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Hi Shannon,

Thanks for all of this information!

We will try to reflect this info in ADEIR 4, but may have missed the boat on some (because some sections are already in word processing). However it shouldn't be hard to do things like add a citation to Caltrain's letter in the mark-up if needed.

Thanks!

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1. Status and objective of City's stormwater modeling (Karl): On 7/9, Vivian Tom in PW indicated they were reaching out to the consultant to push the result. She was hoping to hear back in a couple days. She did not elaborate on the objective in response to my request. I sent a follow-up message to her today to request a status update and asked that she elaborate on the objective of the modeling.
2. Standard Specs for Addressing Potential Contamination for Off-Site Improvements (Linda): In addition to the information previously provided, I received confirmation from DOT staff today that they are not aware of standard specs or conditions incorporated into bids/contracts that address potential contamination, so neither PW or DOT specs address this issue. The pavement team focuses on areas that are already disturbed, so Phase I and or Phase II ESAs may be necessary for off-site improvements that result in new disturbance.
3. DISC Concept Layout Approval:
 - a. Caltrain has Approved the "Concept Layout":

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

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)
 - b. 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.

In addition to ESA's requests, I have attached an expanded description of the Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) from DOT for your reference. Note that this description was also provided to Circlepoint for the DSAP Amendment for consistency.

I have also attached a signed letter from Caltrain officially withdrawing from the Google project. Regarding any changes to the project description after the NOP went out, the letter can be referenced in support of the respective Chapters of the EIR where changes are made and included as an Appendix.

Thanks!

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