, Planner III

Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement

200 E. Santa Clara Street, T-3

San Jose, CA. 95113

For the official record, please include your written comment letter and reference **Downtown West**.

*Disclaimer - All comments and questions submitted through email or mail will be posted at <https://downtownwestadminrecord.com>. The City cannot guarantee that any personal identifying information will be removed from public records.*

Following the close of the public review period, the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement will prepare a Final EIR that will include responses to comments received during the review period. In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088(b), the City’s responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review online at the City of San José’s website for the project at [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject) at least ten days prior to certification of the EIR.

**Upcoming Community Meetings and Public Hearings for the Project:** The following are upcoming community meetings and public hearings for the project.

Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG)

Purpose: A regular meeting with the City’s SAAG to discuss an update on the Downtown West Development Agreement and Diridon Station Area Plan documents.

Monday, November 9, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: <https://www.diridonsj.org/general-events/saag-nov-9>

City Council Study Session

Purpose: Opportunity for City Council to become familiar with the Downtown West project and proposed Diridon Station Area Plan Amendment.

Monday, November 16, 2020

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: <https://www.diridonsj.org/general-events/city-council-nov2020>

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Purpose: A presentation by Google to provide information on the Draft Open Space Plan for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Development Project

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: <https://www.diridonsj.org/general-events/prc-nov2020>

#### Planning Commission Study Session

Purpose: A study session on Diridon Station Area Plan Update and Downtown West Mixed Use Project

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: <https://www.diridonsj.org/general-events/pc-dec2020>

#### Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

Purpose: County of Santa Clara ALUC will host this referral hearing for a Determination of Consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Land-Use Plan (CLUP) for the San José International Airport

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Agenda and Meeting Information: <https://www.diridonsj.org/general-events/aluc-dec2020>

No other meetings or public hearings are scheduled for the Downtown West project at this time. Information on future meetings, including Planning Commission and City Council hearings, will be posted to the project website at the following link: [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject). Upcoming meetings on changes to the Diridon Station Area in Fall 2020 can be found at <https://www.diridonsj.org/fall2020>.

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