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Shannon,

Attached is the 11/7/19 Scoping Meeting Transcript. We reviewed the file for accuracy against the recording in the link below.

Thank you

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Hi Pete,

I got an answer yesterday. The video is in the Special Events archive folder which is accessible at

[https://sanjose.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=51](https://sanjose.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=51).

Thanks!

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Hi Shannon,

Were you able to talk to the person in charge of the audio file or link for the Scoping Meeting?

Thanks

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Thanks Pete. I'll cross check with my files tomorrow, and I've attached an additional comment letter from the High Speed Rail Authority received in hard copy today.

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Shannon,

After the comments received today here is the current NOP commenters list (I just added Caltrain). There are 33 comment letters, emails and comment sheets from agencies, organizations, and individuals. Let us know if we are missing any. If there are any late comments, we can add them to the list. We are in the process of preparing a high-level summary of the comments, including the from the scoping meeting. Also, we will send the transcript over to you for the City's files.

Thanks

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Good morning,

Of course the bulk of the NOP comments came on Friday. The remaining comments are in the attached zip file.

Thanks!

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CITY OF SAN JOSE  
DOWNTOWN WEST MIXED-USE PLAN  
(GOOGLE PROJECT)  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

**File Nos:** GP19-009, PDC19-039, and PD19-029

**Location:** San Jose City Hall  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
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1 Wednesday, November 7, 2019

7:04 p.m.

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3 P R O C E E D I N G S

4 KELLI PARMLEY: So I'm going to take this  
5 opportunity to get started. Obviously your time is  
6 precious, and so we'll make the best use of it.

7 So number one, I want to welcome you to the  
8 Environmental Impact Report Scoping. That sounds very  
9 straightforward, right? It's going to be after you  
10 hear from the folks up here.

11 And this is about the Downtown Mixed-Use  
12 Project. So I'm going to ask folks to advance the  
13 slide. That "folks" would be Thai. Let's hear it for  
14 Thai. Thai's awesome.

15 I'm going to give you a preview. She's  
16 awesome.

17 So number one, we're here -- the purpose for  
18 this particular meeting with you is to do a couple of  
19 things. And I'll say all three of them which is,  
20 number one, we're going to give you some information on  
21 the process. Environmental Impact Reporting is super  
22 important to anything that we're going to do in terms  
23 of development. So we want to hear from you on that,  
24 but we need to help you understand what that looks  
25 like.

1           Number two, we're going to receive some oral  
2           comments and feedback about the scope of the EIR.  
3           Again, the emphasis here is about the environmental  
4           impact reporting.

5           I will say and offer up at this point in time  
6           that we're going to have a certain amount of time,  
7           namely an hour. We're going to figure out what that  
8           means by person in terms of who wants to speak. But  
9           we're not going to have the opportunity to respond to  
10          you. We're not going to have an opportunity answer  
11          your questions. We're just going to ask you to offer  
12          those things.

13          And up that may not feel rewarding. I  
14          appreciate that. But we're going to actually record  
15          all of those things and find an opportunity to answer  
16          your questions but also respond to your comment.

17          And number three, we're going to provide you  
18          information on how, after this meeting and during this  
19          meeting, that you can provide additional comments on  
20          the scope of the EIR. I hope that's what you're all  
21          here for, and we'll look forward to doing that.

22          So all of you should have a handout.  
23          Everybody have a handout? Raise your hand. Everybody  
24          got this? Yep? Yep? Okay. This agenda packet,  
25          everybody got one? Again, I just want to make sure.



1 It's important information. Raise it. Some of you got  
2 it. Awesome.

3 Okay. So in terms of how we're going to do  
4 that tonight, in terms of those three things, there are  
5 a couple of things. Number one, the agenda is no just  
6 the agenda. It has some supporting materials in it.  
7 I'm going to ask you and encourage you to take a look  
8 at those. And some of the staff here from the City  
9 will help you navigate those.

10 Number two, right after me is going to be a  
11 staff presentation to help you understand the process  
12 is and orient you to it, what it looks like.

13 Number three, you're going to hear from the  
14 environmental consultant what the project description  
15 looks like. And that's what we're asking you to focus  
16 on in terms of your comments.

17 So I will say from my perspective -- oh, by  
18 the way, I didn't tell you my name, did I? Oh, isn't  
19 that awful. My name is Kelli Parmley. It's unusual,  
20 but I'm from the department of HR, Human Resources,  
21 with the City of San Jose. I just happen to have a  
22 passion for spending a little time in community  
23 meetings and meetings in general. So I am here to help  
24 moderate and move the conversation along.

25 I will say one important page in your packet

1 is this one [indicating]. It's a couple of rows and  
2 some columns, two columns. And it actually says, "EIR  
3 components and some common examples." I would ask you  
4 to look at that as you're hearing the presentation  
5 around the project description and think about what do  
6 you think about, what comes up for you when you think  
7 about a project scope for this in terms of comments you  
8 want to offer, both written and verbal.

9           You're going to get some information on future  
10 engagements, other opportunities for you -- and you can  
11 invite other people, and you might want to look around  
12 the room and think about other people you want to  
13 invite to those things -- to offer up comments on the  
14 whole project.

15           And then you're going to get two  
16 opportunities. One for those of you who feel  
17 courageous, who feel like you want the opportunity to  
18 speak verbally, you're going to get those. How many of  
19 you have the green speaker cards?

20           Yes. Everybody got them? That's your  
21 opportunity to say "I want to speak," right? Number  
22 two, there are white pages of paper for comments. You  
23 see the comment pages? Got those? We really, really,  
24 really, really want you to offer up your comments, both  
25 text and verbally as well.

1           So if you look at the speaker card, the green  
2 card -- everybody's got the green card if you want to  
3 speak? It would be really, really helpful to help us  
4 in the subject line, have you think about your comments  
5 relative to these areas. If you were to put in the  
6 subject line, "I really care about. . . I heard the  
7 project description. I really want to say something  
8 about this," that would be helpful in terms of  
9 organizing and structuring the one hour that we have  
10 for verbal comments.

11           So the other challenge, the other opportunity  
12 that I would say is we have one hour for verbal  
13 comments. So we're going to get your comment cards. I  
14 want you to fill them out. I want you to think about  
15 them. I want you to put in the subject line the things  
16 that are important to you when it comes to an  
17 environmental impact report. And we'll figure out how  
18 much time we're going to have to do that. And we will  
19 give everybody an hour within that time constraint to  
20 actually offer up their comments.

21           So I think that's where we're at.

22           Am I supposed to say anything else, Thai?

23           THAI-CHAU LE: No.

24           KELLI PARMLEY: No? Okay. We're good?

25           Awesome.

1           So any -- I'm not going to ask "any questions"  
2 because there are going to be questions. I'm going to  
3 turn it over to you to help us understand where we go  
4 next.

5           THAI-CHAU LE: Yep, all right. Testing.

6           All right. I'm going to stand because I've  
7 been sitting all day. So this is a lot better.

8           So my name is Thai-Chau Le. I go by "Thai"  
9 for short. I am the supervising environmental project  
10 manager, and I am assisting Shannon Hill, who is the  
11 lead on the environmental review of this project.  
12 She's in the back.

13           Shannon, wave. Awesome.

14           So Kelli's already went over a lot of the  
15 agenda, what we're going to talk about, so let me jump  
16 right into it.

17           So the project description. The project is  
18 going through the City review for a General Plan  
19 amendment, a plan development rezoning, and a plan  
20 development permit for the full development on the  
21 84-acre site.

22           The detail components, there's a lot of uses  
23 in this project, as you all know. The project  
24 description is also on your agenda, and it's posted  
25 online. You guys are well aware of what the project

1 entails. And the environmental consultant will go  
2 deeper into that project description, but this is just,  
3 again, an overview. There's residential units.  
4 There's hotel rooms. There's an event center, et  
5 cetera, et cetera.

6 I also want to inform everyone, if you don't  
7 already know, that the project is also pursuing AB-900  
8 Assembly Bill 900. What does that mean?

9 So the project it actively going through the  
10 application process under the Governor's Office for  
11 determination to be a leadership project. That means  
12 if the AB-900 is a 2011 law -- sorry. Let me get my  
13 notes, be a little more accurate here.

14 So it's a 2011 law that, if a project is  
15 deemed as a leadership project, any challenges to the  
16 environmental document will need to be decided within  
17 270 days in the court of appeal. There is many  
18 criteria in how the Governor's Office is going to  
19 determine if a project will be a leadership project.  
20 And some of that is listed on the slides, such as it  
21 has to be a certain dollar value. It has to have --  
22 not result in a net emission of greenhouse gasses. It  
23 has to be transportation efficient. It has to give  
24 jobs to Californians, and et cetera.

25 Do not worry. This PowerPoint is going to be

1 uploaded on the website after the meeting as well, so  
2 it will be available for you. But if you also look up  
3 AB-900, you'll see more details about what the  
4 criterias are.

5 All right. Let's switch gears a little bit.  
6 So you know what the project is proposing. It's going  
7 through the City for that review. Let's think about  
8 how the project would impact the environment. That's  
9 the goal of this meeting right here.

10 Now, what's that mean?

11 So, in California, we have a law, the  
12 California Environmental Quality Act, "CEQA" for short.  
13 This is the law that requires all lead agencies or all  
14 cities and local agencies to identify the potential  
15 impact of a project and what it means and what it could  
16 impact on the environment, the physical surrounding.

17 The intent of this law is to disclose  
18 information to the decision makers and to the public  
19 about what the potential environment impact of a  
20 project is. And also it has to -- it could identify  
21 alternatives to how to mitigate those impacts and then  
22 will also have mitigation measures for how to further  
23 mitigate those impacts.

24 So the purpose of CEQA overall is disclosure,  
25 disclosing the potential impacts, disclosing the

1 potential alternatives that a project could have,  
2 disclosing the potential measures and conditions and  
3 mitigation measures that a project will have to  
4 implement to reduce those impacts.

5 For this project, an Environmental Impact  
6 Report, or EIR -- you're see that on the slides; you  
7 will hear me refer to all the time "EIR" for short --  
8 that is the appropriate document to accomplish this  
9 goal. And it's the highest level of review under CEQA.

10 On your agenda package, there's also this page  
11 [indicating]. And it's just an illustration to kind of  
12 show you the steps in the EIR review process. Right  
13 now, we're on Step Number 1, which is a Notice Of  
14 Preparation. The Notice Of Preparation, essentially,  
15 to simplify it, is the scope of the EIR. It tells the  
16 public and it informs you all what the City is planning  
17 to analyze in the EIR.

18 And this is circulated for 30 days. And right  
19 now, I believe the deadline is November 22nd at 5:00  
20 p.m. And how to comment on this document formally with  
21 written comments is also available in your agenda.

22 And Step 2 of the EIR process is the EIR  
23 preparation. Once the EIR is ready, we move to Step 3  
24 which is the public circulation of the Draft EIR for 45  
25 days. What that means is we're like, "Hey, everybody.

1 This is ready. It's posted. Please review it. Give  
2 us your comments."

3 Step 4 will be preparing the Final EIR. That  
4 Final EIR includes responses to comments, to those  
5 comments that we receive during the draft circulation  
6 of the Step Number 3. And then we move to publishing  
7 that Final EIR in Step 5, and then we move on to bring  
8 it to the approval for the recommendation body and the  
9 final decision maker in Steps 6 and 7.

10 I want to take a moment to highlight that.  
11 There are Steps 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7 are highlighted to  
12 say that opportunity for public comment and input  
13 related to the EIR. These are what the process deems  
14 as formal milestones that you will present and give  
15 your comments on the environmental impact.

16 That does not mean that you have to wait until  
17 these milestones to give us those comments. The lead  
18 agency is the City. We will accept your comments at  
19 any time throughout the project. You can e-mails us;  
20 you can call us; you can send us a letter.

21 We prefer e-mail just because it's easier to  
22 be on record, and we can pdf it and put it into the  
23 public record.

24 All right. Like Kelli said earlier, in your  
25 agenda package, there is also a table of all the



1 resource areas or components of the EIR.

2 So this includes air quality, energy,  
3 transportation, noise -- I'm just throwing words at  
4 you. I'm pretty sure you're all, like, "What does that  
5 even mean?"

6 So take a minute to think about it. If you're  
7 thinking about how this project could impact me and my  
8 neighbor -- if there's more people, does that mean  
9 there's more pollution? Is the construction going to  
10 be annoying? Is it actually going to impact you? How  
11 about the toxic on that gas station that might be  
12 there? Is there a historic home in your neighborhood  
13 that will be impact by this project?

14 All those are examples of what you should  
15 think about when you're giving your comments about what  
16 -- "What I'm concerned about: What is the potential  
17 impact of this project on my neighborhood, on the  
18 physical environment that I live in?"

19 So those are just some examples. And again,  
20 the example in your agenda package does not mean that's  
21 the only thing you can comment. It's just that we want  
22 to be able to provide you with some thoughts and what  
23 the intent of the EIR process and the environmental  
24 impacts are.

25 And with that, I will pass it to Heidi Rous

1 from the Environmental Science -- Associates. I keep  
2 saying "services." She will be presenting on the more  
3 deep dive into the project description. And she is  
4 part of the environmental consulting team that will be  
5 preparing the environmental document on behalf of the  
6 City.

7 HEIDI ROUS: Thank you. Good evening,  
8 everybody. We have different slides to show.

9 Thank you, Thai, for introducing me.

10 And she'll do the slides.

11 Again, I'm Heidi Rous. I'm a director at  
12 Environmental Science Associates. We're working with  
13 the City on the environmental review for the Downtown  
14 West Mixed-Use Project.

15 I've been asked to present some of the  
16 development program details, including the proposed  
17 land uses, parks and open space, the utility plan, and  
18 the anticipated transportation and circulation changes.

19 So you can see on this slide, in the diagram,  
20 the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project would be located in  
21 the western portion of Downtown, northwest of  
22 Highway 87 and Interstate 280 in an area which  
23 historically accommodated local light industrial and  
24 manufacturing businesses. The majority of this project  
25 site is within the Diridon Station Area Plan, also

1 known as DSAP, which was adopted by the City in 2014.

2 THAI-CHAU LE: Sorry, I forgot about this.

3 Who here has a speaker card that they want to  
4 submit? Does anyone have a speaker card that they want  
5 to submit? Okay. Just want to make sure that we have  
6 -- we have planners running around trying to collect  
7 speakers cards. So if you have one, please raise it up  
8 at any time during the presentation, and we'll grab it.  
9 Thank you.

10 HEIDI ROUS: So the Downtown West Mixed-Use  
11 Project encompasses approximately 84 acres across more  
12 than a hundred parcels, stretching approximately one  
13 mile north to south.

14 As you can see -- yeah, you can see it in this  
15 picture. But we'll say this, that the Diridon Station  
16 is located to the west, thus the site is well served by  
17 existing and future transportation infrastructure,  
18 including CalTrain, VTA, ACE, Amtrak, private buses,  
19 future BART service, and high-speed rail.

20 The site is adjacent to natural resources such  
21 as Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River, and adjacent to  
22 entertainment venues and group space.

23 This is the exact same material that Thai  
24 showed you on the development program. And as you can  
25 see from this, the predominant proposed uses are

1 residential and office along with active uses -- hotel,  
2 event space, and the various land uses.

3 So this slide shows the project -- the project  
4 site plan and what we are calling the Northern Variant  
5 there in the upper right-hand corner. I hope you can  
6 see that.

7 Although the development program described in  
8 the prior slide would be the same under each variant  
9 the Northern Variant would place a slightly different  
10 distribution of uses north of Santa Clara Street. I  
11 think you can see that in colors there, where the  
12 office and residential are basically flipped.

13 It is possible the variants result in  
14 different in impacts. Depending on the environmental  
15 topic, these differences will be studied and presented  
16 in the EIR.

17 So this next slide presents the project's  
18 inclusion of the numerous parks and open space areas  
19 throughout the project site. Programming will vary and  
20 be site specific. Designs are currently evolving based  
21 on public input gathered as part of this planning  
22 process. The project would include a new pedestrian  
23 trail spanning the site, which is designed to enhance  
24 access along Los Gatos Creek. And that is in blue --  
25 well, I don't think you can see it. But it's shown

1 there.

2           So for transportation circulation, a project  
3 of this manner and size would result in some network  
4 changes. In particular, as is proposed right now,  
5 Cahill Street would be extended from West Santa Clara  
6 Street to Julian Street in the sites north and to  
7 Park Avenue in the south.

8           North Autumn Street would be extended to the  
9 site's northern edge. Potential extension of Lenzen  
10 connection to Cinnabar Street is being studied. And  
11 north of the SAP Center, West St. John Street would be  
12 extended to connect with the lengthened Cahill Street.

13           So the proposed circulation enhancements  
14 include sidewalk lighting, pedestrian amenities,  
15 mid-block passangers, bicycle lanes and enhanced  
16 connections.

17           The project also proposed a district system  
18 approach to delivering water, energy, and wastewater  
19 treatment and conveyance. This would include one or  
20 two utility plants, on-site wastewater treatment plan,  
21 and associated infrastructure as you see here. The EIR  
22 will study both the benefit and impact of this  
23 approach.

24           EIRs analyze physical impacts from two  
25 activity types which are construction and operation.

1 It's envisioned that construction and occupancy of the  
2 project would occur in three phases with full occupancy  
3 by 2040.

4 And with that, I'll turn it back to Thai.

5 THAI-CHAU LE: All right. Thank you, Heidi.

6 We're doing actually really good on time. I  
7 did not expect that, actually. I thought I was droning  
8 on forever.

9 So before we open up the comment period, I  
10 want to emphasize that the purpose of this meeting is  
11 to get your input on the environmental impact of this  
12 project. Think about all the things that could happen  
13 if the construction and operation goes in phases versus  
14 go on at once, all those thoughts. Put it in writing,  
15 or you can say it here.

16 I think we so far only have one speaker card.  
17 So again, I want to reemphasize, who is it wants to  
18 speak, please raise your green card, and we'll come and  
19 get it.

20 There will be future opportunities to comment  
21 the project development itself, one of which is already  
22 scheduled for December 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Martin  
23 Luther King Library, Room 225.

24 And as a reminder, if you do not wish to speak  
25 at this meeting and you just want to be here and hear

1 everyone out, hear a neighbor out, that's fine, too.  
2 But we do have comment sheets and comment cards for you  
3 to write your comment down here, submit it to staff.  
4 And we'll -- this will be part of the public record and  
5 part of the EIR record.

6 Or if you want to go home and just dwell on it  
7 and actually write an e-mail to Shannon, that's fine,  
8 too. You can even mail it. You have her e-mail  
9 address. We have the mailing address for our City  
10 Hall. That's all on the agenda package. That's also  
11 available online on the Google website and on our EIR  
12 website.

13 KELLI PARMLEY: Shannon, you like e-mails,  
14 right?

15 Shannon loves e-mails.

16 THAI-CHAU LE: We have five cards so far, and  
17 I imagine that, as we get the speaker up, we'll get  
18 more cards.

19 KELLI PARMLEY: So -- so we have an hour for  
20 comments. So in other words, we have until 8:25 for  
21 comments. So if things come up as you hear people  
22 speak, as you reflect on what you're hearing, we'll  
23 certainly take comment cards. And, again, those are  
24 the green cards, and folks will catch those.

25 I want to say we -- two minutes?

1 THAI-CHAU LE: Yeah, two minutes, but we'll --  
2 we weren't --

3 KELLI PARMLEY: We'll figure it --

4 THAI-CHAU LE: We were expecting a little --

5 KELLI PARMLEY: Yeah, yeah.

6 So we have this little zen kind of --

7 THAI-CHAU LE: If you want to turn in the  
8 comment sheets, the -- just raise it up. If you want  
9 to get up, we'll have runners that get those as well.

10 KELLI PARMLEY: Clearly we're well rehearsed  
11 here.

12 So I have a little zen timer. Sounds like  
13 that. It's a little less obnoxious than something  
14 else. So if we get to the point where we actually need  
15 to use it, we will. I also --

16 Thank you. That was really kind of annoying,  
17 wasn't it.

18 So I also, just before we get going with  
19 comments and I call folks up here, I just want to  
20 acknowledge the staff from PBCE. If you folks would  
21 just raise your hands. You're going to be here to  
22 capture comments on charts.

23 All of you have taken important time to come  
24 out here, to listen, to hear and potentially offer up  
25 comments both verbally and written. And they have



1 offered up their lives this evening as well. And I  
2 spent a little bit of time with them yesterday, and  
3 they're super committed and passionate folks. So I  
4 just want to acknowledge their time tonight.

5 Robert, I will call you out to say hi from the  
6 leadership, from Planning. So we appreciate you being  
7 here as well.

8 So if I get the name wrong, please be  
9 forgiving.

10 I'm really terrible with names.

11 So for these folks that I'm going to call up  
12 in a little queue over here, I'm going to ask you to  
13 come up to the microphone, which is right here to the  
14 left. Can somebody kind of stand over there and like  
15 give a little wave to it?

16 Oh, there we go. Thank you, Marybeth  
17 [phonetic].

18 So I'm going to call up Marshall Woodmansee.  
19 I'm going to call up Liz Gonzales. I'm going to call  
20 up Kathleen Starr to start.

21 And let's hear from you all. We'll give you a  
22 couple of minutes to do that.

23 By the way, everything that is said today will  
24 actually be recorded from a court transcription person,  
25 who's my new best friend.

1 Right?

2 So I'm going to ask you to state your name  
3 plainly and clearly for the record. And then some  
4 folks are going to capture comments on the flow chart  
5 paper.

6 MARSHALL WOODMANSEE: Marshall Woodmansee.

7 KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, I did a pretty good job,  
8 right?

9 MARSHALL WOODMANSEE: Yeah.

10 KELLI PARMLEY: Yeah. Let's hear from you.

11 MARSHALL WOODMANSEE: Hear from me? All  
12 right. Hear from me. Fun meeting, by the way. Thank  
13 you.

14 My question is I live on Stockton Avenue. And  
15 one of my biggest qualms with a lot of construction  
16 going on in Downtown is the lack of resources they put  
17 into protecting cyclists and pedestrians when they shut  
18 off the sidewalks for construction, which I understand  
19 is a necessity.

20 In regards to the Google construction,  
21 specifically on Santa Clara, Cahill, Montgomery, how  
22 can we expect continued -- better protection of  
23 cyclists and pedestrians when you're forced to have  
24 your big equipment and your operating facilities during  
25 construction?

1           KELLI PARMLEY: That's an awesome question.  
2 We're not going to answer it today, but we're going to  
3 record it for the record right here as well as with the  
4 court transcription. And I appreciate your comments.

5           So we've got next -- is it Liz Gonzalez?

6           LIZ GONZALEZ: Yes.

7           KELLI PARMLEY: Liz, thank you.

8           LIZ GONZALEZ: Hi, everyone. My name is  
9 Liz Gonzalez. I'm from East San Jose, and I work on  
10 Stockton Avenue, too.

11           And I know you can't answer any of these  
12 questions, but I'm going to ask them anyway.

13           KELLI PARMLEY: Put them out there.

14           LIZ GONZALEZ: You expected a lot of people  
15 tonight. How did you do your outreach? Because  
16 there's a lot of white people here, but there's not a  
17 lot of ethnicities. But --

18           KELLI PARMLEY: Liz, thank you for that. It's  
19 important you came in tonight.

20           (Simultaneous speakers)

21           LIZ GONZALEZ: -- know where the people go.

22           That was a super brief presentation. So it  
23 doesn't cover a lot. There's a lot of things missing.  
24 So I just have a few things to jot down that should be  
25 in this Environmental Impact Report.

1            Stuff around flood planning, Downtown is a  
2 flood zone, the entire downtown and where this project  
3 would go. Why the rush to approve this? Why the rush?  
4 I know you say "transparency" a lot, but nothing has  
5 been transparent about this project. And saying the  
6 word "transparency" does not make it transparent.

7            What about emergency access and response with  
8 closure of streets? And then there's this thing right  
9 in the CEQA, 1531, to talk to economic and social  
10 effects. And to the extent that it allows under 1531  
11 to include stuff about the opportunity zone, right next  
12 to Diridon Station, because that's essentially allows  
13 rich people to get richer and not pay taxes. So what  
14 would be the effects of those areas? How many jobs  
15 will be lost? What type -- so that we could gain  
16 potentially 20,000 high-paying jobs for white men.

17            KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you, Liz.

18            So I believe next is Kathleen; is that right?

19            KATHLEEN STARR: Yes.

20            KELLI PARMLEY: Kathleen, welcome.

21            KATHLEEN STARR: Kathleen, yes.

22            I'm over on Rhodes Court, which isn't a court,  
23 which is weird. But anyway, it looks like, adding this  
24 up, we have 10,000 spaces for cars, vehicles for this  
25 project. And it says "Open Space: Zero."

1           And I'm just wondering, you know, like on  
2 Sunol, we've got thousands more people coming at the  
3 end of Sunol there by Auzerias. And then across the --  
4 you know, it's been vacant for a thousand years, since  
5 I was a child. And now it is looks likes they're going  
6 to put another few hundred thousand people there, like  
7 little rabbit hutches, no open space. Zero. I mean, I  
8 don't -- what's up with that?

9           I mean, we're human beings. We just don't  
10 live in our little rabbit hutches. We need to walk.  
11 We need to breathe the air.

12           And I am getting a little bit bent that all  
13 this is going on -- maybe I can be sympathetic with the  
14 last speaker -- that everybody's getting rich, and the  
15 people that have to live here are shriveled up in their  
16 little places to live and not walk.

17           I mean, hello? We need open spaces. It says  
18 "zero" right here. We're blessed with a beautiful  
19 creek running right through our town. Why isn't the  
20 whole thing a park? Just a little walkway? I mean,  
21 come on.

22           KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you, Kathleen.

23           Court Reporter, did you get the name? Did I  
24 do my job?

25           THE REPORTER: Yes, I got the name.

1                   KELLI PARMLEY: Okay. So, Nadia? Is Nadia  
2 available?

3                   And then I have Roland, just Roland.

4                   And, Nadia, I'm not going to get your last  
5 name correct. Is it Aziz?

6                   NADIA AZIZ: Yep.

7                   KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you.

8                   NADIA AZIZ: Like the comedian.

9                   KELLI PARMLEY: Roland --  
10 Is Aziz coming forward?

11                   And then the other one I would ask to come  
12 forward is Kathy Sullivan.

13                   NADIA AZIZ: Hi, I'm Nadia Aziz with the Law  
14 Foundation of Silicon Valley.

15                   So, first, I want to thank you for hosting  
16 this meeting. But I think, like a lot of us have been  
17 saying throughout the process, this is a project that's  
18 going to affect all of San Jose. And so these outreach  
19 meetings really should be happening throughout the  
20 city, especially in communities where there will be the  
21 highest impact, like the eastside.

22                   The meetings should be accessible to people in  
23 those communities and in languages accessible to people  
24 from those communities.

25                   About the actual Environmental Impact Report,

1 the report really needs to look at the environmental  
2 impacts of displacement. The Law Foundation wrote a  
3 letter about the AB-900 application, in opposition to  
4 the application. I think the City should look at it  
5 and really talk about the environmental impacts that  
6 this project will have as it relates to displacement.

7 We're already in a housing crisis. This  
8 project will lead to 20,000 high-tech jobs coming into  
9 this community. There will be a number of low-income  
10 service workers jobs. And what happens to those  
11 service workers? Are they going to be moving further  
12 and farther away from the city? And what are the  
13 environmental impacts of moving farther and farther  
14 away from San Jose?

15 I know this is in a transit hub, but the  
16 environmental impact should also look at the  
17 accessibility and affordability of transit for  
18 low-income workers. You know, if people are moving  
19 into the Central Valley but they can't afford to get on  
20 Amtrak every day to come into their cafeteria or  
21 security jobs, what is the environmental impact of  
22 having that many cars on 580 trying to come down to  
23 San Jose?

24 So all of these things need to be part of the  
25 environmental impact that you all look at. Thank you.

1 KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you so much, Nadia.

2 And we did not turn up the air-conditioning or  
3 whatever is going on because of you. I'm not sure what  
4 that's all about. So I appreciate your willingness to  
5 endure that.

6 So, Roland?

7 ROLAND LEBRUN: Could you please back up to  
8 the transportation circulation slide, the one where we  
9 had in there streets to review.

10 So first of all, before I go there, let me get  
11 a -- make couple of comments about what we're doing  
12 here.

13 You're having a scoping meeting right now,  
14 which I think is not very well advertised, slap bang in  
15 the middle of a VTA Board meeting. And I actually had  
16 to leave the board meeting to be here.

17 The next thing is that the scoping --

18 KELLI PARMLEY: Mr. Roland, everything you're  
19 saying is super important. I'm going to ask you to  
20 speak into the microphone.

21 ROLAND LEBRUN: All right. Is this better?

22 KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you. That's better.

23 ROLAND LEBRUN: The next thing is the scoping  
24 period is 15, one-five, days. This is unheard of.  
25 Typically it's 60 or 90 days. But anyway, here are my



1 comments.

2           So the first thing you're going to notice  
3 there is that, between the tracks and Google, there is  
4 this kind of blank space. And that supposedly is a  
5 station. It's not part of Google. And the reason for  
6 that is that Google were not invited to the party by  
7 the VTA; they didn't invite Google.

8           Now, the next comment I want to make is that,  
9 if you look further on the other side of Santa Clara  
10 and you go north and you follow the tracks, there is  
11 currently -- as designed, you're going to cut off all  
12 the emergency vehicle access to the tracks. If  
13 anything happens to Caltrain, now that they want to put  
14 buildings on the parking lot, there's no way for  
15 ambulance or fire, whatever, to get there. It's an  
16 issue that has to be addressed.

17           Now, specific to Google, these new streets, we  
18 are adding 20 acres of streets in the Diridon Station  
19 area. Why are we doing this in Downtown San Jose for  
20 crying out loud? Isn't it time we move into 21st  
21 century?

22           Now, I'm going to be blunt here, the square  
23 grid over there, of course, not designed by Google,  
24 when I find out who did this, I will be asking for  
25 their resignation, whoever these people are, because

1 what I'm looking at is something that probably was  
2 designed by a Russian after a bombing raids. It's that  
3 simple.

4 The last comment I'm going to make, if anybody  
5 in this room knows what Vision Zero is, what I'm  
6 looking at here is Vision One Hundred. Thank you.

7 KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you, Roland.

8 Kathy?

9 I wonder how VTA is getting along with out  
10 Roland.

11 So Kathy can I --

12 KATHY SUTHERLAND: Oh, I'm sorry. My name is  
13 --

14 KELLI PARMLEY: -- ask you, just say your  
15 name.

16 KATHY SUTHERLAND: -- Kathy Sutherland, and I  
17 live in the Delmas Park Neighborhood.

18 KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you.

19 KATHY SUTHERLAND: So for the EIR and the  
20 impacts of both the construction and the development,  
21 I'd like to know how broad you look. Whether it's  
22 going to be just the -- the official property or if  
23 it's going to take into account impacts into the  
24 neighboring -- the adjacent neighborhoods and how large  
25 that impact area is going to be.

1           And then, when you have your construction  
2 completed, it will be brand-new construction, but what  
3 I'd like to know is how the brand-new construction and  
4 the transportation for people who are using bicycles or  
5 walking will interface with the existing sidewalks that  
6 are three feet wide. And so I'd like to know the  
7 impact -- how the EIR is going to address the impacts  
8 on the neighborhoods that are over a hundred years old.  
9 Thank you.

10           KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you Kathy, appreciate  
11 that.

12           So I have -- so, Tessa Woodmansee. So I'll  
13 ask you to speak to all three.

14           TESSA WOODMANSEE: I guess so.

15           KELLI PARMLEY: I'm assuming that you're happy  
16 to do that?

17           TESSA WOODMANSEE: Yes.

18           KELLI PARMLEY: Folks, if you have any other  
19 comments that you want to offer up verbally, I'd please  
20 ask you to fill out your comment cards and get them to  
21 a staff member.

22           So, Tessa, if you'd state your name for the  
23 record.

24           TESSA WOODMANSEE: Thank you. Tessa  
25 Woodmansee. We live on Stockton Avenue.

1           I guess one thing in regards to the outreach,  
2 it was very poor. I -- my girlfriend and neighbor got  
3 the card on Pershing Avenue, but I live on Stockton and  
4 Schiele, and we didn't get any cards. And that was  
5 wrong.

6           The -- if you look at it, it always looks like  
7 you gerrymander it. Or you have to be aware that the  
8 area that you're counting your thousand feet from is  
9 very unpopulated, you know, where you are. And even in  
10 the side of Stockton Avenue from Whole Foods all the  
11 way to Lenzen, I mean, there is some housing, and  
12 there's a lot of rental homes. But the real  
13 neighborhood that we're part of is called the Garden  
14 Alameda. And it will be impacted. And you didn't go  
15 far enough. So that's one problem.

16           And it needs to go all the way to Taylor  
17 Street on Stockton and then all the way down to The  
18 Alameda, that's our Garden Alameda neighborhood.

19           The issue -- well, of noise was one issue, In  
20 regards to construction. And the City of New York,  
21 whenever construction happens, requires a broadband  
22 back-up beeper. And what that is is the problem with  
23 the single-tone back-up beeper is really destructive to  
24 our health and our nervous system and actually isn't  
25 very safe. It isn't safe as the broadband back-up

1 beeper made by Brigade Electronics.

2 I'm not -- I don't make any money for this. I  
3 just -- because I live with a lot of trucks and buses,  
4 I've had to research how to have good neighbor warning  
5 alarms because it's very destroying to our health to  
6 have those single-tone. So like in the City of New  
7 York, they require it for all construction. But it  
8 should be part of, you know, just all of this  
9 community.

10 And that you're building this Google Village,  
11 I've been saying -- and I even got support from the  
12 Downtown Business Association. The Google Village  
13 should be car-free. That's how we should be building  
14 it. And -- because we have so many problems with the  
15 cars.

16 And as we go -- as we are needing to reduce  
17 our fossil fuels to zero -- and at least the science is  
18 saying we have ten years to reduce it 50 percent.  
19 Well, we have this opportunity with your project to do  
20 it the right way and not make the mistakes that we have  
21 me made in the last hundred years of how we've been  
22 evolving as a species before we go extinct. So we need  
23 to have a car-free.

24 And the issue with our streets is that  
25 Stockton Avenue is a very bad design of a street and

1 needs to be improved as they become a boulevard into  
2 Google Village. And so we are proposing a roundabout  
3 that we need to be getting the pot of money that  
4 supposedly Google is presenting to our city for  
5 mitigations into our community.

6 And so one of those to bring to you is  
7 Stockton Avenue, to make it -- to slow the traffic down  
8 because right now people going 85, 100 miles an hour  
9 down that street because it's so wide. So what we need  
10 to do is slow the traffic by creating traffic circles  
11 as well as medians because it is a large street. So  
12 that's one suggestion to traffic calming.

13 And the other thing is Julian Street is a  
14 mess, especially the side as we go towards your  
15 project. From the Stockton going eastbound, there is  
16 not even ADA accessible. There's an old style and  
17 stair and so it's not ADA accessible. That's the  
18 American Disabilities Act. So that is not even meeting  
19 it. So we need that repaired as well as bicycle lanes  
20 on Julian Street going eastbound from Stockton.

21 And then there's Taylor Street that is also a  
22 mess. And it needs to be fixed and made to be walkable  
23 and pedestrian safe, and the intersection of Stockton  
24 Taylor is a mess with a lot of free right turns and  
25 those issues.

1           And then air quality. I guess -- let's see.  
2 Oh, I guess of course there's the underpass under  
3 Taylor that needs to be fixed.

4           And one idea we've had in regards to Taylor  
5 Street -- oh, no. It was Julian Street -- that  
6 actually, on Julian, it is quite a big promenade. And  
7 that should just be a walking pedestrian side as you go  
8 towards PG&E. There's -- but it needs to just then be  
9 ramped so it would be accessible. So it is doable to  
10 make that walkable and bicycle on Julian.

11           And then Taylor Street needs to be improved in  
12 terms of walkability. It needs to be more like  
13 Campbell Avenue did and make it more of a promenade  
14 where you separate the cars from the pedestrians by  
15 really creating more infrastructure that separates, the  
16 way they did on Campbell Avenue and make it a promenade  
17 and separating them from the car traffic on Taylor  
18 Street as you go under the underpass.

19           KELLI PARMLEY: Okay --

20           TESSA WOODMANSEE: Let's see. Am I almost  
21 done?

22           KELLI PARMLEY: So, Tessa?

23           TESSA WODDMANSEE: Yes?

24           KELLI PARMLEY: You did a really good job --

25           TESSA WOODMANSEE: Did I?

1           KELLI PARMLEY:  -- of your three-part talk.

2           TESSA WOODMANSEE:  Did I?  Okay.  Air quality,

3  so I didn't talk about --

4           KELLI PARMLEY:  No, you talked about it.  So

5  you talked noise.

6           TESSA WOODMANSEE:  Okay.

7           KELLI PARMLEY:  You identified, I think, three

8  particular areas around transportation.

9           TESSA WOODMANSEE:  Okay.

10          KELLI PARMLEY:  And you did speak a bit about

11  air quality.  So --

12          TESSA WOODMANSEE:  I guess I'm done.

13          KELLI PARMLEY:  Oh, no.  I'll give you about

14  30 more seconds.

15          TESSA WOODMANSEE:  Oh, your so generous.

16          So air quality.  Well, let's see about air

17  quality.

18          KELLI PARMLEY:  What does that look like for

19  you?

20          TESSA WOODMANSEE:  Yeah.  Well -- oh, that's

21  the issue.  That's why we really need to be car free

22  because we -- our neighborhood -- well, we are in a

23  community at risk.  We are a community at risk where we

24  are on Stockton Avenue going from Stockton all the way

25  to the east hills.  We are a community at risk.



1           And, actually, the Bay Area Air Quality --  
2 BAAQMD, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is  
3 indicating more stringent controls. So we really need  
4 to think about creating car-free San Jose. Thanks.

5           KELLI PARMLEY: Tessa, thank you. Appreciate  
6 it.

7           So Harvey, where are ya?

8           HARVEY DARNELL: At the -- at the mike.

9           KELLI PARMLEY: You know, we were waiting for  
10 you, Harvey.

11           Harvey Darneli [sic]?

12           HARVEY DARNELL: Darnell.

13           KELLI PARMLEY: Darnell, oh, Darnell. I'm  
14 really bad at reading apparently. Our transcriptioner  
15 [sic] got it?

16           HARVEY DARNELL: I'm sorry?

17           KELLI PARMLEY: I'm talking to her, our  
18 transcription person over here, just to make sure she  
19 got your name.

20           HARVEY DARNELL: D-A-R-N-E-L-L.

21           KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you, Harvey.

22           HARVEY DARNELL: I'm going to talk about  
23 several of the issues in your --

24           KELLI PARMLEY: So, Harvey, can I ask you to  
25 try to keep it a little bit succinct?

1 HARVEY DARNELL: I will. I will.

2 KELLI PARMLEY: Appreciate that.

3 HARVEY DARNELL: You know, I'm a regular here.  
4 I was on SAG.

5 KELLI PARMLEY: Yes.

6 HARVEY DARNELL: And I've asked the question,  
7 for example -- I know there will be 20,000 high paying  
8 information technology jobs. But what is the ratio of  
9 non-information technology jobs to each of those  
10 people? How many support workers would you need? How  
11 many people will be brought into this area?

12 And I want to make sure that EIR reflects that  
13 as well. Okay? Because that does have an issue with  
14 greenhouse gas emissions. And -- because you bring in  
15 lots of people who are poor and don't have good  
16 transportation, they will drive cars and -- and create  
17 greenhouse gasses.

18 Cultural resources, I want to make sure  
19 there's a number of cultural resources. I want to make  
20 sure the EIR calls them all out. We have a lot of  
21 historic buildings in this area. I know some of them  
22 may need to be moved, but I want to make sure that that  
23 is called out.

24 KELLI PARMLEY: Do you have any in particular  
25 in mind?

1 HARVEY DARNELL: No. There's --

2 KELLI PARMLEY: Just be mindful.

3 HARVEY DARNELL: There's a list of them that  
4 PAC\*SJ can give you. Okay?

5 Biologic resources, I am one of the advocates  
6 for daylighting of Los Gatos Creek. So I want to make  
7 sure that the EIR calls out the most sensitivity to Los  
8 Gatos Creek. And if any of the project -- of the  
9 Google project touches Guadalupe River, make sure that  
10 is called out as well.

11 Population and housing. I am concerned about  
12 the mixture of how we make sure that we have places for  
13 those who are not being paid the high-level jobs, are  
14 housed in this area, whether they're housed here or  
15 somewhere else. I'd like to know what kind of  
16 displacement there will be and what the plans are to  
17 bring people in.

18 And then transportation, this is an area that,  
19 if you get on Santa Clara at Montgomery at 5:30 in the  
20 afternoon, which I've done trying to go over the river  
21 and through the woods from the County building, it can  
22 take 20 minutes to go from and Montgomery and Santa  
23 Clara to Bird and 280. So currently there is a large  
24 number of cars in this area.

25 I'm concerned that we're looking at this

1 project in its silo, and I want to make sure that --  
2 I've been assured by the director that they are doing a  
3 separate plan for the other 160 acres in this area.  
4 But I want to make sure that we really call out the  
5 cumulative impacts of all these things that I've talked  
6 about.

7 KELLI PARMLEY: Harvey, thank you.

8 HARVEY DARNELL: Thank you.

9 KELLI PARMLEY: Appreciate it.

10 No more speaker cards?

11 Do you all have the white sheets? It's really  
12 important, if you don't feel comfortable speaking, that  
13 you actually fill out your comment cards and share them  
14 with staff.

15 I think somebody's trying to communicate  
16 something, and I'm not getting it. No other speaker  
17 comments?

18 Oh, no, we got one. We encouraged somebody.  
19 And the lucky winner is Gayle Frank. Yay, Gayle.

20 GAYLE FRANK: All right. I'm very interested  
21 in the historic structures and resources in this area.  
22 And I did write them down for my comments, but I  
23 thought I would --

24 KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, perfect.

25 GAYLE FRANK: -- just say it here real quick.

1 I want to know what's going to happen to the  
2 pig sign and Navlet's building, the future of that,  
3 and the Sunlite Bakery building, the Water Works  
4 building, which I understand may be a community center-  
5 type thing, but what the plans would be for that.

6 I'm real worried about the Diridon Station.  
7 And I don't know what's happening with that and the  
8 Kearney Metal Works, Pattern and Metal Works building.  
9 Interested in the impact of the historic neighborhoods  
10 nearby, in the Delmas area, all those wonderful  
11 historic houses, what the impact would be to the  
12 neighborhoods. That's it. Thank you.

13 KELLI PARMLEY: And Gayle, it takes a bit of  
14 courage to get up to that microphone. Appreciate it.

15 Anybody -- oh, look. We're pulling them out.  
16 Okay. I'm going to get this really wrong. I hope  
17 you're superior graceful. Is it Mojgan?

18 MOJGAN MAHDIZADEH: Yes.

19 KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, whew. Got that one right.

20 So, court transcriber, I'm not going to get  
21 the last name correct. I'm going to ask Mojgan to say  
22 her last name.

23 MOJGAN MAHDIZADEH: Good evening. My name is  
24 Mojgan Mahdizadeh the last name.

25 KELLI PARMLEY: Mojgan, thank you. It's a

1 beautiful name.

2 MOJGAN MAHDIZADEH: So based on what I read,  
3 there is about 170 trees that is planned to be cut  
4 down. And I want to know, in your EIR, the capacity of  
5 carbon absorption that we're going to lose as a result  
6 of cutting these trees.

7 You might say in your response that it's going  
8 to be replanted, but it takes many, many years to get  
9 to same level of these mature trees.

10 KELLI PARMLEY: That's awesome. Thank you. A  
11 unique interest, and I appreciate you bringing it  
12 forward.

13 Anybody else? Oh, gosh, I keep recruiting  
14 them. Shannon, getting a lot of steps in tonight. Do  
15 you have a watch? I'm not gettin' any.

16 And, so, Bill -- Rankin?

17 BILL RANKIN: Yes.

18 KELLI PARMLEY: Bill, have at it.

19 BILL RANKIN: Hi, Bill Rankin. I live in  
20 North Willow Glen. It's very important to me to see a  
21 separation of pedestrians and vehicle traffic. So as  
22 far as the Los Gatos Creek Trail goes, I would like to  
23 see as many underpasses or bridges over roads to keep  
24 cars and pedestrians separate.

25 One possibility is to have an underpass under

1 Park, as that gets developed, and any other street  
2 crossings heading north towards the Guadalupe. I would  
3 like to see as many bridges or underpasses as possible.

4 KELLI PARMLEY: Bill, is it safe to assume  
5 that you bike?

6 BILL RANKIN: Yes.

7 KELLI PARMLEY: Thank you for that.  
8 Appreciate it.

9 Any other daring souls? Please tell me you  
10 have white comment cards and that you're puttin' things  
11 down. The staff here are super interested in it. It's  
12 a really important part of the process.

13 So I'm going to say this is not well  
14 rehearsed. I'm not really sure, Thai, what the next  
15 step is. But we'll -- well, we'll get to Thai.

16 First of all, I would just ask for a slight  
17 bit of applause for the staff who are here trying to  
18 help with this.

19 Having spent some time with them, they are  
20 dedicated and devoted the City of San Jose. And I  
21 think sometimes, from the public perspective, that may  
22 not seem true. But I spent a little bit of time with  
23 them, and I'm super impressed.

24 Number two, I would ask you to give yourselves  
25 a round of applause, like, give yourselves -- you

1 realize that it's almost 8:00 o'clock at night. You've  
2 put in a full day. You probably are not with your  
3 families and you're friends and other folks. And I  
4 appreciate you coming out. Just showing up is really  
5 important.

6 And I would offer up that I heard a couple of  
7 comments tonight about outreach and engagement. If you  
8 have opportunities to reach out to folks from  
9 communities who are not represented here, I would  
10 encourage you and ask you to do that. Right?

11 It's all of our responsibility to make sure  
12 that voices are heard. And we can do a lot of things  
13 in the City and a lot of things that we can't do. So  
14 offer up that you all are really important to making  
15 the outreach happen. Again, voices are all really  
16 important.

17 Am I forgetting to thank anybody else?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

19 THE REPORTER: I can't hear anything.

20 Excuse me.

21 KELLI PARMLEY: Yes?

22 THE REPORTER: That did not get in the record,  
23 I just want to say.

24 KELLI PARMLEY: Okay.

25 THE REPORTER: Because I couldn't hear it at



1 all.

2 KELLI PARMLEY: You couldn't hear me?

3 THE REPORTER: Her or --

4 KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, I'm so sorry.

5 So the young woman up here asked about what  
6 the December 5th meeting was about. You got that now?

7 And now Thai is going to actually give us some  
8 answers to that.

9 Thank you.

10 THAI-CHAU LE: So the December 5th meeting is  
11 -- on the project is a community meeting for the  
12 development application. So since it's my turn again,  
13 I'll take the opportunity to kind of tell you all about  
14 some other engagement opportunities coming up that are  
15 related.

16 So in addition to reviewing the project, the  
17 City has initiated a process to amend the Diridon  
18 Station Area Plan which covers 250 acres and includes  
19 this project within it. So in your agenda sheet -- and  
20 there's a location map. As you can see, there are two  
21 outlined. There's the project itself, and there's the  
22 Diridon Station around it.

23 So the purpose of this is to update the plan  
24 to reflect the current conditions and incorporate this  
25 project along with aligned other adopted and ongoing

1 plans.

2 As part of this process, the City will -- are  
3 preparing three area-wide studies on affordable  
4 housing, parking, and infrastructure financing. We are  
5 working on the City-initiated project concurrently with  
6 the review of this project and preparing the Diridon  
7 Integrated Station Concept Plan, with a target of  
8 completion by the end of 2020.

9 The City will be conducting engagement to  
10 share information about and get feedback on all these  
11 interrelated projects over the next year. As shown on  
12 the flyer actually in front, if you want to come out  
13 there, we have a few flyers on the desk.

14 And also on this slide, we have the two  
15 already scheduled community meetings for this Diridon  
16 Area Plan Update. One is November 18th, and one is  
17 December 7th. Again, these slides will be updated on  
18 the website. You will have access to this information  
19 again.

20 And there's also a website at [DiridonSJ.org](http://DiridonSJ.org)  
21 for more information.

22 And I also was asked to announce that, on  
23 December 7th In the afternoon, the project applicant  
24 team will also be hosting a separate community meeting.  
25 And the location has not been determined yet, so more

1 information to come on their website. So please look  
2 out for that as well.

3 KELLI PARMLEY: So did I say December 5th and  
4 it was really December 7th?

5 THAI-CHAU LE: No, there's two. Again, let's  
6 reiterate.

7 (Simultaneous speakers)

8 THAI-CHAU LE: So December 5th is a city-held  
9 community meeting for the project application.  
10 December -- November 18th and December 7th is the  
11 Diridon Station Area Plan community meeting. There's  
12 two separate plans, but we wanted to give you all the  
13 opportunities to look at the related information as  
14 well.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [Inaudible] December  
16 5th.

17 KELLI PARMLEY: That's one where I will expect  
18 your attendance. So can I let somebody take 20 -- did  
19 you say 20 seconds, Roland?

20 HARVEY DARNELL: 20 more seconds, yes.

21 THE REPORTER: Can I have your name, please?

22 HARVEY DARNELL: Harvey Darnell.

23 KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, sorry. Did I say Roland?

24 THE REPORTER: Yes.

25 HARVEY DARNELL: Yes, you did.

1           KELLI PARMLEY: Oh, goodness. That's wrong.  
2 You're Harvey. Sorry about that.

3           HARVEY DARNELL: One last comment is about the  
4 interface of this project with not only Kathy's  
5 neighborhood, historic neighborhood, but also the  
6 Gregory Plaza neighborhood and the impacts of the --  
7 whatever they're going to put in onto the interface  
8 with these existing single-family low historic houses.

9           KELLI PARMLEY: Okay.

10          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

11          THE REPORTER: I can't hear this person, and I  
12 don't know who it is.

13          KELLI PARMLEY: So this gentleman over here is  
14 asking where --

15          THE REPORTER: And can I get a name, also?

16          HARVEY DARNELL: Gregory Plaza is off  
17 Auzerais, and some tall buildings may be casting long  
18 shadows on the -- that neighborhood.

19          KELLI PARMLEY: Okay. My apologies. The  
20 question came from Tessa, which is "where is that  
21 located," and then Harvey essentially answered.

22                 I feel like I've got a partnership going.  
23 Awesome. All right, Tessa?

24          TESSA WOODMANSEE: Yes.

25          KELLI PARMLEY: Awesome.

1           THAI-CHAU LE: Okay. So just want to  
2 reiterate it again. Please send all of your comments,  
3 even if they're not written here but you think about  
4 them when you get home, please send them to  
5 Shannon Hill about the environmental impact.

6           KELLI PARMLEY: Shannon, do you want to raise  
7 your hand again?

8           She would love your comments.

9           THAI-CHAU LE: She feels like this all night.  
10          Raise your hand, please.

11          So her information is on the slide and it's  
12 also on the agenda. Her e-mail address is the easiest  
13 way to reach her. But we understand if you have a  
14 whole package and you mail it in, a hard copy as well.  
15 And we also have a lot of handouts in the front that  
16 are left. So please feel free to take them. They have  
17 a lot of information on there about this project and  
18 also about the Diridon Station Area Plan.

19          And there's also a bunch of comment cards. So  
20 please take them. If you want to write on them and  
21 then send it in, that's great too.

22          And with that, I just want to thank you,  
23 again, for taking your time, coming out here. I know  
24 there's a game going on; I know there's other meetings  
25 that could you attend. But I really appreciate it, and

1 the staff really appreciates it that you're coming out  
2 here and meeting us and participating in this process.

3 KELLY PARMLEY: Thank you. Have a nice --

4 THAI-CHAU LE: Staff will still be around for  
5 a while, so feel free to chat with us.

6 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded  
7 at 8:02 p.m.)

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