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Hi Team Diridon,

Thank you for everything you've been doing to keep our city safe and with a sense of continued progress during this remarkable time. Everyone is working in new ways, dealing with new issues and challenges, and taking on new and different duties. Your ability to react to the dramatic change and continue to provide steady service is remarkable. Thanks.

I want to provide a summary to everyone involved with the Google/Diridon work of how we're thinking about the implications of the pandemic on the Diridon/Google program. I'm providing you with this summary, in advance of some higher-level communication to the SAAG and public early next week about our delay of Council action until 2021.

As you know, since the fall, we have been working full steam ahead to review the Google project, update the DSAP, and coordinate with the other major projects – with the target of going to City Council for consideration by end of 2020. The City's response to the pandemic and the County mandate for shelter-in-place are requiring that we prioritize emergency work and that we continue to provide essential services (including development services), but that some of our work will understandably slow down.

A slowdown means that we are no longer planning for City Council consideration by end of 2020, but that we will continue our work and continue to treat Diridon-related projects as a high priority relative to other ongoing development projects and plans (listed as an "Essential Service" under the City's Stage 5 plan). It means we are seeking extension of the AB 900 program by the State Legislature beyond December 30, 2020. It means we will reschedule the Council Study Session that was supposed to be April 24 for the second half of this year.

Over the last couple weeks, we have been working with you all to figure out new milestone dates and a prioritized plan to guide work in the coming months. Our current thinking is to shift the goal for City Council consideration of both the Google project and DSAP update by about 3 months (end of March 2021), but this may shift once we know more. Given the extended timeline, I am working with Google to secure additional funding for staff though FY 20/21.

Over the next several months, our collective priorities are:

1. Develop a complete draft project description for the City-initiated DSAP Amendment

- a. Plan to release the Draft Amended Plan for public review and comment in fall 2020
  - b. Advance work on the Draft CEQA document
  - c. Conduct an infrastructure/service needs analysis of projected growth in the DSAP and Downtown to inform the environmental review process and a high-level financing approach
2. Downtown West project
    - a. Focus on the inputs to the Draft EIR, with a new release goal of mid-July
      1. Provide input on the Draft Design Standards and Guidelines
      2. Review the Draft LTA and coordinate on its findings/implications
      3. Advance the District Utility concepts
    - b. Determine the parkland obligation
    - c. Continue the DA negotiations
  3. Continue work on the related studies/plans for the Diridon Area/Downtown:
    - a. Affordable Housing, Parking, and Infrastructure Financing Approach – prepare to release drafts for public review by Fall 2020
    - b. Advance work on the DISC, Downtown Transportation Plan, and Citywide Anti-Displacement Strategies to inform Diridon work
  4. Support the scaled-back, primarily online outreach/engagement process: respond to questions, consider input that comes in, plan for the next round (June-August)

In addition, several members of the Planning team (Tim Rood, Jose Ruano, James Han, and John Tu) are taking over as *lead for the outreach/engagement process and overall program management*, as Lori transitions to maternity leave shortly. They will be responsible for the day-to-day internal coordination and keeping the major projects moving forward in unison. Thanks Tim/Jose/James/John for stepping up into these important roles!

Please let Nanci Klein, Lori Severino, or me know if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about this approach.

Thank you for your continued hard work, sensitivity to each other, and patience during this unprecedented time.

Take good care,

Kim