Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with South City Ventures LLC

Item #6
JPB WPLP Committee
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Background: South San Francisco Station

- The South San Francesco Caltrain Station was identified a potential opportunity site in the Rail Corridor Use Plan (RCUP)*

- Staff however believes the site is not independently developable:
  - The site is partially under Grand Avenue
  - The site is of irregular shape
  - Access is through a contiguous property owned by South City Ventures LLV (SCV)
  - Tractor Power Station 1 (TPS-1) is built on the northern half of the site
  - TPS-1 is served by two power lines over the site which connect to two approximately 85-foot power poles on site

*Note that formal RCUP review of any potential future station development will be completed at such a time as a long-term ground lease or other disposition agreement is negotiated, to ensure the compatibility of the proposed use with current and potential future rail needs.
MAP: South San Francisco Station
Background: SCV LLC Site

- SCV LLC is in the process of planning for development of approximately 300,000 square feet of biotech lab and office space on the contiguous site.

- The proposed development is consistent with the City’s R&D / Mixed Use zoning.

- SCV LLC has asked if JPB would be willing to explore co-development of the two sites.
BENEFITS OF WORKING TOGETHER

- Incorporating the Caltrain property into the SCV LLC site could create:
  - A more efficient site layout
  - Commercial development adjacent that would enhance Caltrain ridership
  - Enhanced station access and multi-modal connectively
  - Revenue for the Agency

- Because the site is not independently developable, this provides the best opportunity for development; otherwise, the site would likely continue to be undeveloped, and would remain a surface parking lot
MAP: SVC Example Site Plan
TOD POLICY

- JPB favors a request for qualifications process to solicit competitive proposals for development.

- Unsolicited offers may be considered only in special cases to meet specific JPB objectives.
  - For example, if a site is too small, has limited access, or is unable to be developed independently, a competitive process may not be appropriate.
Staff Recommendation

- Enter into a 90-day Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with SCV LLC to explore business terms
  - SVC LLC would pay all agency costs

- Extend the ENA if continued negotiations would prove fruitful

- Direct staff to negotiate a Terms Sheet with SCV LLC which would be subject to final Board approval
Next Steps

- Agency and SCV LLC execute ENA
- Staff to negotiate business terms
- Board considers business terms at a later meeting
- If terms are acceptable, the Board would authorize staff to enter into negotiations for a long-term ground lease