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Dear Mr. Ruano,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Revised DSAP.

Please allow me to start by stating that I am 100% in support of the theoretical maximal buildout. Having said that, I believe that we have multiple opportunities to achieve a superior outcome including higher densities in specific areas of the DSAP:

## Challenge #1: DISC

The DISC boundaries should be adjusted to south of Julian in the north and west of the Historical Depot in the east. The ensuing reduction in DISC footprint will ensure the feasibility of the maximal buildout while eliminating any nexus between CEMOF, the Warm Springs line and the proposed elevated station (conceptual engineering available on request).

## Challenge #2: Downtown West proposed street types

There are no issues with the proposed West San Carlos and West Santa Clara Grand Boulevards but every connector in the central zone other than the Autumn connector should be converted to a "local" (bike and ped only) connector. The resulting reduction in connector widths will in turn make it possible to increase the adjacent buildings' footprints thereby ensuring the feasibility of the maximal buildout even when factoring in potentially reduced building heights due to building crane height restrictions.

## Challenge #3: Light rail alignment

VTA have correctly determined that the relocation of the Diridon LRT platforms opens an opportunity to eliminate the San Fernando station. VTA have also correctly identified the need to underground the LRT alignment between Sunol and Diridon but have so far failed to recognize that the alignment east of Diridon requires similar undergrounding (all the way to Delmas). Once this is resolved, Google will have an opportunity to redevelop the entire block between West Santa Clara and West Fernando and increase the footprints of the E1, E2 and E3 buildings thereby ensuring the

feasibility of the maximal buildout.

I hope you find these comments useful.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

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