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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am providing this update on the status of Google's Downtown West project and Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) amendment process, recognizing that some of you may start to receive questions from the public.

As you know, the City is currently focusing on emergency response to the coronavirus pandemic while continuing to provide essential services to businesses and residents. Essential services include continuing with development review via telework, so that we can keep key planning projects moving forward, including Downtown West.

The City and Google remain committed to the Downtown West project as a major factor in our City's urban future and economic opportunity for residents. While some staff work has slowed due to the emergency, planning and development review work is continuing on all fronts during Shelter in Place conditions, including remote staff work of the Planning, Transportation, Public Works, and Economic Development offices.

Given the circumstances, we are adjusting the target for City Council consideration of the Google's Downtown West Mixed-use Plan from end of 2020 to early 2021. The next key milestone is for the City to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review, currently anticipated for this summer. For the City-initiated amendments to the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP), the goal is to release a Draft Amended Plan this fall.

I assure you that City's commitment to ongoing and extensive community engagement on these projects continues. We have had to adjust our planned in-person mechanisms for sharing information and getting public input, moving towards video and virtual modalities. In place of the March 18th Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) meeting and several previously planned public events, we are going to post three recorded presentations, an online survey, and other update information on the project website early next week: www.diridonsj.org. In-person civic engagement will re-start as soon as we are able, but we're enthusiastic about using online tools to keep people informed and engaged in the interim.

We acknowledge that the situation is constantly evolving and that ongoing pandemic response or recovery work could further slow these projects, affect our engagement methods, and delay the ultimate decision points.

We will continue to keep you updated, but please also visit the project website for the latest and ongoing updates. www.diridonsj.org.

Thank you,

Kim