

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Diridon to Airport
Connector Project -Phase 1

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The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the Phase 1 Feasibility Report to the Airport Commission.

In April 2023, the City Council adopted a resolution to award a pre-development agreement to the San Jose Connection Partners, a consortium led by Plenary Americas Inc., to proceed with Phase 1 (Project Feasibility) of the Diridon to Airport Connector Project. In September 2023, the Connection Partners submitted the Final Feasibility Report to the City of San Jose.

In November 2024, Airport staff presented a project overview to the Airport Commission. The commission requested a special meeting to discuss the project prior to City Council hearing. The special meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2025 at 6pm.

The Final Feasibility Report¹ is comprised of a project introduction, 10% drawings of the feasibility alignment, ridership studies, and financial forecasts. To aid with review, Airport staff recommends review of the following sections:

- Project summary and transit solution overview - PDF pages 4-34
- 10% conceptual design drawings - PDF pages 84-107
- System ridership and passenger growth scenarios - PDF pages 605, 756
- Revenue forecasts - PDF page 608

The Airport also commissioned a technical analysis and report² from aviation consultant Landrum & Brown. The critique primarily focuses on the ridership forecasts, but also evaluates other elements from the Final Feasibility Report.

The Department of Transportation and Airport are bringing the project to City Council on March 11, 2025 with a recommendation to proceed to Phase 2a of the pre-development agreement, comprising of additional ridership and revenue forecasts, development of a funding strategy, and development of a preferred alignment to be used for environmental clearances in subsequent project phases.

For any questions on this project, please reach out to Matthew Kazmierczak at mkazmierczak@sjc.org or 408-392-3640.

¹ <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/117760>

² https://www.flysanjose.com/sites/default/files/users/user143716/9.24.2024.San_Jose_Airport.Connector.Technical_Analysis.pdf