



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Rosalynn Hughey

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: FILE NOS. GP17-008 AND GP17-009. WINCHESTER, SANTANA ROW/VALLEY FAIR, AND STEVENS CREEK URBAN VILLAGE PLANS. ADOPTION OF THE WINCHESTER, SANTANA ROW/VALLEY FAIR, AND STEVENS CREEK URBAN VILLAGE PLANS PREPARED BY THE CITY AND THE COMMUNITY TO FURTHER THE URBAN VILLAGE MAJOR STRATEGY OF THE ENVISION SAN JOSE 2040 GENERAL PLAN

REASON FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL

To provide correct California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reference for the adoption of the Winchester, Santana Row/Valley Fair, and Stevens Creek Urban Village Plans.

Comment letters received by the cities of Cupertino and Santa Clara regarding the Stevens Creek Urban Village Plan expressed concern that the Urban Village Plan was relying upon outdated environmental clearance. Specifically, the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and its Supplemental EIR, which are several years old, did not adequately address the existing transportation system.

The staff report and the City Council Agenda for the adoption of these Urban Village Plans referenced the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (Resolution No. 76041) and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program EIR (Resolution No. 77617), but did not reference the Addendum prepared for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, which was more recently approved by the City Council on December 13, 2016 (Resolution No. 78048).

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (Resolution No. 76041), the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program EIR (Resolution 77617), and the November 1, 2016 Addendum thereto, in conformance with CEQA; and
2. Recommend to the City Council adoption of resolutions approving the Winchester, Santana Row/Valley Fair, and Stevens Creek Urban Village Plans, and General Plan Amendments modifying the boundaries of the Plans and General Plan land use designations.

ANALYSIS

The environmental impacts of this project were addressed in the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041), Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan (Resolution No. 77617), and Addendum thereto (Resolution No.78048).

The Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan EIR analyzed a comprehensive update and revision of all elements of the City of San José General Plan. This included an extension of the planning timeframe to the year 2035 and designating Growth Areas and Urban Villages, which propose intensified urban redevelopment of underutilized commercial lands to accommodate new commercial and residential growth.

As a part of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Four-Year Review, an Initial Study and Addendum to the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77617) were prepared and approved by the City Council on December 13, 2016. The Initial Study prepared for the General Plan Four-Year Review included updated technical analyses of traffic and greenhouse gas emissions.

The traffic analysis addressed the long-range impacts of the proposed General Plan land use adjustments, including the adjusted levels of housing and job growth for the Winchester, Santana Row/Valley Fair, and Stevens Creek Urban Village Plans, on the citywide transportation system through the use of measures of effectiveness (MOEs) developed for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan. The long-range analysis included analysis of the following MOEs; (1) Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per Service Population; (2) Journey-to-Work Mode Share (Drive Alone Percentage); (3) Average Travel Speeds within the City's Transit Priority Corridors (Grand Boulevards) for all vehicles (transit and non-transit vehicles); (4) Adjacent Jurisdictions roadway conditions on major including freeway facilities operated by Caltrans and expressways operated by Santa Clara County.

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The transportation analysis relied upon updated land use data reflecting development that occurred since the completion of the original General Plan transportation model in 2008. The updated land use data reflects development that has been completed as of approximately a mid-2015-time frame. Traffic conditions for the Adjusted 2040 General Plan conditions were evaluated relative to the Projected Year 2015 conditions.

The Addendum concluded that the proposed General Plan Amendments associated with the General Plan Four-Year Review would not result in any new significant impacts, impacts that are cumulatively considerable, or impacts that will directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects on human beings beyond those disclosed and evaluated in the General Plan Final EIR and General Plan Supplemental EIR.

The EIR and Supplemental EIR are available for review on the Planning web site at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=2435>. The Addendum to the EIR and Supplemental EIR is available for review on the Planning website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=5270>

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