



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

**SUBJECT: SAN JOSE DIRIDON STATION
INTEGRATED CONCEPT PLAN**

DATE: June 7, 2021

Approved

Date

6/9/2021

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 3, 6

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute the Funding Agreement between the City of San José and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) in an amount not to exceed \$718,734, to fund development and delivery of the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan.

OUTCOME

Approval of a funding agreement to pay for continued consultant program management support on the Diridon Integrated Station Concept (DISC) Plan (Concept Plan).

BACKGROUND

When BART, commuter rail, high-speed rail, light rail, and supporting bus services converge, Diridon Station will support more high-capacity transit connections than any other place in the Bay Area. In order to plan for the substantial growth of Diridon Station, the City of San José, the PCJPB, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (the “Partner Agencies”) formed a public agency partnership via a Cooperative Agreement in July 2018. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) joined this partnership in June 2020. City Council approved an amendment to the above-mentioned cooperative agreement on June 23, 2020, to reflect these changes.

The initial stage of the DISC planning efforts produced a preferred “Concept Layout” for the station in late 2019, which City Council adopted in January 2020. The next stage of the DISC Program will continue to advance work in two primary areas:

1. Detailing a “program of interrelated projects” on which realization of the Concept Layout depends, ranging from rail maintenance facility to right-of-way needs and designs. Rail corridor planning and infrastructure needs – including critical elements like grade separation and maintenance facilities – are included within this program of projects.
2. Developing a unified model for organization and governance to carry the project forward through environmental review and project delivery. This combined effort is anticipated to take approximately 18 months.

Through the first phase of the process, the Partner Agencies determined that realizing the potential of Diridon Station and the Concept Layout requires implementing a full “program of interrelated projects.” This program of projects includes both comprehensive rail corridor planning for San Jose and the South Bay, as well as site-specific design and engineering work relating to individual facilities, such as the existing historic depot and a PG&E electrical substation that will be impacted by a future redesign of Diridon Station.

ANALYSIS

Until now, VTA has served as the contracting authority for the Partner Agencies. Through a funding agreement with VTA, the City has contributed \$781,256 to the Concept Plan to date. That funding agreement had a total budget capacity of \$1.5 million. With the current action, Caltrain will act as the contracting authority for the Partner Agencies, replacing VTA, for the remaining budget capacity of \$718,734.

The recommended action will enable the Partner Agencies to develop an effective organizational structure for the development and implementation of the DISC Program. This organizational structure is needed to prepare the Partner Agencies to make explicit arrangements for environmental and other regulatory compliance, and to support the development of a practical full funding plan. This organizational work will also detail how DISC work within the immediate station area will relate to and interface with broader rail corridor planning efforts, both citywide and regionally.

CONCLUSION

The new funding agreement with Caltrain will allow for critical work on the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan to continue.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Partner Agencies will continue to provide periodic updates to the Transportation and Environment Committee and/or City Council at key milestones in the Concept Plan’s development.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.”

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Partner Agencies have carried out significant public outreach as part of this project, including many public meetings and regular presentations to the decision-making bodies of each of the Partner Agencies. Regular presentations to the Joint Policy Advisory Board and Station Area Advisory Group have been a key part of this endeavor. It also included pop-up booths at Diridon Station, a community survey, and a Virtual Town Hall meeting.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic and Santa Clara County’s associated shelter-in-place order, public engagement activities since March 2020 have shifted primarily to online and pre-recorded meeting formats. Additional information on past and upcoming engagement activities can be found at <https://www.diridonsj.org/disc>.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager’s Budget Office, City Attorney’s Office and the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Under the 2018 Cooperative Agreement, VTA had agreed to perform related procurement actions for professional services on behalf of the Partner Agencies, and the Partner Agencies would strive to share costs and provide funding equally. Actual costs incurred for professional services were subject to limits agreed among the Partner Agencies as provided in specific funding agreements related to such activities.

The City executed a first funding agreement with VTA on May 22, 2018, in which it committed \$750,000 to the Concept Plan. On June 23, 2020, the City executed a second funding agreement with VTA for \$750,000. Of the second \$750,000, VTA has expended \$31,266, leaving a remaining balance of \$718,734. With the current action, the City commits to a not-to-exceed

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amount of \$718,734. Any additional funding beyond this amount would require City Council action.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	2020-2021 Adopted Capital Budget Page*	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
429	406S	San José Regional Transportation Hub	\$1,250,000	N/A	V-679	6/23/20, Ord No 30437
465	406S	San José Regional Transportation Hub	\$250,000	N/A	V-679	6/23/20, Ord No 30437

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment.

/s/

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