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**To:** [Sogbesan, Eyitejumade](#)  
**Cc:** [Ko, Felix](#); [Garabetian, Antranig G.](#); [Adams, Gina A.](#); [Downtown West Project](#); [Keyon, David](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CPUC DEIR Comment Letter - Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) File Nos. GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029.  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 4:29:00 PM

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Dear Ade Sogbesan,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project). You will be added to the public notification list for future notices for the project, and your comments will be included as part of the public record forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council. The website for the project is located at the following link: [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject).

The tentative schedule for the project is to go to Planning Commission and City Council in late Spring/early Summer 2021.

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

Best regards,

Shannon Hill, Planner

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**Importance:** High

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Dear Shannon,

Please find attached the California Public Utilities Commission's Rail Crossing Safety Branch's comment letter on the City of San Jose's DEIR for the Google Project in

Downtown San Jose. We appreciate the opportunity to address some of the safety concerns that may be associated with the proposals. Kindly let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Eyitejumade "Ade" Sogbesan  
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**Subject:** Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) - Notice of Availability of Draft EIR  
**Importance:** High

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

**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; Auzerai 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 Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments must be received at the Planning Department by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 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

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For the official record, please include your written comment letter and reference **File Nos. GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029.**

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.

Community Meeting

Purpose: Discuss stakeholder comments and questions on the latest Development Application documents

Monday, October 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/92905636356>

Phone: (408) 638-0968

Meeting ID: 929 0563 6356

Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting

Purpose: Provide feedback on the analysis of historic resources in the Draft EIR

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: TBD (Agendas and Zoom meeting information to be posted on Historic Landmarks Commission website seven days prior to the meeting:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/HLC>)

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 p.m.

Agenda and Zoom Meeting Information: TBD (Agendas and Zoom meeting information to be posted here: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/city-clerk/council-agendas-information/council-agendas>)

No other meetings or public hearings are scheduled 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).

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