Hello Community Members,

We have several updates on the Diridon Station Area:

- Google submitted their application to the City earlier this month, initiating the formal development review process. The application for the "Downtown West Mixed-use Plan" and related information is available here: <u>http://www.sanjoseca.gov/GoogleProject</u>.
- In addition to reviewing Google's development proposal, the City is beginning the process to amend the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) and prepare areawide studies related to parking and affordable housing. We have prepared this <u>Draft Community Engagement Strategy</u> to cover the comprehensive planning process over the next year. Note that we are planning for four rounds of outreach, beginning with a round this fall, with the next round occurring next spring.
- This fall, the primary purpose of the City's outreach is to share information about the planning process and begin to get reactions to the concepts under consideration building upon all of the public input gathered last year. The City is hosting two Community Meetings and three small group discussions with the Station Area Advisory Group this fall. As shown on this <u>flyer</u>, the Community Meetings will be on Monday, **November 18**, 6:00 PM, at the Leininger Community Center, and Saturday, **December 7**, 10:00 AM at the Gardner Community Center. Visit the City's <u>DSAP/Google webpage</u> for more info on the other engagement activities.
- In addition to these events, the City is hosting two public meetings specific to the <u>Google project</u>: an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping meeting on Thursday, November 7, 7:00 PM at the City Hall Wing Rooms 118-120, and a Development Application Community Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 5:30 at MLK Library, Room 225. The City is accepting comments on the scope of the Google Project EIR until 5 p.m. on Friday, November 22 (see the Notice of Preparation for more information).
- To expand our outreach capacity, the Diridon project team is offering small grants to nonprofits, community groups, and neighborhood associations. The application is available here: <u>https://www.diridonsj.org/partnershipgrant</u>, and the deadline to apply is **November 20**.

Thanks! Lori

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