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Subject: RE: Google Downtown West Project
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:29:02 PM

Hi Robert,

Thanks for your inquiry. There is an updated version of the Downtown West Design Standards and Guidelines (DWDSG), dated 3/1/2021, available on the project website at the following link: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/GoogleProject>. In addition, there are Errata to the DWDSG, dated 4/5/2021 available at the same link.

To answer your question, Los Gatos Creek Trail–Reach 5 is partially within the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) project boundaries. You can find the following language in Section 4.10 (Trails and Paths) of the DWDSG (3/1/2021):

"Downtown West contains one of the last remaining incomplete sections (Reach 5) of the Los Gatos Creek Trail Master Plan. This reach extends from Auzerais Avenue to Confluence Park at West Santa Clara Street, located partially within Downtown West. The Project establishes a nearly continuous Class I off-street connection through Los Gatos Creek Park (Section 4.13), extending from the previously approved connection under the railroad and San Carlos Street to Park Avenue.

The City has an approved alignment of a trail extension from Park Avenue to West San Fernando Street along Los Gatos Creek. To complete connectivity, the Project creates a protected bicycle lane along Barack Obama Boulevard (formerly South Autumn Street) to the VTA light rail corridor. This on-street bicycle network on Barack Obama Boulevard is not considered a segment of the Los Gatos Creek Trail. The connection transitions to a shared-use path along the north side of the VTA light rail corridor in Creekside Walk (Section 4.16), links to the existing VTA updated bridge, and continues to the east side of the creek. On the east side of the creek, the trail turns north within Los Gatos Creek East (Section 4.17) toward West Santa Clara Street, Arena Green, and Confluence Park. Refer to Figure 6.13 for on-street and off-street pedestrian and bicycle connections throughout Downtown West. Los Gatos Creek Multi-Use Trail design meets or exceeds the recommendations identified in Table 4.1 of the 2018 City of San José Trail Network Toolkit, including those for width, slope, and drainage."

There are no changes to this language in the Errata to the DWDSG (4/5/2021).

Additional projects proposed under the City's master plan for Los Gatos Creek Trail–Reach 5 will require separate environmental review as they are proposed.

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Best regards,

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From: Robert Ihly [REDACTED]
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[External Email]

Hi Shannon,

I've been studying the Downtown West Design Standards and Guidelines Public Draft Version 1 from October 7, 2020.

Is there a more recent or updated version of this document? My interest in the Los Gatos River Trail Reach 5 (specifically Reach 5b/c).

I live at the Monte Vista Condominiums and Town Homes at 809 Auzerais Ave in San Jose. The Reach 5 b/c is noted in the Design Standards and Guidelines. But it is not specific that it is going to be built. It is not specifically in the footprint of the project.

The San Jose Trails Department has been working on this trails project for years. Caltrain made room for it when they replaced rail between West San Carlos and Auzerais Ave several years ago.

If there is an updated Version of the Designs Standards and Guidelines from the above Version 1 Draft available I would appreciate a link to the document. Also if you know if Reach 5b/c is in the Google Downtown West Project plan please let me know.

Kindest regards,
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