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## **City of San José Requests Proposals to Develop Innovative Transit Connection Between Airport and Train Station**

*Connection between Mineta San José International Airport and Diridon Station would seamlessly join the city's main transportation hubs*

**SAN JOSÉ, CA: (May 17, 2022)** – The City of San José Department of Transportation has released a request for proposals (RFP) to develop a grade-separated transit solution to connect Mineta San José International Airport with Diridon Station near the city's downtown. The City will select up to two proposers to enter into a pre-development agreement with the City. After an intensive focus on the viability and value of each of the proposers' efforts, one proposer will be selected to provide the transit technology, develop a business model including securing private funding, and design a dedicated transit system that avoids street-level crossings.

"Linking what will become the busiest transportation hub on the West Coast, Diridon Station, with our city's gateway to the world, San José Mineta International Airport, has long been an elusive goal," said San José Mayor Sam Liccardo. "With this promising next step, we're showing residents that we are committed to delivering on this crucial connection and fulfilling the promise of Measure A, passed many years ago. I am excited to see the ingenuity brought forward through this process and how we can leverage the finest talent and solutions to make the Airport Connector a reality."

"This is a very exciting project that will innovate on several fronts," said John Ristow, Director of Transportation for the City of San José. "We're asking companies to really push the envelope on technology, within a public-private partnership that helps us leverage the talents and resources of the private sector. The result should be a model project for the city and a great user experience for the passenger."

"As Silicon Valley's Airport, we welcome the technology and innovation that this project has the potential to bring to our region," said John Aitken, Director of Aviation at Mineta San José International Airport. "As a hub for new airline technology, we see this transit-based connection to our terminals as



yet another measure for upgrading our passengers' experience. This is a tremendous opportunity to support the development of new travel technology, and we couldn't be more pleased to have this highly sought amenity on the horizon."

This is the latest milestone in a project that previously released a request for information (RFI) in 2019. That request asked firms to discuss potential solutions that could provide "mass transit infrastructure and operations at significantly lower cost than traditional transit projects." The RFI received 23 responses that discussed a broad range of innovative approaches including personal rapid transit, mixed-flow autonomous vehicles, Hyperloop, monorails, and magnetic levitation vehicles. Firms do not need to have previously submitted a response to the RFI to be eligible to respond to the RFP.

View the request for proposals at

<https://portal.biddingo.com/landingpage/sanjose/bid/1/41205949/37037428/verification>

Learn more about the Airport-Diridon Connector Project at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/transit/airport-diridon-stevens-creek-connector>

### **About the City of San José**

*With more than one million residents, San José is one of the most diverse large cities in the United States and is Northern California's largest city and the 10th largest city in the nation. San José's transformation into a global innovation center has resulted in one of the largest concentrations of technology companies and expertise in the world. In 2011, the City adopted Envision San José 2040, a long-term growth plan that sets forth a vision and a comprehensive road map to guide the City's anticipated growth through the year 2040.*

### **About the Department of Transportation**

*The San José Department of Transportation (DOT) plans, develops, operates, and maintains transportation facilities, services, and related systems that contribute to the livability and economic health of the city. Our goal is to provide a transportation system that is safe, efficient, and convenient for all modes of transportation, and which supports San José's livability and economic vitality.*

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*Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. For more Airport information and to book a flight, visit [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com).*

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