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# Arena Green Area Context

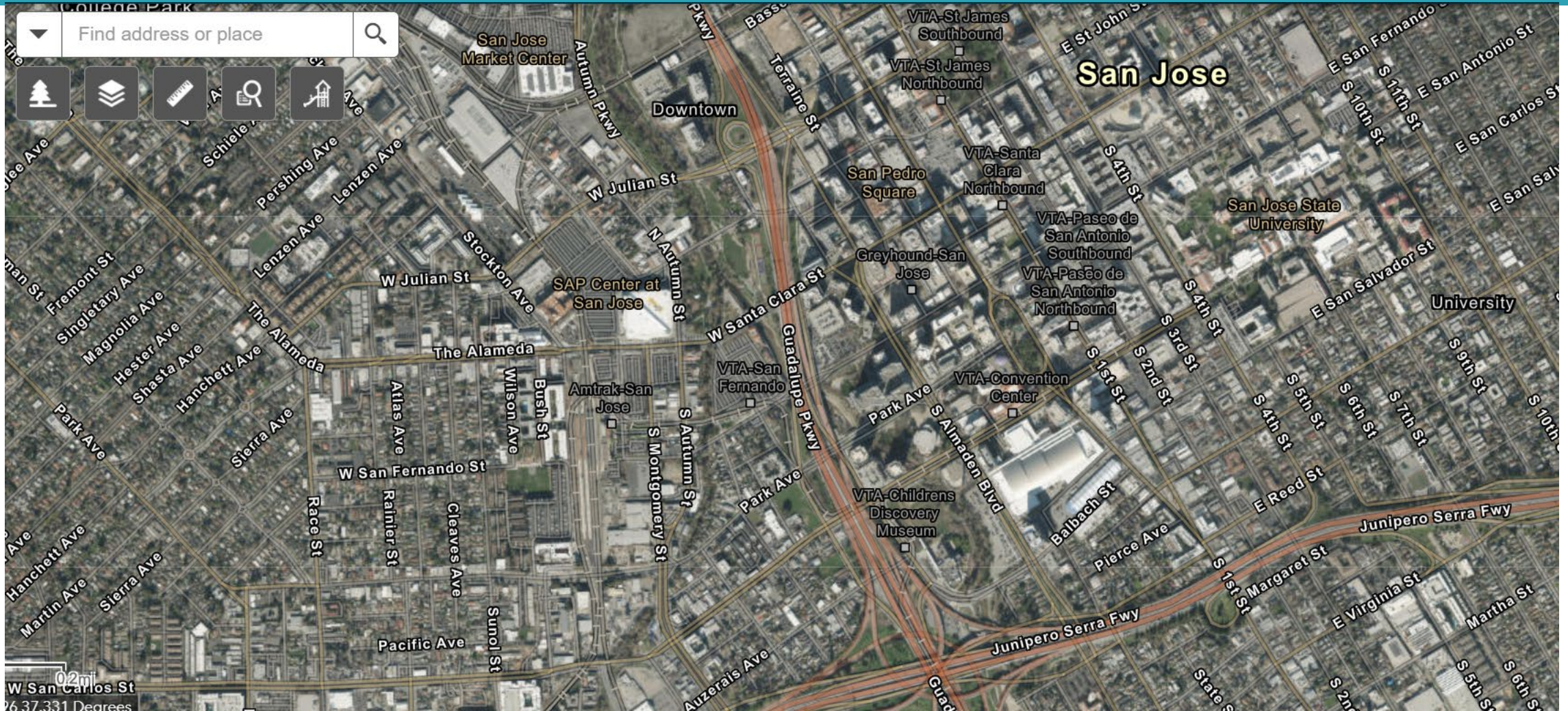
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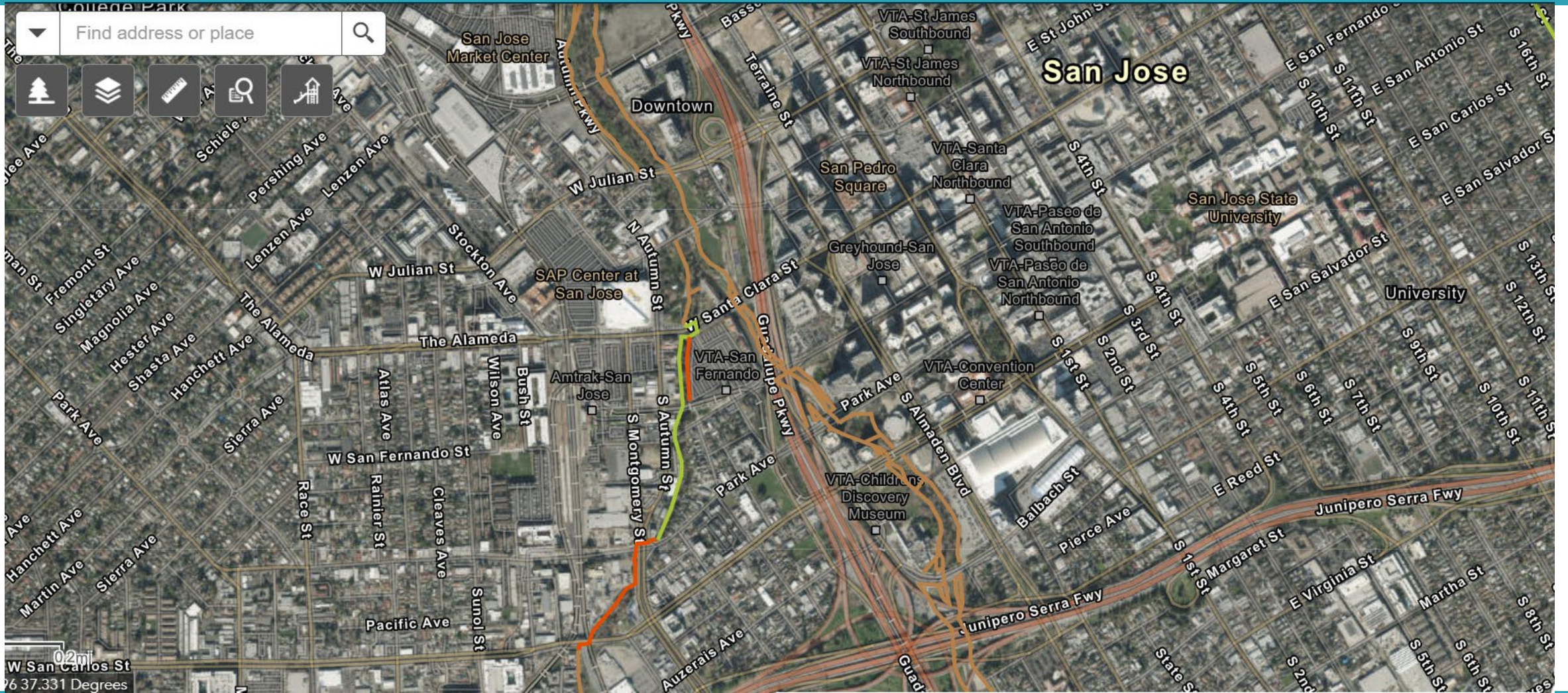
# Agenda

- Introductions
- Area Parks Overview
  - Guadalupe River Park
  - Guadalupe River Trail
  - Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Diridon Station Area Plan
- Google / Downtown West

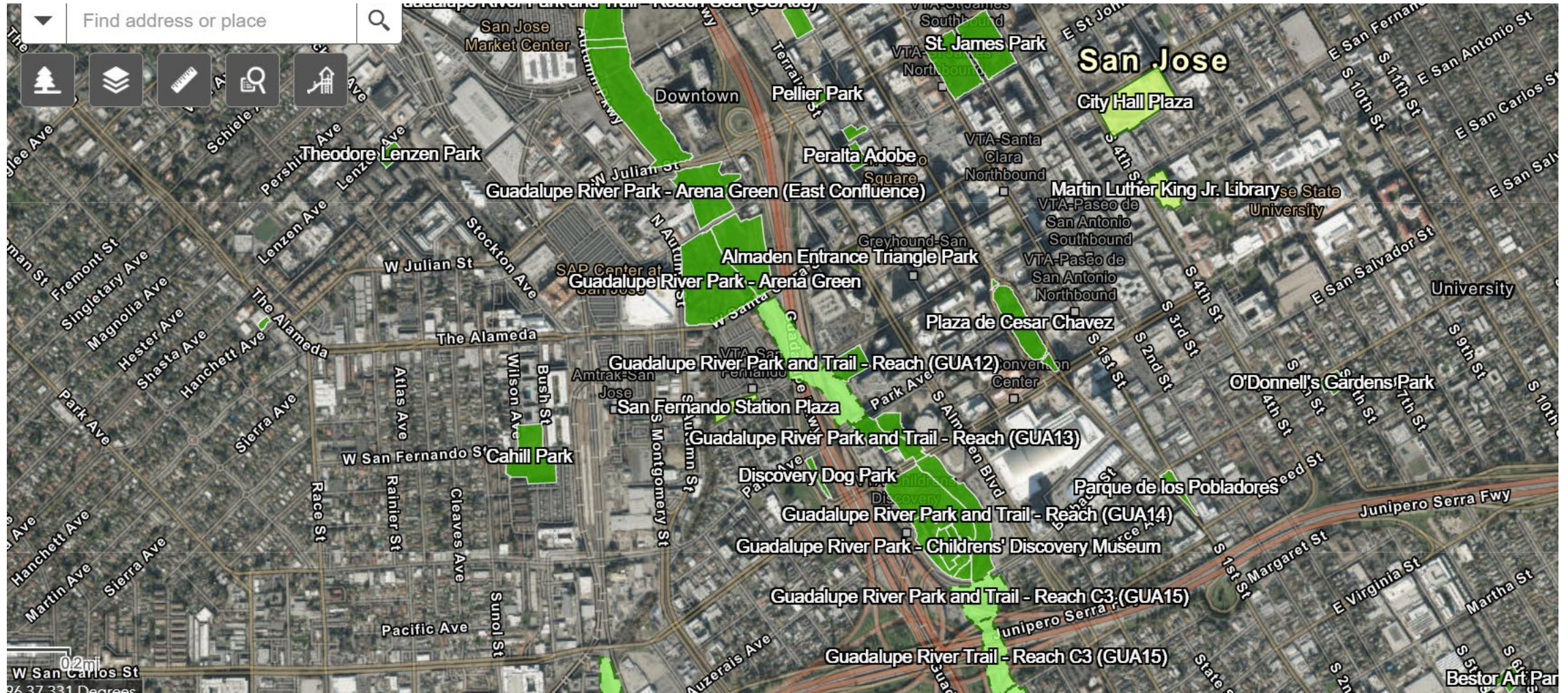
# Overview of Area



# Project Area Trails



# Project Area Parks



# PRNS Strategic Plan

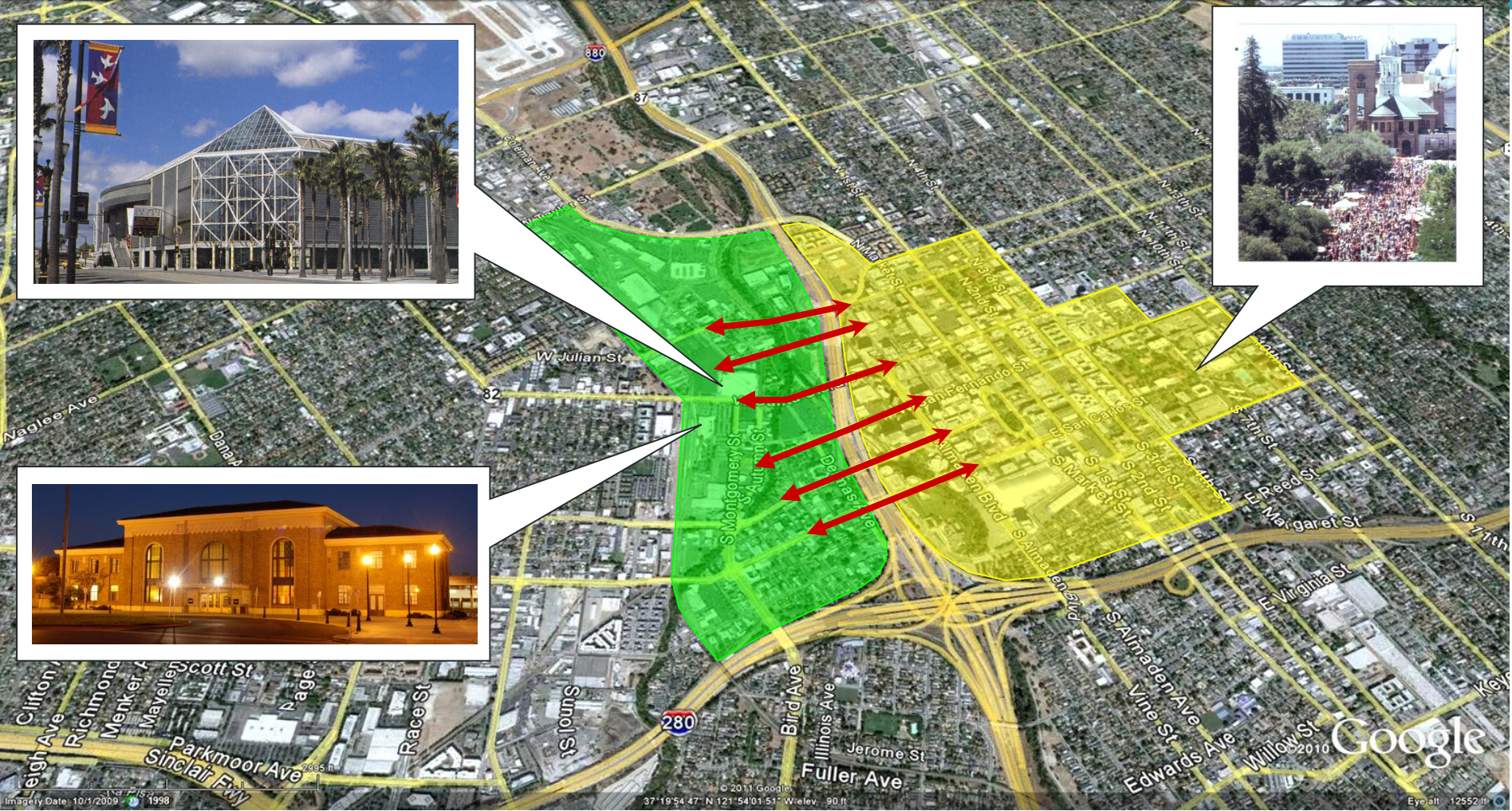


# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- **Stewardship** – We Take Care of What We Have and Invest for the Future
- **Nature** – We Protect, Preserve and Promote Outdoor Spaces for All People
- **Equity and Access** – We Embrace People of All Ages, Cultures and Abilities
- **Identity** – We are Known as a Premier Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services System
- **Public Life** – We Promote Community Spaces for a Safe, Fun and Healthy San José

# Downtown Strategy: Expand West, Integrate

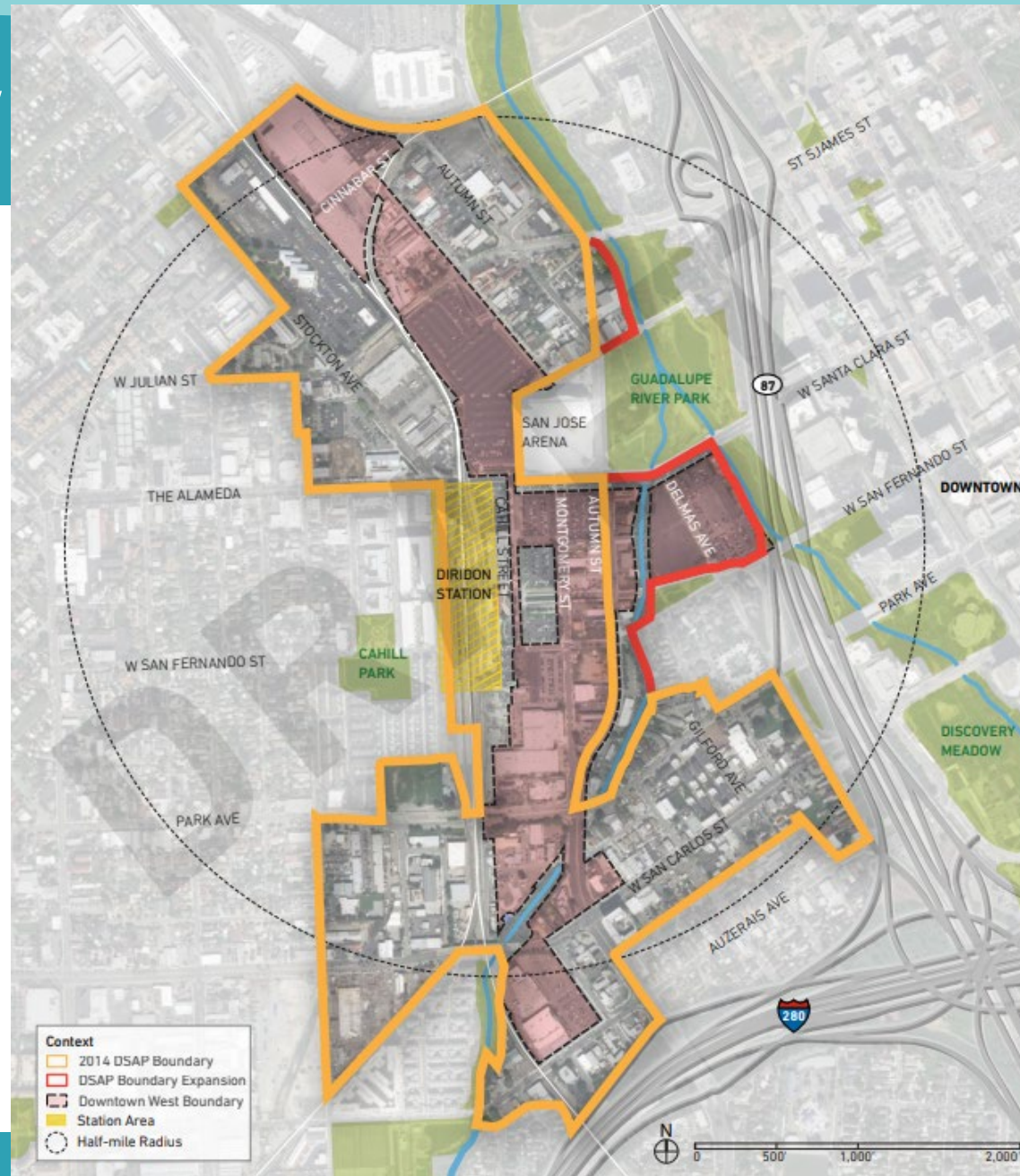




# Transit Hub Planning for 8X Passenger Growth



# DSAP Overview

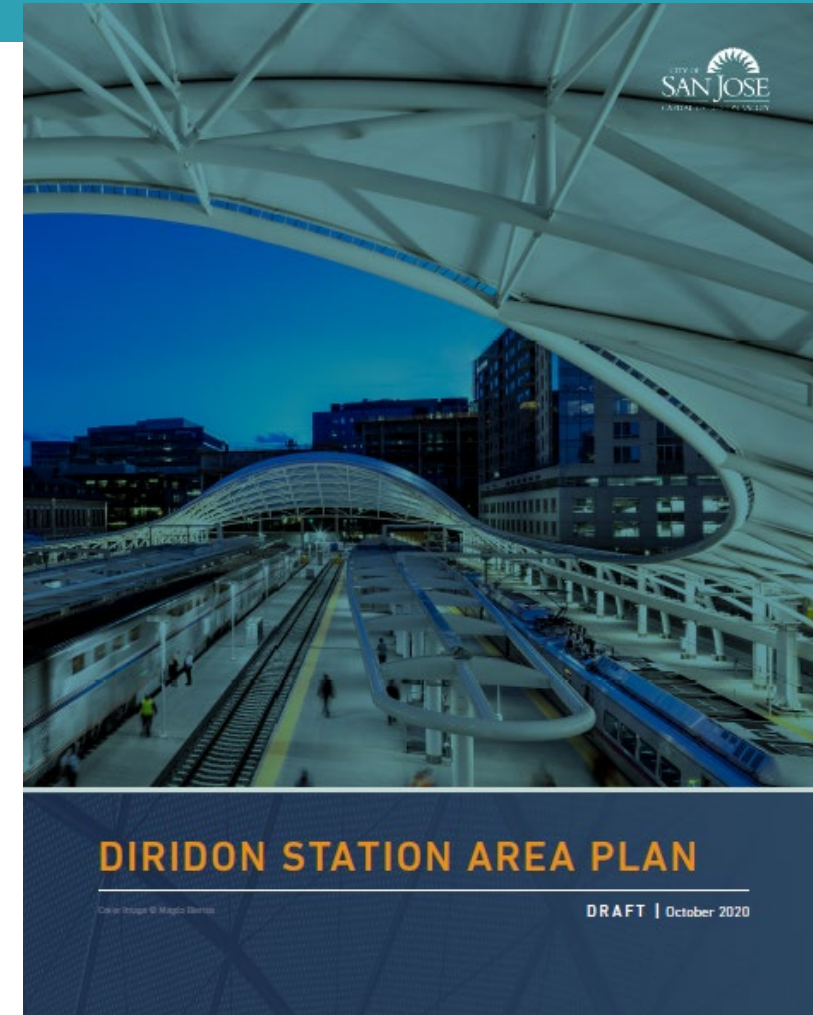


# Orientation to Draft DSAP

Draft Plan: <https://www.diridonsj.org/fall2020-dsap>

New chapters include:

- **Introduction** (background, community engagement, objectives, equity)
- **Station Area Development** (land use, building height, urban design, infrastructure, affordable housing)
- **Open Space and Public Life** (parks, plazas, trail links, public art)
- **Mobility** (transportation, parking)
- Plan Implementation



# DSAP Housing Units

- Assumptions for planning purposes: 75% high-rise, 25% mid-rise

Based on the Preliminary Capacity Analysis for the DSAP Amendments	
<b>New Units</b>	13,000+
<b>Total Projected Population</b>	Up to 25,000 New Residents

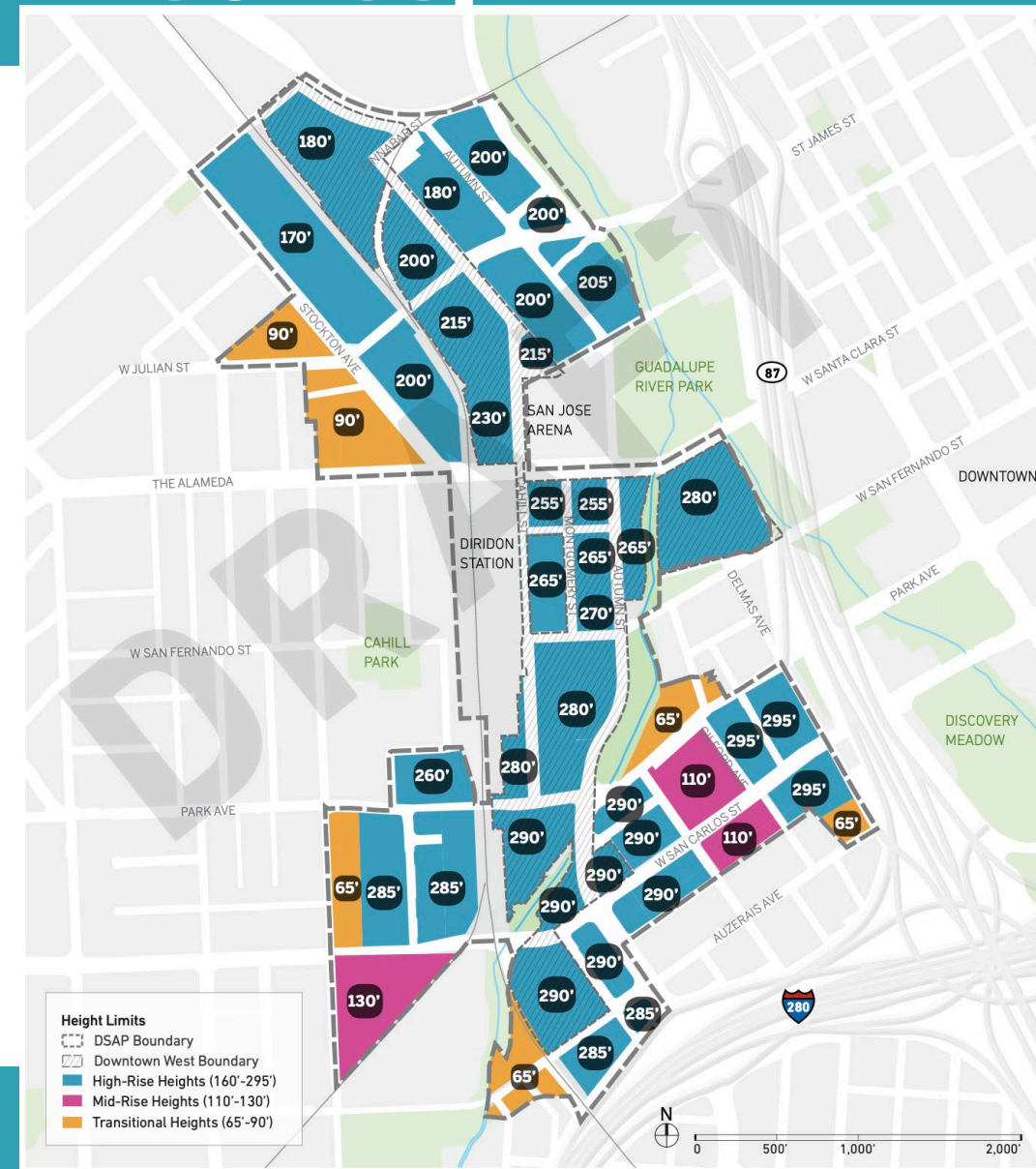
# Desired Outcomes – Land Use

- A high-density, mixed-use station area that takes full advantage of the transit investments
- Complementary mix of commercial, office, and residential uses, with ground floor retail in strategic locations and amounts
- Well-designed: balancing coherence/consistency and variation to create a strong sense of place and interesting skyline
- Integrates with Downtown; open, permeable, and supportive of local businesses
- Human-scaled to support an active street life and accessibility
- Incorporates historic features and public art
- Sensitive to the surrounding neighborhoods; mitigates impacts



# Maximum Building Height Concept

- High-Rise (up to FAA limits) on some sites near station, rail line, freeways, and Guadalupe River Park
- Mid-Rise (130 feet max) in McEvoy/W. San Carlos area
- Transitional (65-90 feet max) near single-family areas



# Desire Outcomes – Public Space

- Input emphasized five themes: safety, maintenance, access, trail connectivity, and equity
- Showed the value of multiple smaller spaces spread throughout vs. fewer large spaces
- Encouraged thinking about new models of maintenance, activation, and partnership



# DSAP - Parks and Plazas Overall Concept

- Varied open space experiences
  - Transit plazas
  - Active neighborhood parks
  - Linear Park along the creek





# DSAP - Los Gatos Creek Trail

- Complete final sections of the Trail
- Auzerais Avenue to Park Avenue
- Park Avenue to West San Fernando Street
- West San Fernando to West Santa Clara
- West St. John Street to West Julian Street



# Transportation Desired Outcomes

- Pedestrian-friendly streets with small blocks, safe crossings, wide sidewalks, and amenities
- There are direct street, trail, bike, and transit connections to Diridon Station, Downtown, adjacent neighborhoods, and the regional network
- There are safer intersections, especially the Bird Ave/280 interchange
- Traffic congestion minimized during construction and on adjacent residential streets
- Station area exceeds citywide targets for reduced car travel
- Transit system that is high quality, affordable, convenient, frequent, and inter-connected
- Transit infrastructure is designed to designed for future growth and to avoid impacts to homes, parks, businesses, and community facilities

# Plan Boundaries

**Downtown West (2020)**

- Mitigation
- Design guidelines

**Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) Update**

**Key Deliverables**

- List of Projects
- TMA/Parking

**Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan (DISC)**

Phase I

- Track Alignment
- Station Footprint

Phase II

- Access Planning
- Refined Track Design

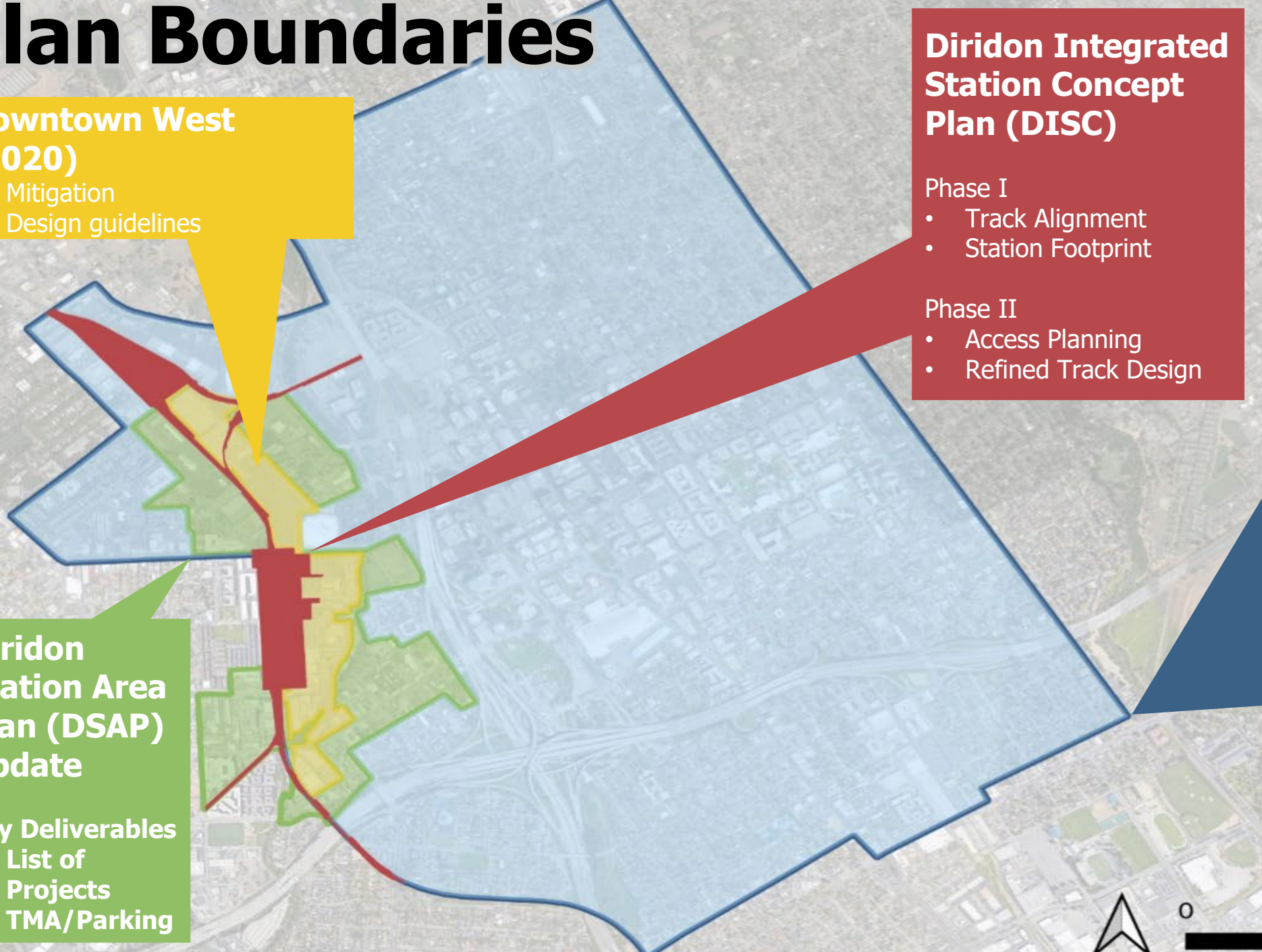
**Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) 2020-2021**

**Goals**





- Support and Complement Places
- Improve Equity & Access; Circulation & Navigability; Streetscapes and Public Life

**Key Deliverables**

- Engagement Plan
- Equity Framework
- Public Life Assessment
- Parking & Curbside Management Strategy
- Transportation Network Vision
- Prioritized List of Projects & Programs
- Conceptual Designs



# Street Network

				
<b>Grand Boulevard</b>	Primary	✓	✓	✓
<b>Primary Bike Facility</b>	✓	Primary	✓	✓
<b>Main Street</b>	✓	✓	Primary	✓
<b>Connector</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Trail (and Open Space)</b>		✓	✓	
<b>Active Greenway</b>		✓	✓	

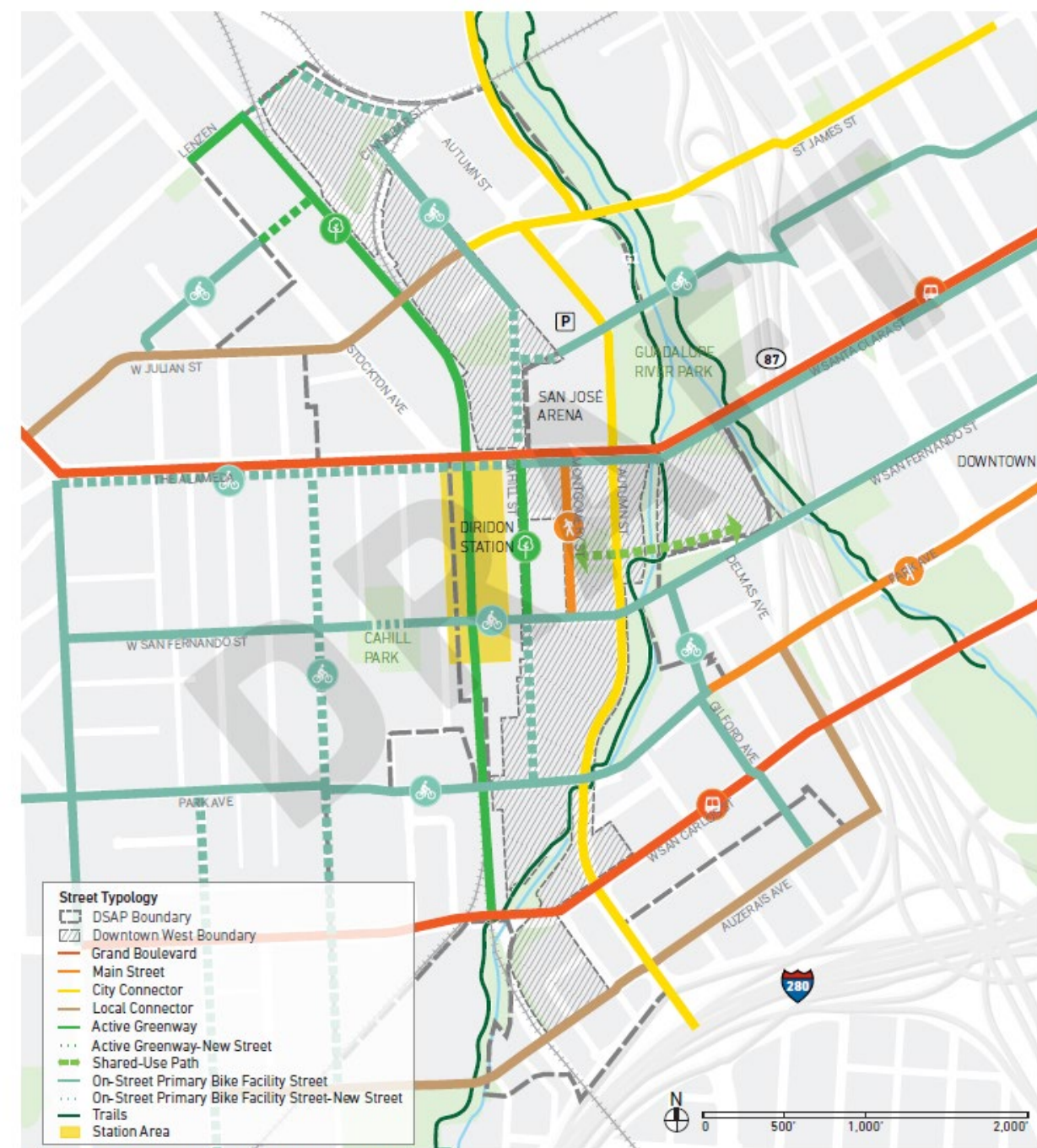


Figure 4-4-2: Transportation Network based on Street Typology

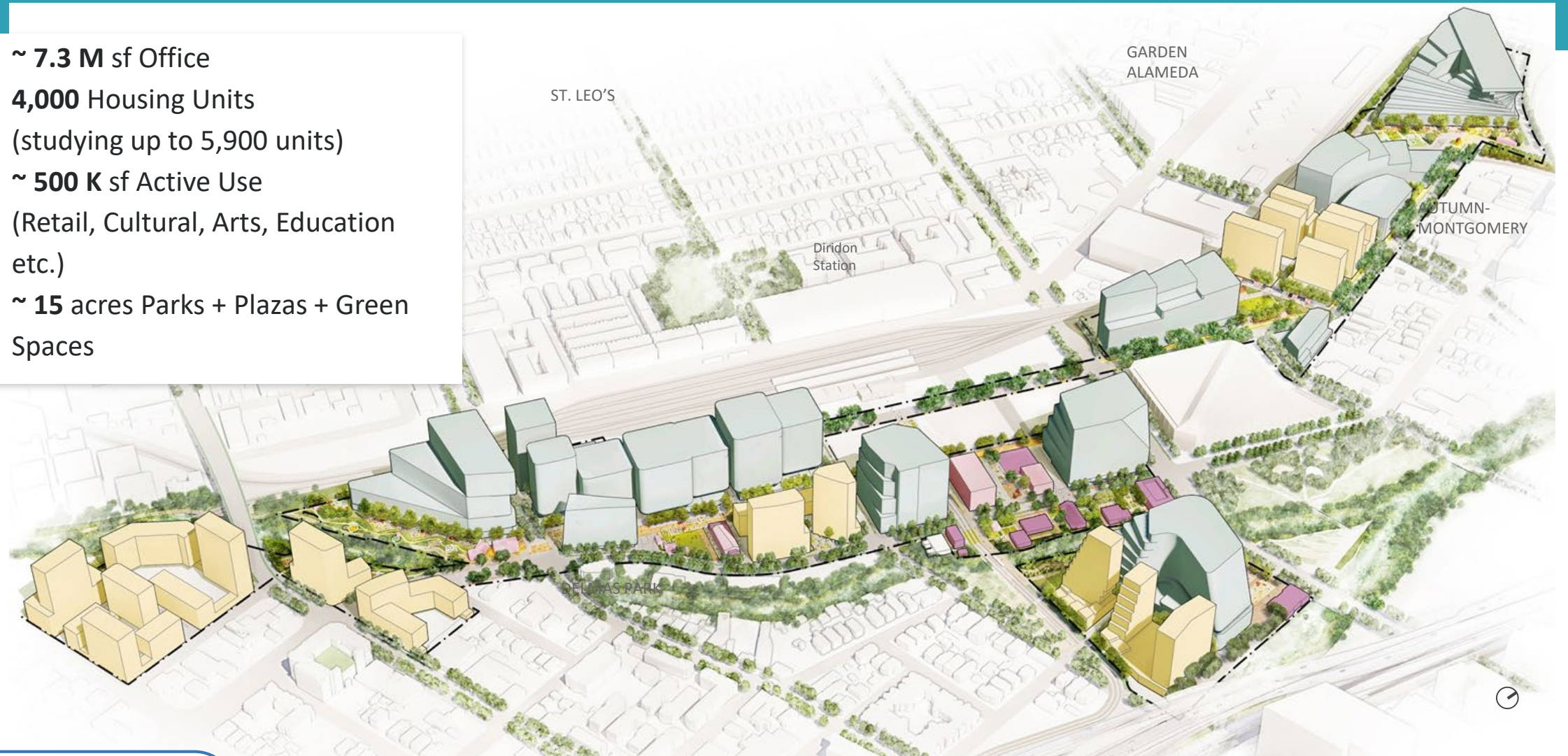
# Downtown West Project Site

- ~ 80 acres
- Within the DSAP boundaries (Draft Amendment)



# Downtown West Project Overview

- ~ 7.3 M sf Office
- 4,000 Housing Units  
(studying up to 5,900 units)
- ~ 500 K sf Active Use  
(Retail, Cultural, Arts, Education  
etc.)
- ~ 15 acres Parks + Plazas + Green  
Spaces



# Orientation to DWDSG

DWDSG = Downtown West Design Standards and Guidelines

- Orientation to the DWDSG

## Resources:

- [October 19<sup>th</sup> Presentation](#) and [Recording](#)
- Other presentations and feedback form: [www.diridonsj.org/fall2020-google](http://www.diridonsj.org/fall2020-google)
- Draft DWDSG and other application documents: [www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/googleproject)
- Google's project page, including a digital engagement exercise: <https://realestate.withgoogle.com/sanjose/>

## Draft DWDSG Chapters:

- Land Use
- Buildings
- Open Space
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Lighting and Signage

# Google Massing



GOOGLE ILLUSTRATION



*\*Illustrative massing reflects the combination of density allowed in project's zoning and applicable Downtown West design standards and guidelines*



# Concept



Building Co *\*Artist conceptual rendering, subject to change*



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