



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 24th, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Re: From Your BPAC: We Support Staff Recommendations for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the members of your City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. We have been appointed to advise and make recommendations on matters affecting the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians within our City.

We strongly support the City of San José's staff recommendations for the Downtown West Mixed Use Project. These recommendations were unanimously supported by your Planning Commission on April 28th.

We paraphrase Councilmember Peralez's words by stating that regardless of who is developing this area or who occupies SAP Center, the current Downtown West Mixed-Use Project is aligned with our City's long-term goals of creating multimodal communities and it offers a safer, more culturally diverse, and climate smart city to all who visit, work, or who live here.

These long-term goals are embodied in our City's *Diridon Station Area Plan* (DSAP), which after years of community engagement, was adopted in 2014. The Downtown West Mixed-Use Project is also in step with almost all of your *Envision San José 2040 General Plan*. The Downtown West Mixed Use Project should be consistent with our City's long-term goals.

This project should also be consistent with the programs that our City has spent huge portions of its budget on, to address climate change and to improve the quality and safety of the lives of our City's residents, its visitors, and those who work here.

These programs include the Climate Smart; Green Vision; Better Bike Plan 2025; Traffic Engineering and Traffic Calming; and the Vision Zero programs.

We thank you for your leadership and your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

Brandon Alvarado, Chair
San José Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee