



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: See Below

DATE: July 31, 2024

Approved

Date:

8/1/2024

SUBJECT: DIRIDON STATION STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Set a City Council Study Session entitled *Diridon Station Study Session* for Friday, August 16, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and approve the Study Session agenda.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Study Session is to provide the City Council with an update on the Diridon Station Business Case.

OUTCOME

The information provided in the Study Session will inform the City Council of upcoming decisions on the future of Diridon Station.

BACKGROUND

The California High-Speed Rail Authority, Caltrain, City of San José, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (Partner Agencies) are working together on the Diridon Station Business Case to plan for the transformation of San José’s downtown transit hub. Diridon Station currently serves Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, Altamont Corridor Express, and Amtrak passenger rail, as well as Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority light-rail transit and bus services. Diridon Station must also accommodate planned and expanded services in the region,

including new California High-Speed Rail and Bay Area Rapid Transit service, as well as expanded service for Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, and Altamont Corridor Express. To effectively accommodate planned activity and future service needs, the station must be reconfigured, expanded, and upgraded to provide adequate capacity, functionality, and interconnectivity for passengers.

In 2020, the Diridon Integrated Station Concept process produced the original Concept Layout, which is a spatial vision for future Diridon Station redevelopment. Building on this concept, the Partner Agencies are developing more detailed station design alternatives through a business case process to better understand costs, benefits, risks, and potential implementation strategies. The Diridon Station Business Case has developed refined alternatives that provide much of the benefit of the original Concept Layout while reducing impact and costs. The first phase of the Business Case is identifying two station design alternatives. In the next phase of work, the Partner Agencies will work extensively with the community and identify a preferred alternative, enabling them to begin the environmental clearance process and develop a funding strategy for project delivery.

ANALYSIS

Diridon Station will significantly improve the transit landscape in San José and the Bay Area, and the effort is hitting significant milestones in development including narrowing the alternatives that will be further refined through public engagement and engineering work. In fall 2024, staff will bring the Diridon Station to Airport Connector project to City Council seeking direction on whether the effort should enter its environmental and design stage.

The Study Session agenda accompanies this memorandum. The City Council and participants will be provided with background information to help frame the discussion. The format will include a staff presentation and City Council discussion followed by public comment. The Study Session is informational and no action by the City Council is requested at the Study Session.

/s/
John Ristow
Director, Department of Transportation

For questions, please contact Ramses Madou, Division Manager with the Department of Transportation, at ramses.madou@sanjoseca.gov.

Attachment: Draft Study Session Agenda



City Council Meeting Agenda

DIRIDON STATION STUDY SESSION

**Friday, August 16, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

**LOCATION:
Council Chambers-200 E Santa Clara Street**

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• Call to Order and Roll Call

9:30 am to noon - Diridon Station Study Session, City Council Chambers, City Hall

STUDY SESSION

Purpose: The purpose of the Study Session is to provide the City Council with an update on the Diridon Station Business Case.

Outcome: The information provided in the Study Session will inform the City Council of upcoming decisions on the future of Diridon Station.

- 1) Staff Presentation
 - a) Introduction
 - b) Diridon Station's Importance
 - c) The Transformational Power of Great Stations for Cities
 - d) Diridon Station
 - i) Diridon Integration Station Concept (DISC)
 - ii) Business Case
 - iii) Station Alternatives
 - iv) Governance
 - v) Next Steps
- 2) City Council Discussion/Q&A

• Public Comment

• Adjournment