Diridon (San Jose) Station Fact Sheet

Station Description

- Existing Station Facilities: The historic San Jose Diridon station is located at 65 Cahill Street and serves as the central passenger rail depot for San Jose. The two story station is wheelchair accessible and has staffed ticket stations, ticket vending machines, public telephones. There are approximately 595 parking spaces spread among several parking lots and 8 bus bays. Diridon station has five platforms and provides service for the Capitol Corridor and Coast Starlight Amtrak routes, Altamont Commuter Express, Caltrain, and Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority (VTA) light rail. Underground pedestrian tunnels provide access from the station concourse to the platforms. The station and track are owned by Caltrain with Amtrak being the contracted operator.
- Current City Plans: The site falls in the Midtown Planned Community, which has a Specific Land Use Plan for its transition from an industrial area to a mixed-use community. A major objective of the Mid Town Planned Community is to create a pattern of development that reinforces transit. Under the Specific Plan, "high density residential and intensive commercial uses are oriented to transit, encouraging pedestrian activities. Some industrial and commercial service uses are maintained with opportunities for expansion." According to Strategy 2000, the Greater Downtown Strategy for Development, "the Diridon/Arena area is appropriate for long term downtown expansion and can therefore include high-and mid-rise office and residential uses, with ground floor commercial and entertainment, and mixed use." The 2003 Diridon/Arena Strategic Development Plan recommends an expansion of Diridon Station including a new station concourse immediately north of the existing station head house. The station building could have two or three levels and possibly extend over the rail tracks. The Strategic Development Plan includes plans for future BART and high speed rail service at Diridon Station. The plan also identifies possible locations for additional parking along Cahill Street, south of the existing station and east of the railroad tracks.

Proposed High Speed Rail Station Use

- Proposed Station Site: The proposed high speed rail station site is at the existing Diridon station. The existing station, a two story building surrounded by surface parking lots, is located in land designated Public/Quasi Public. The high speed rail station would include additional parking facilities along Cahill St, south of the existing station and east of the railroad tracks. To the east of the station site is land designated General Commercial and Combined Industrial Commercial. To the west of the site is land designated Residential Support for the Core Area and Public Park/Open Space. The site is within the San Jose city limits.
- Station Layout: The proposed above-ground station has 6 high-speed rail tracks served by three center platforms on the upper level of the existing Diridon station. The Caltrain, Union Pacific Railroad, and VTA tracks are all on the lower, at-grade level.
- Parking: At the existing station, approximately 595 spaces are available for all day parking in surface lots adjacent the station.
- Access: Access to the station is from Cahill Street between W. Santa Clara Street and W. San Fernando Street.
- Intermodal Connections: Passengers at the existing Diridon station can transfer between the Caltrain, ACE, Amtrak, and VTA.

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THE ALAMEDA
CAHILL
PARKING 5 LEVELS
PARK AVENUE
Garland Ave
W San Fernando St
Luther Ave
Eugene Ave
Park Ave
Parkinson Ct
Pacific Ave
Otterson St
Lakehouse Ave
Delmas Ave
Lorraine Ave
W San Carlos St
Columbia Ave
Minor Ave
Willis Ave
Woz Way
Sonoma St
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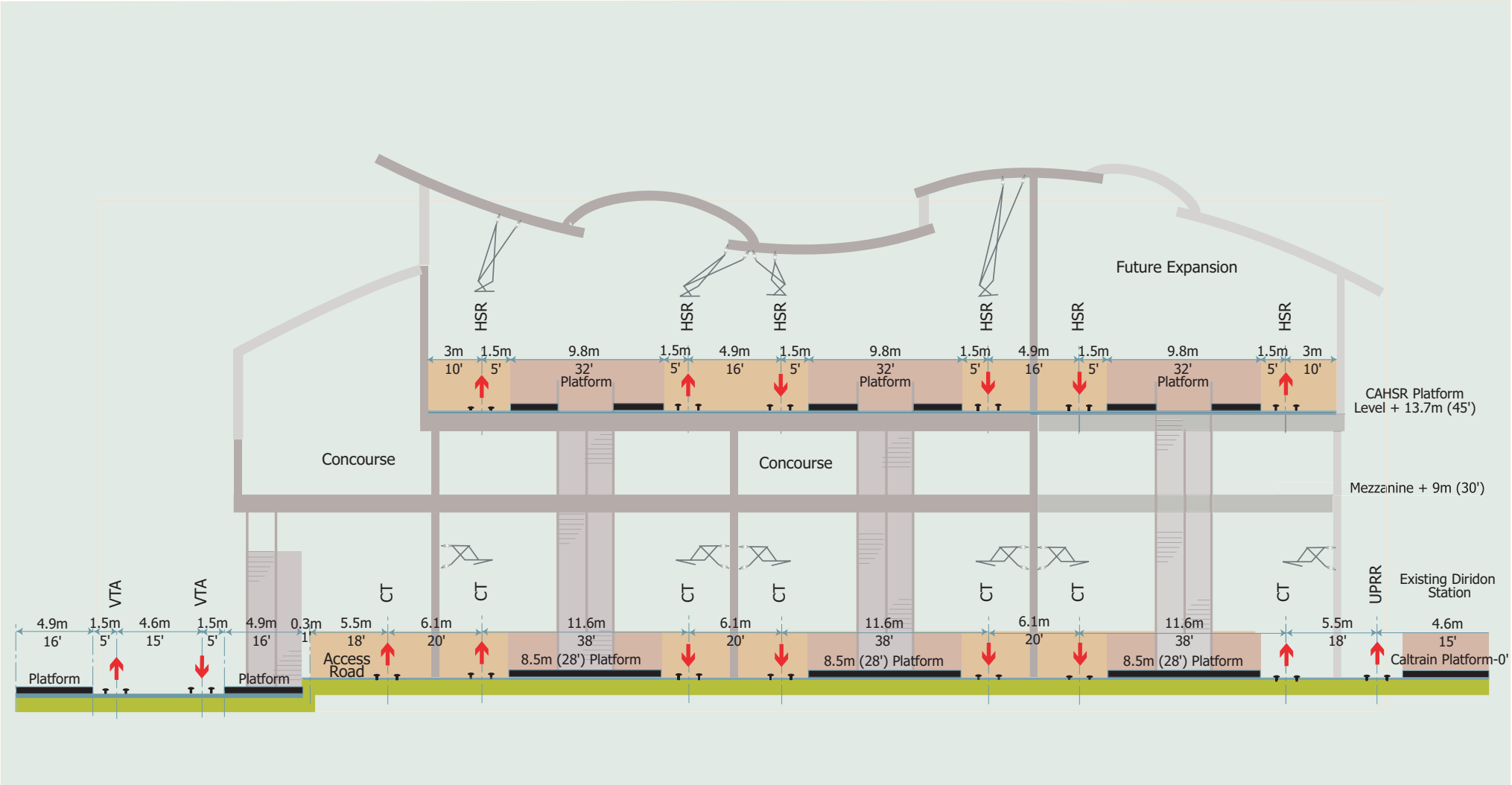

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