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# Google adds key piece of downtown San Jose village puzzle

Tech titan buys site across from downtown San Jose train station



Front entrance of Templo La Hermosa at 56 S. Montgomery St. in downtown San Jose. Google and its development ally have struck a deal to buy a church property on what is shaping up to be one of the key blocks that would be needed for the tech titan's proposed transit village in downtown San Jose. George Avalos / Bay Area News Group



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SAN JOSE — Google has added a key piece to the puzzle it is assembling for the land to develop a new transit-oriented neighborhood in downtown San Jose.

The tech titan has bought a church site at 56 S. Montgomery St. in downtown San Jose, paying about \$11.7 million in cash for the property, according to documents filed on May 28 with Santa Clara County officials.

Google has been assembling properties and gaining approvals from city officials for a mixed-use neighborhood called Downtown West, which



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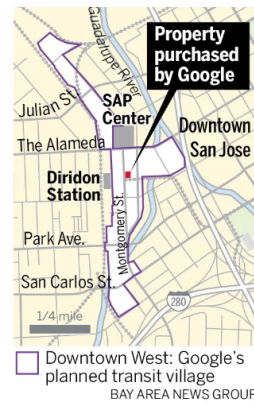
would usher in dramatic changes for San Jose.

The search giant's property purchases began in December 2016, when the company bought an old telephone company and bakery building. Google has spent at least \$470.7 million purchasing dozens of parcels near the Diridon train station and the SAP Center:

The company has proposed the development of a mixed-use transit village that would consist of offices, homes, hotel facilities, entertainment hubs, cultural centers, activity sites, shops, restaurants, and open spaces on the western edges of downtown San Jose.

Templo La Hermosa of the Assemblies of God was the seller of the church site, which is just east of the train station.

The church in 2019 found an alternative site in north San Jose, paying \$7.8 million in cash for the new location.



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Autumn Street section of the Downtown West neighborhood in downtown San Jose proposed by Google, showing future buildings near the Diridon train station, concept. //

Google says that it hopes to break ground on the first new buildings in 2023 and that it is aiming to launch the construction of streets and other crucial infrastructure in 2022.

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The tech titan has been drawn to the Diridon train station area because the facility is already a hub for light rail, Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, ACE Train, and Amtrak lines, as well as buses. The station is also slated to become a BART stop.

The entire Downtown West development is expected to cover 80 acres.

Google expects to employ up to 25,000 workers on the site, which will also include 7.3 million square feet of office space, 4,000 housing units, 300 hotel rooms, 500,000 square feet of retail space, and 15 acres of open space and parks.

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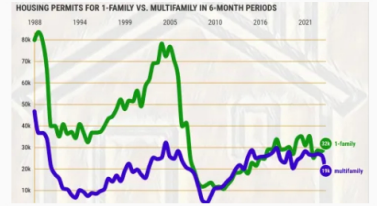
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