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Subject: Scoping Meeting Comments

Hi All,

The attached zip file contains the public comments received at the meeting, staff notes from the notepads on easels, and an email comment I received today.

Thanks!

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**DOWNTOWN WEST MIXED USE PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCOPING MEETING
FILE NOS. GP19-009, PDC19-039, AND PD19-029**

**Environmental Impact Scoping Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2019**

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Comments:

- ① Pig Neon Sign - future plans & placement
- ② Navalet's Building - please save! future plans for use
- ③ Sunlite Building - please save at least the Art Deco facade, future uses?
- ④ Water Works Building - future plans, I understand it may be a community center
- ⑤ Dividon Station - I am very concerned for its preservation what will happen to it?
- ⑥ Kearny Metal Works - future? great history

I am interested in all historical structures in the area and what will happen to them.

What is the impact to historic neighborhoods nearby & other neighborhoods.

Written comments will be included in the public record.

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Comments:

I would like to see the EIR scope include impact of construction activity + construction water run off on the Guadalupe River + Los Gatos Creek, and on the plant + animal community. I would also like to see the effects of this project on housing displacement and on the existing unhoused population, ^{in the area to be developed} considered in the EIR. For the green space along Los Gatos Creek, what organization will be maintaining it?

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Name:

Adriana Garcia

Email:

Address:

Phone:

Comments:

- 1) Consider the negative impact to people of color such as gentrification + the consequences of that such school enrollment, housing market, affordable housing
- 2) Hold a forum @ churches and schools to get community input by
- 3) Please hold a forum on the "human capital" impact.
- 4) Offer a Spanish Speaking forum, Vietnamese Speaking, and other languages pertinent to areas/neighborhoods impacted by google moving in
- 5) This event had weak outreach to communities of color

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11/7/19 EIR Signing mtg

Public Services, Recreation, Utilities, and Service Systems

(PY)

(Stockton Ave.)

- Construction: lack of protection for bicyclists + pedestrians.
- Flood Zone Downtown: Why rush to approve project?
- Emergency Access? Street Closures? → Adverse effect to community.
- Proposal: Why no open space?
w/ all the density = community need places to walk + breathe air.
- What's the accessibility to low-income workers?
- Cut off Santa Clara fr the tracks,
How will emergency vehicles get in.
- Construction impact area: how large of an area is analyze?
- How EIR address interface of 3 foot wide sidewalks & bicyclists + ped during construction

11/7/19 EIR Sloping mty
Public Services, etc.

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- ▶ Construction Noise: should use broadband backup Beeper.
(better than single tone)
- ▶ Taylor St near underpass should be ^a promenade like
Campbell Ave.
- ▶ Need separation of vehicle + ped traffic
underpasses over roads @ Los Gatos Creek.
+
Bridges
+
Guadalupe ~~Creek~~ River.

11/7/19 EIR Scoping meeting

Transportation and Population

(pg 1)

- Stockton Ave → ped / bike safety w/ construction
 - conflicts with construction equipment
- emergency access and street closures
- more people w/ no open space → need to walk, breathe air
- displacement of existing population
- impact of longer commutes because of displacement
- blank space between Project and Diridon Station
- proposal disrupts emergency access circulation
- why adding streets to our downtown?
- square grid of street unacceptable
- this is Vision 100, not Vision X
- how will bicycle infrastructure and new construction interface with existing older neighs?

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- project area should be car free (air quality)
→ Stodeton Ave → a community at risk
- helps reduce Green house Gases
- Stodeton Ave. design needs improvements (landabats)
if feeding into project area → Slow down traffic
- medians needed too
- Julian street also not great → not ADA accessible
- bike lanes east bound needed
- Taylor street not walkable, too many free right turns
- Taylor underpass needs fixing
- ✓ - Julian needs to be pedestrian walkway only, sep. cars from peds.
- how many types of jobs? → can lead to more driving and more GHGs
- Need places (housing) for those without high paying jobs
- displacement issues
- Montgomery/Santa clara traffic to get west ↔ east
- call out cumulative impacts of all of these things
- Los Gatos Creek trail - keep peds / car separate w/
underpass at park
- Guadalupe too →

11/7/19 EIR Scoping mtg

Process Related Questions

- How was outreach for this mtg done?
- Rush to approve project
- accessibility of mtg to all (Eastside & other SJ communities)
 - ↳ Different languages
- Scoping mtg not well advertised
 - ↳ same time as VTA Board mtg
- Scoping comment period is short (15 days)
 - ↳ typically 60-90 days
- Outreach is poor
 - ↳ no renewal of notice for scoping mtg
 - ↳ 1,000 ft radius is not populated
 - ↳ noticing radius is not far enough
 - ↳ Taylor St, ^{the} Alameda

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All Other Resources

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- Flood Planning
- Historic Structures and neighborhoods in Delmas area
- Economic + Social impacts
 - #, type of lost jobs
 - pushing out existing
- Needs to look at Displacement, where will service worker jobs go?
- How large of impact area will EIR look at?
- How will EIR look at historic neighborhoods?
- Is Not Currently ADA accessible
- Ratio of tech jobs to non-tech, esp. in regards to GHG
- Needs to look at Cultural resources, historic structures
- look @ sensitivity to biological resources (creeks, etc.)
- Needs to address cumulative impacts

11/7/19 EIR Slipping mtg

All Other Resources

(pg. 2)

- Carbon Absorption lost from removed trees, as it will take years for replacement trees to mature.
- Interface w/existing SF homes in Gregory Plaza, Shade and Shadow impacts.

11/7/19 EIR Scoping mtg

Air Quality and Noise

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- Env't'l impacts of service workers moving far away
- Deviating away from Vision zero
- Construction Noise — ^{from} Broadband Backup Beeper disruptive/intrusive to health
 - ↳ good neighbor alarms
- ~~Worried~~ Concerned about air quality from additional traffic if not car-free
- At-risk AQ community
- BAAQMD creating more stringent controls, so ^{it} ~~that~~ should be car-free for car-free San Jose
- GHG ↑ from ^{service} support staff driving from further away if this area is not affordable
- Carbon absorption: concerned about cutting down all the trees
 - ↳ takes a long time to reach that same growth and absorption yes replanting, but it

From: [M. Cohen-Zakai](#)
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[External Email]

Hello,

Will Google use its own shuttles to transport its employees, or will VTA expand its bus service to provide for the transportation needs of Google employees and all residents in the area? We are in dire need of improved and expanded bus service, but it won't happen if Google only takes care of its own and relieves the VTA of its responsibility to provide fast and reliable transportation options.

Thank you,

Marcia Cohen Zakai

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