
Fw: Fraud in City of San Jose's Billboard Relocation Agreement With Clear Channel, Inc.

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To Blage Zelalich, Deputy Director, City Manager's Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs:

Re: San Jose City Council Item 2.9, May 5, 2026 meeting and State Clearinghouse Number: 2025020244 for a billboard relocation agreement.
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/environmental-review/environmental-review-documents/electronic-signs-on-city-owned-property-freeway-sites>

There appears to be fraud in the City of San Jose's contract with Clear Channel, Inc. relating to this billboard relocation agreement. Google Street View images demonstrate that three of the eleven billboards were not in existence in 2024 and 2025 when the City of San Jose analyzed and approved this deal.

Location ID 1: 3120 Moorpark Avenue (Panel ID Nos. 3039 and 3040)
BEFORE: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m491XNZEiyiTphDm9> (January 2020, billboard display present)
BEFORE: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MfYgXaDwz2bNoT778> (April 2021, billboard display present)
AFTER: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZjGUeBkP3Rbsp3qU6> (August 2024, billboard display panel entirely gone)

Location ID 8: Story Road and Senter Road (Panel ID No. 2954)

BEFORE: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6zrEX7trGkhjR7VY7> (Nov. 2022, billboard display present)

AFTER: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TPTLJGA1KWZwCL656> (Aug. 2024, entire billboard entirely gone)

Location ID 10: Bonita Avenue (APN: 472-07-072) (Panel ID Nos. 1138 and 1179)

BEFORE: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ri82Kw4pVEETnmt97> (Dec. 2013, billboard display present)

AFTER: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/KYND2EJRyCwhZxNf7> (Sept. 2014, billboard panel entirely gone)

AFTER: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/48mKV2xFZTKFDL4R7> (July 2024, billboard panel entirely gone)

As demonstrated by these Google Street View images, three of the eleven purported “existing” billboards, Location ID 1, Location ID 8, and Location ID 10 actually were non-existent as of the date of the February 2025 IS/MND. Assuming, arguendo, that the other eight “existing” billboards actually were existing, that means that just thirteen “faces” were available to be “relocated” to the four proposed digital “faces.” That is insufficient to support the proposed contract, which requires “exchange” of existing billboards at four to one ratio. In other words, just 13 of the necessary 16 existing billboard faces were available in 2025 to be “exchanged” for the four proposed digital “faces.” Therefore, at least one of the four proposed digital “faces” cannot proceed.

The purpose of this e-mail is to make you aware of this apparent fraud and to request that you take all appropriate investigative and remedial action. I believe that you should report this matter as soon as possible to all appropriate authorities, in law enforcement and otherwise. The contracts between the City of San Jose and Clear Channel, Inc. need to re-evaluated immediately. I have copied the City Manager’s executive assistant and the City Attorney’s office on this message.

Sincerely,

Jason Bezis

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