

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Stephen M. Haase

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 1, 2004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
SNI AREA: Spartan Keyes

SUBJECT: GP04-03-04 & GPT04-03-04: Staff initiated General Plan amendment request to change the *San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram* designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes. The associated General Plan Text amendment request would revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval of the staff initiated General Plan amendment and associated General Plan Text amendment request to change the *San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram* designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes and revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2004, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a staff initiated General Plan amendment and associated Text amendment request to change the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes and revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

ANALYSIS

Public Testimony

Mr. Tom Boehme, resident of 920 South 7th Street, indicated that he supports the proposed amendment because if the segment were ever redeveloped as a 4-lane Major Collector, it would

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be incompatible with the predominantly single-family residential character along this segment of South 7th Street corridor, and it would worsen parking and traffic conditions for the families that live along that segment of South 7th Street.

Two additional letters were received (see attached) after the creation and distribution of the Planning Commissioners' packets. One was from the Roads and Airport Department of Santa Clara County; they indicated that they had no comments on the proposed amendment. The second letter was received from the South University Neighborhood Association in support of the proposed amendment, and they stated that this change will make the community safer, more pleasant, more livable, and will encourage continued revitalization of the area.

Planning Commission Discussion

There was no Planning Commission discussion regarding the proposed General Plan amendment and associated Text amendment. The Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend the staff initiated designation change of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The property owners and occupants within a 1,000-foot radius were sent a Public Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration, the Draft Negative Declaration, and a Notice of Public Hearings to be held on the subject amendment before the Planning Commission on November 29, 2004 and City Council on December 14, 2004. In addition, the Planning Division's website contains information regarding the General Plan Process, amendments, staff reports, and public hearing schedules. This site is available to any member of the public and contains the most current information regarding the status of the amendments. Staff has also made itself available to discuss the proposed General Plan amendment on an individual meeting basis with property owners and members of the public.

SNI Outreach

Staff distributed a Proposed General Plan Amendment Summary Handout for the proposed project and presented the proposed General Plan amendment at the scheduled monthly Spartan Keyes SNI NAC Meeting on November 8, 2004. This public meeting was well attended by over thirty NAC Members, property owners, residents and community stakeholders. The Spartan Keyes SNI NAC is in full support of the proposed General Plan amendment and General Plan Text amendment.

COORDINATION

The review of this General Plan amendment was coordinated with the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, the Department of Transportation, the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, Environmental Services Department, City Attorney, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara County Department of Roads and Airports, and Pacific Gas and Electric.

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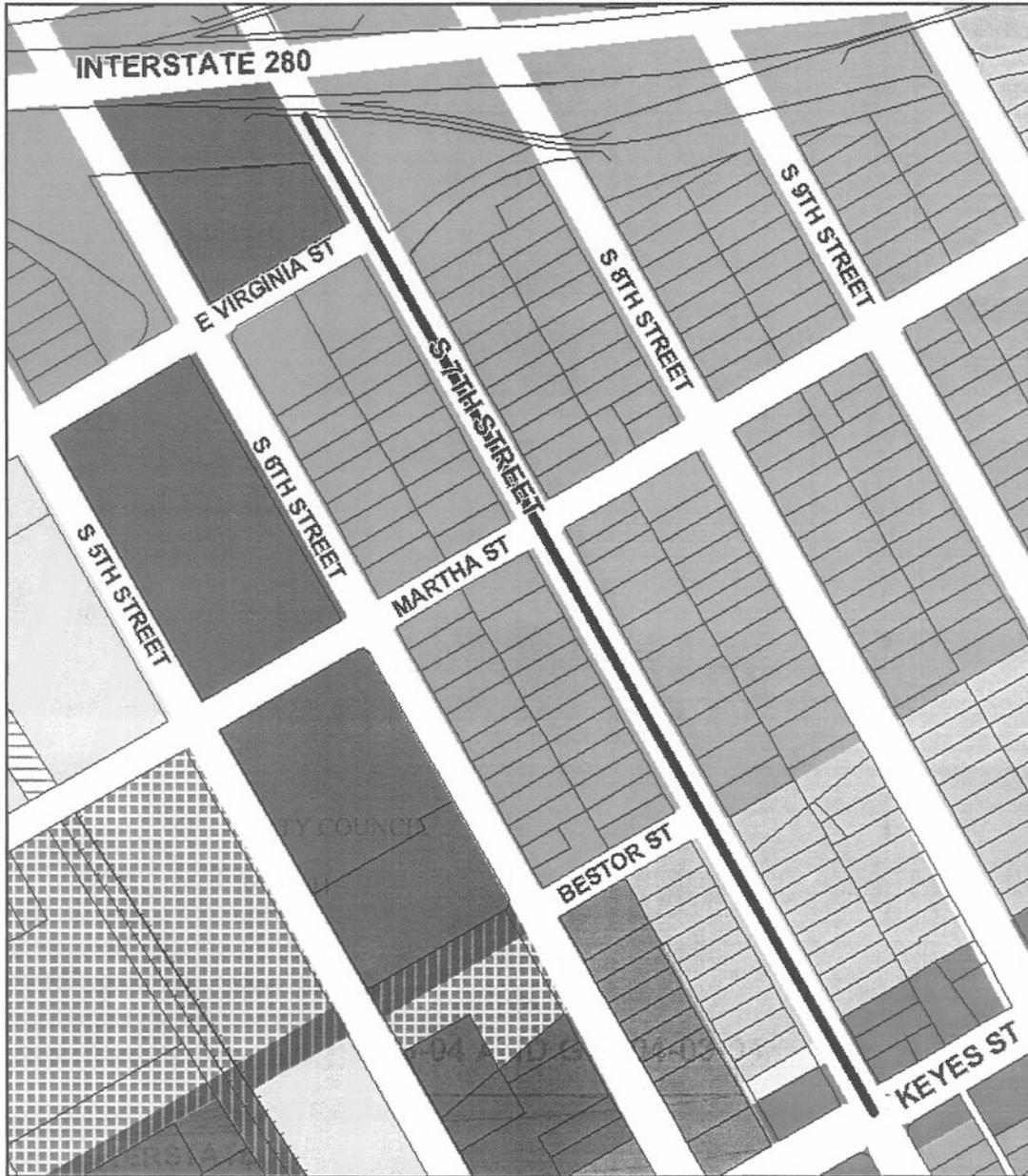
An Initial Study was prepared for this project and a Negative Declaration was circulated for public review by the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement on November 10, 2004 and adopted on November 29, 2004.


for STEPHEN M. HAASE
Secretary, Planning Commission

Attachments:

Santa Clara County Roads and Airport Department Letter
South University Neighborhood Association Letter

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Department of Planning, Building
and Code Enforcement
Planning Services Division

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South University Neighborhood Association
523 S. 6th St. San Jose, CA 95112 408 261-4600

November 17, 2004

City of San Jose, PB & CE.
801 N First Street, Room 400
San Jose, CA 95110

Attn: Juan Borrelli

We are writing in support of the proposed amendment to limit S 7th St. to two lanes. As representatives of the South University Neighborhood Association (SUN), we work hard to make our community safer, more pleasant, and more livable. We have struggled for many years with traffic volumes on S. 7th St.

On our portion north of 280, we deal primarily with San Jose State traffic. In the early 1990s the volumes had become nightmarish. We are grateful to the city people who reworked traffic flows over the years to make traffic volume tolerable and safer for our residential community.

We are likewise anxious to have this consideration applied for the residents of S. 7th St. south of 280. Like SUN, the Spartan Keys Neighborhood Association is trying to improve their residential community, but they already have the added burden of commercial traffic - from what we've seen an absurdly heavy flow would have a terrible impact on that community and ruin any chances of improving that part of downtown.

Thank you for acting in advance to prevent this situation from getting worse and helping the continued revitalization of this area...

Sincerely,


Sandra Soellner, President, SUN

County of Santa Clara

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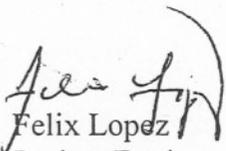
Subj: General Plan Amendment to Change the Land/Use Transportation Designation of South 7th Street
City File No: GP04-03-04

Dear Mr. Juan Borelli:

On November 15, 2004, we received and reviewed your Notice of Public Hearing, Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Draft Negative Declaration on the above subject. We have no comments on your General Amendment Plan to change the Land/Use Transportation Designation of South 7th Street, from Highway 280 to Keyes Street, from a four-lane Major Collector to a two-lane Major Collector.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this General Plan Amendment. Please call me at (408) 573-2462 for any questions.

Sincerely,


Felix Lopez
Project Engineer

cc: DEC, MA, WRL, RN, file