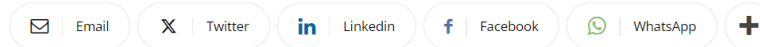


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Google is once again solidifying its presence in San Jose, taking significant steps toward establishing an advanced research hub in the city's Alviso district. The tech giant recently filed a proposal with San Jose city planners to renovate a substantial portion of a large industrial building at 5079 Disk Drive, transforming it into a cutting-edge research and development (R&D) facility.

The proposed project is centered on a 233,000-square-foot building that Google acquired in 2018 as part of a \$117.3 million all-cash deal, according to a report in the San Jose Mercury News. This acquisition included three large industrial and advanced technology sites within the Midpoint@237 business park. Now, Google is planning to convert approximately 87,500 square feet of this space into a state-of-the-art electronics R&D lab.

According to the architecture firm AP+I Design, which is collaborating with Google on the project, the space will primarily serve as a lab, with additional office space to accommodate up to 65 employees, including 44 desks for staff. The proposed R&D hub will feature specialized facilities, including an R&D testing rack lab, a thermal R&D lab, a mechanical R&D lab, and space for shipping and receiving.

In addition to the interior renovations, Google is planning significant upgrades to the building's power infrastructure. The proposal includes the construction of a new utility yard adjacent to the 5079 Disk Drive building. This yard will house electrical substations, cooling towers, and chillers—critical components to support the advanced research activities planned for the site.

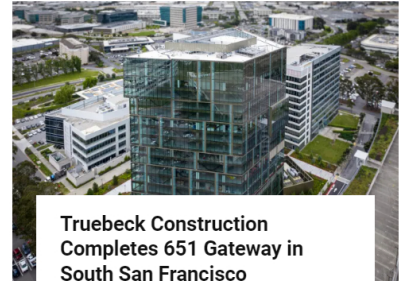
San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan expressed enthusiasm about Google's continued investment in the city, noting that the expansion of the company's R&D footprint is a testament to San Jose's growing importance as a hub for technological innovation. "We're doing our part to increase our housing supply and make the major transit infrastructure upgrades that will allow the world's leading innovators to grow here," Mayor Mahan was quoted in the report.

Google's activities in the Alviso district are part of a broader strategy to develop a comprehensive tech campus in San Jose. The company's previous acquisitions in the area include several office buildings totaling 1.27 million square feet, as well as additional properties on North First Street and Tasman Drive.

Beyond the Alviso district, Google has also proposed the development of a mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhood known as Downtown West, located in San Jose's urban core. While the timeline for this project remains under evaluation, it reflects Google's long-term commitment to integrating its operations more deeply into the fabric of San Jose.



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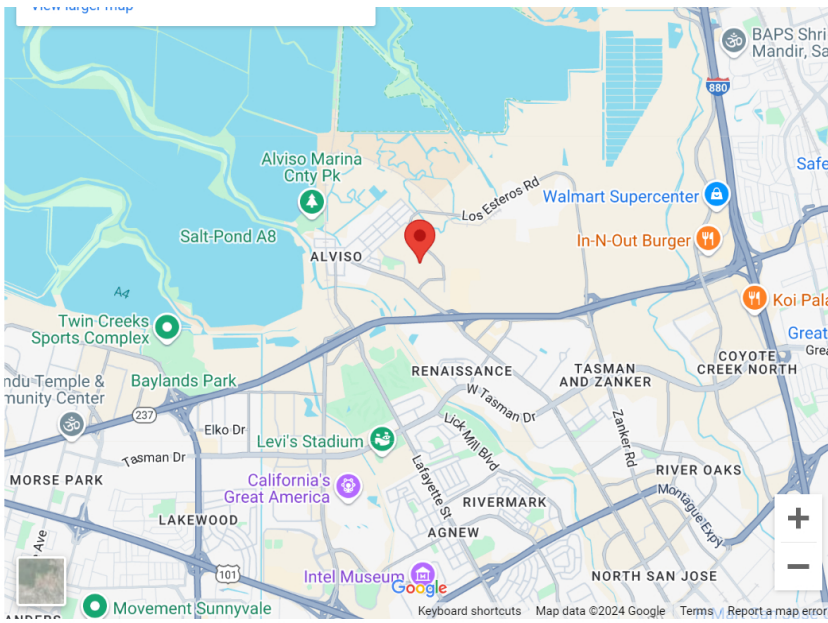
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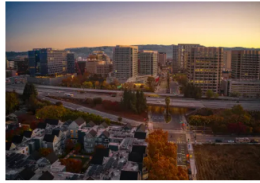
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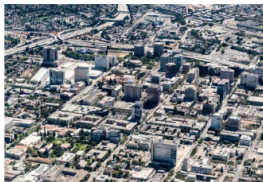
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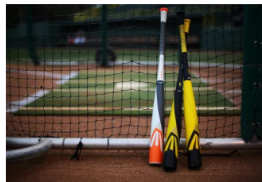
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