

From: [Garrison, Kristin@Wildlife](mailto:Garrison.Kristin@Wildlife)
To: [Hill, Shannon](mailto:Hill.Shannon)
Cc: [Downtown West Project](#)
Subject: RE: CEQA Posting: First Amendment to the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 1:37:27 PM

Hello again,

Also, can you clarify the CEQA nexus? Will there be an Addendum, Subsequent, or Supplemental EIR in relation to the amendment?

Thank you for your coordination.

Sincerely,

Kristin Garrison

(she/her/hers)

Environmental Scientist

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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From: Garrison, Kristin@Wildlife
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>
Subject: RE: CEQA Posting: First Amendment to the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)

Hello Shannon,

Thank you for the information. Is there still opportunity for comment letters? If so, when would the letter be due to you?

Thank you for your coordination.

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From: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Garrison, Kristin@Wildlife <Kristin.Garrison@wildlife.ca.gov>
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>
Subject: RE: CEQA Posting: First Amendment to the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)

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Kristin, I just realized I didn't answer your question regarding SCH posting. No, the 1st Amendment was not posted to CEQAnet, consistent with City practices. Posting 1st Amendments to Draft EIR's on CEQAnet is not required by the CEQA Guidelines. However, the City sent notification emails to all commenters and interested parties, in addition to our standard list of contacts for environmental documents. The City also sent a "NewsFlash" to contacts enrolled in our notification system for environmental documents.

Thanks,

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From: Hill, Shannon
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:16 AM
To: 'Garrison, Kristin@Wildlife' <Kristin.Garrison@wildlife.ca.gov>
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>
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Hi Kristin,

I just verified that the link to the EIR webpage is functional. All EIR-related documents, including the First Amendment to the DEIR are included under the heading "Project Documents" at the following link: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/department-directory/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/environmental-planning/environmental-review/active-eirs/downtown-west-mixed-use-plan>.

In addition, here is the link directly to the First Amendment at the page linked above:
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/71249/637541721568730000>.

And, here is the link directly to Attachment 1 (Comment Letters) at the page linked above:
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/71251/637541721669830000>.

The documents take a while to open because of the large file sizes. However, let me know if you are still unable to access the documents, and we can work out a way to get them to you through a shared drive.

The Draft EIR and 1st Amendment will not be considered together as the Final EIR until City Council certifies the document (tentative City Council date is May 25th), as noted in the notice email below.

The Planning Commission hearing is this Wednesday, April 28th. The public review period for Draft EIR was circulated for a 62-day comment period from October 7, 2020 to December 8, 2020.

Please note that you are a contact on our standard contact list for environmental documents and have been included on all notices send regarding the environmental process for the proposed project.

Best,

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From: Garrison, Kristin@Wildlife <Kristin.Garrison@wildlife.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:10 PM

To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: RE: CEQA Posting: First Amendment to the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)

[External Email]

Hello Shannon,

I clicked on the link below, but I am still not clear on the CEQA nexus. Was the EIR finalized? I do not see a NOD within CEQANet. Are you saying there is an amendment prior to finalization of the DEIR? If so, will there be a public comment period in which there is opportunity for CDFW to write a comment letter? Or is it that the EIR was finalized and then there will be a addendum, subsequent, or supplemental EIR in relation to the amendment?

Thank you for clarifying.

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From: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 4:19 PM

To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: CEQA Posting: First Amendment to the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)

Importance: High

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**Notice of CEQA Posting:
Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)
First Amendment to the Draft EIR**

The First Amendment to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), including responses to comments, for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (File Nos. GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029) is available at the following link: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/department-directory/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/environmental-planning/environmental-review/active-eirs/downtown-west-mixed-use-plan>.

Project Description: General Plan Amendment, Planned Development Rezoning, Planned Development Permit, Vesting Tentative Map, Development Agreement and other land use related approvals for the development of up to 5,900 residential units; up to 7,300,000 gross square feet (GSF) of office space; up to 500,000 GSF of active uses such as retail, cultural, arts, etc.; up to 300 hotel rooms; up to 800 limited-term corporate accommodations; up to two event and conference centers totaling up to 100,000 GSF; up to two central utility plants totaling approximately 130,000 GSF; logistics/warehouse(s) totaling approximately 100,000 GSF; and approximately 15 acres of open space, all on approximately 80 acres. The project also proposes infrastructure, transportation, and public realm improvements. For more information on the project, please see www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject.

Location: The Project site is generally bounded by Lenzen Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the north; North Montgomery Street, Los Gatos Creek, the Guadalupe River, South Autumn Street, and Royal Avenue to the east; Auzerais Avenue to the south; and Diridon Station and the

Caltrain rail line to the west. The project also includes the area bounded by Los Gatos Creek to the west, West San Fernando Street to the south, the Guadalupe River to the east, and West Santa Clara Street to the north.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

- Planning Commission: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM
- City Council: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1:30 PM (tentative)

Planning Commission agendas and instructions are listed 7 days prior to the hearing, and City Council agendas and instructions are posted 10 days prior to the hearing at [Commission Hearing webpage](#). Due to County health orders, the meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.

If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Project Manager below:

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