

## A's Ballpark

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**Est. Completion Date:** April 2015

**Synopsis:** Since 2006 the City and Agency have been perusing the development of a downtown Major League baseball (MLB) stadium. Establishing a Major League baseball team in San Jose first requires the approval of MLB to change the territorial rights in the county from the San Francisco Giants to the A's. Following that action, the Council would schedule a public vote on using public funds for a sports facility. If the public vote were approved, the Agency would negotiate a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for the purchase or lease of the ballpark site.

MLB has not made its decision we do not have a date when that decision is expected. In August, MLB did ask the Mayor to delay a November 2010 ballot measure including offering to pay for costs of a special election at a future date. The next opportunity for a special election is March 2011.

To date, the Agency has acquired nine of the eleven properties necessary for the ballpark site. These properties contain approximately 60% of the site (including streets that will be vacated). Of the two remaining parcels requiring acquisition, one parcel is owned by KNTV and the other parcel AT&T.

**City View:** The City Council strongly supports the ballpark concept. The Mayor and Council have adopted "Negotiating Principles" which limit public expenditures to the delivery of the ballpark site. The A's would be responsible for all on-site construction costs as well as all off-site traffic control, street cleanup, and emergency and security services generated by both baseball games and other stadium events.

Both the City and Agency staff continue to work on the relevant planning issues including follow up to the ballpark SEIR, analyzing infrastructure needs and designing the extension of Autumn Street. The construction of Autumn Street will also improve access to Diridon and attract new levels of development that is fostered by seeing Diridon as the hub of mass transit with both high-speed rail and BART moving through Santa Clara County.

**County View:** TBD