

Legislation Text

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GP17-010/GPT17-002/PP15-102 - Proposed Downtown Strategy 2040 and related City-initiated General Plan Amendments.

(a) Adopt a resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Strategy 2040, including the Second Amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission, and making certain findings concerning significant impacts, avoidance measures, mitigation measures, alternatives, and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, all in accordance with the California Environmental, Quality Act, as amended.

(b) Adopt a resolution amending the Envision San José 2040 General Plan to:

(1) Amend Appendix 5 (Planned Job Capacity and Housing Growth Areas by Horizon table) of the General Plan to increase the development capacity within the Downtown boundary through the transfer of 4,000 dwelling units and 10,000 jobs (approximately 3 million square feet) from other General Plan Growth Areas to Downtown;

(2) Establish a General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram Employment Priority Area Overlay to support Downtown San José's growth as a Regional Employment Center that will be applied to all parcels located within the overlay (within approximately one block of the future central Downtown BART Station generally including properties bounded by St. John Street to the north, 4th Street to the east, San Fernando Street to the south, and San Pedro Street to the west);

(3) Change the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram land use designation from Combined Industrial/Commercial to Downtown and Commercial Downtown, on approximately 10 acres to Downtown on approximately seven (7) acres and to Commercial Downtown on approximately three (3) acres on an approximately 10-acre site located at the intersection of Ryland Street and Santa Teresa Street between SR-87 and the Guadalupe River;

(4) Amend the Planned Growth Areas Diagram to expand the General Plan Downtown Growth Area boundary along the east side of North 4th Street between St. John and Julian Streets and remove the Downtown Transit Employment Center;

(5) Amend and clarify Vibration Policy EC-2.3 on types of sensitive historic structures, frequency of vibration, and minimum required distances for some types of construction equipment operations; and

(6) Text revisions related to the description of the Downtown Growth Boundary and transitions for projects located adjacent to existing neighborhoods planned for lower intensity development and other minor technical changes or clarifications.

(c) Adopt a resolution to replace the existing San José Downtown Strategy 2000 adopted by the City Council in 2005 with a new Downtown Strategy 2040.

CEQA: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Strategy 2040. Planning Commission recommends approval (4-1-1; Leyba opposed; Ballard absent). (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

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