

From: [Quevedo, Matthew](#)
To: [Zenk, Jessica](#)
Subject: Can you take a look at this memo this morning?
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 6:56:05 AM
Attachments: [2021-05-24 ShuttleBus.docx](#)

Hey Jessica,

CM Mahan wanted to see if the attached memorandum would be helpful to you and your team as we continue to look for solutions to parking and transportation in the downtown core. He will only forward to Council if you think it adds to the conversation or reinforces staff's ability to look into alternative options.

Please let me know if there is anything you'd like to add or if this is duplicative to work you are already doing.

Best,
Matthew

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Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Downtown West

FROM: Councilmember Matt Mahan

DATE: May 24, 2021

APPROVED:

RECOMMENDATION:

- a. Accept staff recommendations
- b. Direct city staff to work with downtown employers along with Caltrain, BART, VTA, and other local transit agencies to explore potential solutions to move more people through downtown using public transportation
 - i. Explore partnerships with both current and future employers within downtown San Jose and our local transit agencies to secure a new shuttle bus service that connects transportation hubs to major points of interest throughout the downtown area, potentially by partnering with the private shuttle services used by major employers for transporting employees,
 - ii. Work with local transit agencies to provide for faster, more reliable and frequent service that connects residents from all parts of San Jose and the Bay Area, and potentially through “direct”, “limited” or “skip-stop” service on our local public transportation buses, trains and light rail systems to and from downtown San Jose, especially during San Jose Sharks games and major events that bring thousands of people to the downtown core,
 - iii. Work with private employers to expand last mile solutions that bring more rentable bicycles and other devices such as e-scooters to our downtown core,
 - iv. And?

BACKGROUND:

Behind the ongoing discussion between the City of San Jose and the San Jose Sharks lies a much larger conversation focused on transportation to and from the downtown core. Once Downtown West is built, how will we effectively move the thousands of additional people living, working and playing in downtown San Jose? For the sake of our environment, the answer should not be to

expand parking in the downtown area but by expanding and strategically utilizing the billions of dollars invested in public transportation in our downtown core.

Thank you to city staff for their incredible work over the past few years coordinating with the community, Google and various stakeholders to shape the future of our beloved downtown.

Before us is an opportunity to progress as a city that focuses on good economic development and housing in a smart growth and sustainable way.