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Hi James,

Here is our last update to the community partners. Sorry for not sending it sooner!

By the way, I participated in your APA workshop on virtual engagement recently – it was very inspiring!

Let me know if you have any questions or want to schedule a follow up meeting to discuss.

Thanks!
Lori

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Hello Community Partners,

I have returned from maternity leave and am resuming as lead of the community engagement program for the Diridon Station Area. I am still catching up, but wanted to check in with you all.

Grant Funds: A top priority of mine is to make sure you all the grant funds ASAP, as we are planning for some outreach and engagement this fall. It looks like we should be able to get you checks by the end of the month. I sincerely apologize for not getting the grant funds to you sooner and for any problems this caused with planning out your budget and resources this year.

Status of Engagement Process: Over the last few months, we ran an online survey based on three informational videos posted on the project website, held a virtual Diridon Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) meeting on June 17, and started a series of topic-based Virtual Office Hours. The last two Office Hours are Aug 10 (Building Heights) and Aug 18 (Parks and Public Space). Key milestones coming up this fall include release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Design Standards & Guidelines for Google's Downtown West project and release of the updated Draft Diridon Station Area Plan for public feedback. We are also planning to provide updates on affordable housing and parks/open space. There will be a smaller round of outreach early next year as we approach the Planning Commission and City Council hearings (targeted for ~ March 2021).

Our partnership: We are still very much interested in working with you all to share information and solicit feedback from community members this fall and early next year. Engagement is particularly challenging with the restrictions on in-person events, and we are seeking ideas for how to do this effectively with virtual tools and other methods. To get the ball rolling, I have scheduled a [Zoom call for next Thursday, 8/13](#) (invite sent separately). If that time doesn't work for you, we can schedule other times as needed. To prepare for that meeting, please take a quick look at the materials linked under Project Updates here: <https://www.diridonsj.org/diridon-station-area-plan-google-project>. Also, please let me know if you would like to discuss the status of your grant funding or anything else before then – especially if you think you will no longer be able to work with us due to timing or other reasons.

I hope everyone is doing well, and am looking forward to ramping back up!

Thanks,
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