

From: [Hill, Shannon](#)
To: ["Robert Ihly"](#); [Burnham, Nicolle](#); [Mendez, Zacharias](#)
Cc: [Downtown West Project](#); [Han, James](#); [Tu, John](#); [Keyon, David](#)
Subject: RE: Google Downtown West Project
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:36:27 AM

Hi Robert,

Thank you for your comment. The project, as proposed, was approved at the May 25th City Council meeting. However, your comment has been forwarded to the Downtown West administrative record, and Nicolle Burnham and Zak Mendez in the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services department (PRNS) are included on this response, as they are the experts on the master plan for Reach 5.

Nicolle and Zak, please refer to Robert's comments below.

Thank you,

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From: Robert Ihly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Google Downtown West Project

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Hi Shannon,

Thanks for the response. There should be additional ways to get Reach 5B/C expedited for approval. Google should be involved to open up this route as they seem to have purposely cut us out. It is to their advantage to have an open trail to Downtown West from Reach 5. Reach 4 from Willow Glen includes the Three Creeks Trail with replacement bridge from Coe Ave. Caltrain provided room under the tracks under West San Carlos St to connect with south Montgomery via the old Fire Department Training Facility (new Fire Department Training Facility now under construction by the San Jose Giant baseball park).

Reach 5 has always been the route the the Guadalupe Trail.

Also, the Los Gatos Creek Trail north of Auzeais Ave has always been the cities plan for connecting to the convergence to the Guadalupe River and Trail.

Google has other property on Auzerais Ave (ie., the old Orchard Hardware properties which will have tall Downtown West residential construction in the future.

Also, the Los Gatos Creek goes right through Downtown West like a spinal column. The sooner they realize the importance of this creek the better. The creek will be a major problem to them if they don't take responsibility of it through their property. First of all it is an eye sore. It is not taken care of. The homeless camps are all along it. The bottom of the creek is filthy due to the businesses that have been dumping into it forever. The sides of the creek are overgrown profusely. All this right through the middle of their housing, offices, restaurants, entertainment, etc.

Please copy the email to Google Download West.

Regard,
Robert Ihly

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On May 24, 2021, at 8:54 AM, Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Good morning Robert,

In order to provide you with a sufficient answer, could you please clarify what your question is?

I attempted to answer your question and provide the requested information in my previous email below, along with a description of the project's contribution to the Los Gatos Creek trail system. As mentioned, the City's Master Plan for Los Gatos Creek Trail–Reach 5 is a City planning document, and various trail projects proposed under that master plan will be future City projects, not associated with the Downtown West project.

Thank you,

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From: Zsutty, Yves <Yves.Zsutty@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:00 AM

To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>; Robert Ihly [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Google Downtown West Project

Bob

Thank you for the comment.

I need to rely on Shannon's expertise about the project and its relationship other developments and properties. I hope that she can provide you detail on your point below.

Thank you

Yves

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From: Robert Ihly [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 12:41 PM
To: "Zsutty, Yves" <Yves.Zsutty@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Ihly Bob [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Google Downtown West Project

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Hi Yves,

FYI re my continued quest of more information related to Reach 5b/c and the trail that would go along the Fire Department Training Facility to S. Montgomery. I'm pretty sure the area in question at the creek is assigned to Caltrain via the Santa Clara Water District.

Kindest regards,

Bob

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hill, Shannon" <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Date: May 17, 2021 at 3:28:57 PM PDT
To: Robert Ihly [REDACTED]
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>, "Keyon, David" <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: RE: Google Downtown West Project

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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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Ihly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Google Downtown West Project

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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,
Robert Ihly

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