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Importance: High

Hi Project Managers,

I have completed the draft SAAG slides, but need your help to review and refine the “What we heard” and “what we are doing with the input” sections. I put the text into the attached Word to make review easier.

- For the “What we heard” – let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or preferences for other things to highlight on these slides.
- For the “What we are doing...” section at the end – please verify the accuracy and suggest anything more specific if possible. Was there something you are doing that was influenced by input we received last fall – those make great anecdotes!
- Also, I do not yet love the flow or format, so suggestions on that are welcome. (I’d like to convert this document to a matrix that we can post online before the next outreach round but for now, we just need to hit on the big things.)

Tim and I will speak to these slides, so the more specific context you can provide to us the better. I want this presentation to reflect the truly interdepartmental/team-oriented work that it is!

I hate to rush this, but **I need your response by the end of Tuesday, so the directors can give a final look.** Please at least let me know that you scanned the document and don’t have any major comments, if that’s the case.

Thanks!!!
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WHAT WE HEARD SLIDES organized by project/topic

Google Project

- Desire for more information on Google's proposal
 - Housing types, affordability, rental v. for-sale?
 - "Limited term corporate accommodations"?
 - What specifically is envisioned for the active/retail/cultural spaces?
 - Specific plans for parking, construction phasing, and parks/open space?
 - Effects on and integration with the surrounding neighborhoods?
 - Relationship with the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan process?
 - Detailed building designs?
- The interface with station needs more of a "wow" factor
- Make sure there is sufficient open space that is usable for active and passive recreation (beyond riparian corridor)
- Highlight green infrastructure/sustainability efforts
- Environmental scoping issues:
 - Economic and social effects
 - Emergency vehicle access
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - Historic and biological resource impacts (especially riparian corridor)

DSAP Update

- Suggestions to expand study area boundaries to the south, east, or west
- Concerns with the potential effects of increased height limits on shadows, neighborhood ambiance, historic resources, creeks, and public spaces
- Desire for other development to be held to same high standards as the Google Project
- What is the anticipated development capacity for rest of the Diridon Station Area? (outside of Google)
- What are the projected community needs from the increased population?

Parks and Public Space (in addition to those noted already for the Google project)

- Address issues with homeless people along the creeks
- Elevate Guadalupe River Park so it can be a focal point and green spine connector

- Add the Guadalupe River Park Master Plan to the study area
- Include trails on both sides, activation, and connectivity

DISC

- General support for staff's recommendations to move forward with elevated platforms and two concourses
- Concerns about adding tracks and trains to the existing corridor and effects on property, parks, church, and neighborhood in general; desire for viaduct along I-280/SR-87
 - Concerns about potential impacts to Tamien area from the viaduct option
- Top priorities to address in next phases of the Concept Plan:
 - Treatment of the historic depot building
 - Southern corridor enhancements
 - Effect on neighborhoods to the west of the tracks from bike/ped connection along San Fernando and station project in general
 - BART connection
 - Kit of Parts (access to the station by foot, bike, light rail, and bus; airport connector)
 - Parking
 - Plazas, public spaces, retail within the station
 - Potential for public utility shutdowns
 - Cost estimates, financing, implementation, and timeline

Other Transportation – in addition to Google/DISC

- Ped/bike safety
- Parking:
 - Balancing current demands with future goals
 - Neighborhood and Arena effects
- Suggestion to move planning boundaries to the west to include the Cahill area and south to I-280
- Traffic concerns

Housing

- Recognition of trade-offs; desire for balance

- Bold approach; model for inclusive development
- Develop strategies to get biggest bang for buck and leverage resources
- Build both affordable housing that is integrated with market-rate and in standalone buildings
- Consider the range of affordability + overall number of units
- Avoid overconcentration of BMR units Downtown
- Consider strategy for housing at all connected transit stations
- Displacement concerns (including effects on school enrollment)
- More outreach to people concerned about displacement (e.g., Spanish-speaking community)
- Housing for all (i.e., seniors, teachers, families, youth, undocumented residents, etc.)
- Ideas for large employers and developers to fund more housing construction and programs
- Homelessness

Other Questions

- How can the public and SAAG participate in the community benefit process?
- What is going to happen to the historic train station?
- How is the City addressing the potential for small business displacement?
- What is the relationship between the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) and the Google project with respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?
- What is the effect of the Surplus Lands Act case on the Diridon area?

What we are Doing with the Input

Generic:

- Requested additional information from Google and working with them to address comments through development and environmental review process
- Considering the comments while preparing the project description for the DSAP Amendments and other areawide plans/studies
- Updating the information on website and FAQs and preparing materials for next outreach round to respond to common questions and comments

More specific:

- Making sure to address “edge effects” outside official study area boundaries
- Analyzing potential development capacity increases and considering concerns to make recommendations for the DSAP (March)

- Analyzing infrastructure and public service needs from population growth (both CEQA documents)
- Considering comments on parks, open space, and trails to update the DSAP sections on these public spaces
- Prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle safety in plans and project review
- Studying parking and developing policies to balance current and future demands
- Analyzing traffic through Google development review process
- Developing and analyzing potential scenarios for affordable housing construction, preservation, and resident protection for the Diridon area
- Coordinating with citywide anti-displacement strategies and other policy efforts to support affordable housing, address homelessness, and help protect small businesses
- Pursuing new ways to engage residents and small businesses
- Working towards a Commercial Linkage Fee