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Hi SAAG members,

I hope this email finds you well. As you can imagine, we at the City have had to make a lot of adjustments to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, continue to provide essential services to businesses and residents, and balance family obligations (see the [City's emergency notifications page](#) for more info). While we have had to slow down, work on key planning and development projects is moving forward via telecommuting.

Given the circumstances, we are adjusting the target for City Council consideration of Google's Downtown West Mixed-use Plan from end of 2020 to early 2021. For the City-initiated amendments to the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP), the goal is to release a Draft Amended Plan this fall. We acknowledge, however, that the situation is constantly evolving and that ongoing emergency response or recovery work could further affect these timelines.

The City's commitment to ongoing and extensive community engagement on Diridon projects continues. For outreach this spring, we have had to adjust our mechanisms for sharing information and getting public input, moving towards online tools. **In place of the March 18th SAAG meeting and other planned public events, we have posted three recorded presentations, a Project Status Memo, and other information on the project website here: www.diridonsj.org/spring2020.** The presentations share staff's current thinking on potential DSAP amendments, organized by the following topics:

- Boundary, land use, height limits, and future capacity for new development
- Transportation
- Parks, recreation, and open space

We have prepared an online survey to get your reactions to the preliminary concepts under consideration and your feedback on how to balance trade-offs and get to a mix

of investments that will most benefit the people of San Jose. **Please have one representative from your organization complete this [online survey](#) for the SAAG by May 1st** (password: SAAGDSAP2020).

The same survey is also open to the public using the link on the [Spring 2020 page](#). The survey results will help inform the City's work on the Google project, as well as broader policy changes that would apply to the entire Diridon Station Area. The project team will post online the survey results from the SAAG and public, as well as any comments submitted through the website. **Please use this [flyer](#) or the public email to help us spread awareness of the new information and feedback opportunity.** We plan to post a Spanish version of the survey and flyer shortly as well.

When possible, the City intends to resume a similar engagement process as described in the process [handout](#) from fall 2019, but with shifted milestones reflecting the revised targets. The next regular SAAG meeting on June 17 is still on the calendar, but we may need to cancel, postpone, or shift to a virtual format. We are exploring online tools for other public engagement events as well.

Lastly, I will be going on maternity leave starting next week, and Dave Javid with the consultant team (Plan to Place and Raimi + Associates) will be the main point of contact for the SAAG until I return. Please reach out to him with any questions, and the consultant team will work with City staff to respond as soon as possible.

The team will continue to keep you updated, but please also visit the project website (www.diridonsj.org) for the latest updates.

Thanks!
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