

From: [Hill, Shannon](#)
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Subject: FW: Diridon Station Area
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 2:16:44 PM

From: Eidlin, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Diridon Station Area

Hi Shannon,

Re. CAHSR, it turns out that their board has not (and will not) formally approve or disapprove the DISC Concept Layout.

You can see how they characterize their participation in the DISC process in this update on DISC from the [CEO Report in February](#):

Update on DISC Station Planning in San Jose

I am pleased to report that we have reached a milestone in the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan process, which is a partnership between us, VTA, Caltrain and the City of San Jose to develop a vision for what the future Diridon station could be. At this point, we are wrapping up the first phase with Concept Layout that includes elevating the tracks, having two concourses at the station, and primarily utilizing the existing rail corridors north and south of the station consistent with the preferred alternatives adopted by this Board. We published this recommendation in November with the other agencies and after additional review, the San Jose City Council voted to accept it earlier this month. While this project is still early in its planning process, these preliminary concepts will be further developed and evaluated as we move onto the next phase of station planning work with our partners this year. We will report back to the Board on this effort as appropriate.

Let me know if you or ESA would like to discuss.

Thanks,

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From: "Yip, Yosef(PB)@HSR" <Yosef.Yip@hsr.ca.gov>
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Subject: RE: **Your boards' adoption of Concept Layout**

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Here's another update on DISC from our [CEO Report in February](#). I also want to clarify, we do not take DISC Layout items to our Board for action.

Yosef

On Jul 10, 2020, at 15:28, Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Great, thanks a bunch Eric! I really appreciate your help, and so will ESA.

Have a great weekend!

Shannon Hill, Planner

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From: Eidlin, Eric <eric.eidlin@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:17 PM
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Here for Caltrain.

Still waiting in CAHSR.

Will follow up with that info.

Best,
Eric

From: Reggiardo, Melissa [<mailto:reggiardom@samtrans.com>]
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Subject: RE: Your boards' adoption of Concept Layout

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Hi Eric,

Here are the minutes from when we sought and received approval regarding Decisions 1 and 2: <https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/Minutes.pdf>

And here are the minutes from when Decision 3 was approved via consent: [https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/\\$!235a.2+-+2020-02-06+JPB+Regular+Meeting+DRAFT+Minutes+-+Copy.pdf](https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/$!235a.2+-+2020-02-06+JPB+Regular+Meeting+DRAFT+Minutes+-+Copy.pdf)

Is this sufficient? Let me know.

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Hill, Shannon
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:29 AM
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Great, thanks Eric!

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Hi Shannon,

Yes, both voted to approve the Concept Layout.

Am tracking down the documentation and will forward shortly.

Best,

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On Jul 9, 2020, at 15:13, Hill, Shannon
<Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hi Eric,

Please refer to the summary from Karl at ESA in the next email below. Do you know if Caltrain or CHSR boards voted to accept/endorse the Concept Layout? If so, do you have documentation of that?

Thanks!

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Thank you. Here is the language we've written up so far:

In April 2020, the California High-Speed Rail Authority published the Draft EIS/EIR (DEIS/R) for that project's San Jose to Merced Project Section. The DEIS/R evaluated four alternatives in addition to a No Project Alternative. Three of the alternatives would entail

construction of elevated tracks through the Diridon Station area and an elevated station. The Authority's Preferred Alternative, Alternative 4, envisions at-grade tracks through the Diridon Station area and an at-grade station. The Preferred Alternative, therefore, would not conform with the preferred Concept Layout that has been developed through the DISC planning process (discussed immediately below). As acknowledged in the DEIS/R, "The ongoing multi-agency Diridon Integrated Station Concept (DISC) planning process is a separate planning process and decisions about future changes to the Diridon station and the surrounding, Caltrain-owned rail infrastructure and corridor are the subject of multiple planning and agreement processes that are proceeding independently from this [High-Speed Rail] environmental process."

Karl F. Heisler

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Hi Karl,

Yes, Lori is still on maternity leave. I will check in with our DOT team to get an answer for you on whether or not Caltrain or CHSR boards voted to accept/endorse the Concept Layout and will send additional documentation from DOT on the "Concept Layout" because if I remember correctly, it is not at-grade.

Best,

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Shannon: Do you know if Lori Severino is on maternity leave? I have some questions about the DISC process and I was going to ask her, but I think she might be out. This stems from the fact that we are trying to include a brief summary of the High-Speed Rail Authority's recently published EIS/EIR for the San Jose to Merced section. From what I can understand, the Preferred Alternative is at-grade through the Diridon Station area. However, the DISC website states, "In February, the San Jose City Council, Caltrain Board, and High-Speed Rail Authority Board accepted the staff-recommended Concept Layout." I can confirm that the City Council endorsed the Concept Layout (and that the VTA board did so in June). However, I don't find any evidence that either the Caltrain or CHSR boards voted to accept/endorse the Concept Layout.

Thanks.

Karl F. Heisler

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