

## Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF) Monitoring Committee - Quarterly Report

<b>Date of Report</b>	Q4 Meeting, October 24, 2007		<b>Report Issued by</b>	Michael Smith (Chair), Michael Riepe, Kay Gutknecht
<b>Notes</b>				
This CEMOF Monitoring Committee Quarterly Report is a supplement to the official meeting minutes. It is intended to provide the community, the City Council, the JPB, and the VTA Board of Directors with a brief overview of all unresolved issues being monitored by the Committee. Pending issues are assigned a tracking number and removed from the report one quarter after being marked "resolved".				
<b>Current Issues</b>				
No.	Issue	Planned Action(s)	Comment	
001	Screeching train wheels on track relocated by Caltrain for CEMOF project. Primary noise sources are Union Pacific (UP) freight trains. In violation of Shared Objective A (Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours).	Union Pacific to install rail lubricator. Equipment to be provided by Caltrain. Ongoing equipment maintenance (refill grease) to be provided by UP.	Opened 10/26/05. Equipment installed by UP in August 2006. Noise reduced but not gone. J. Siino reported UP not maintaining lubricator. M. Bouchard now reports UP wants to switch to different type of lubricator. Caltrain is investigating options.	
004	Approval of pending Bylaw changes. New committee "alternate" clause is urgently needed to obtain a quorum when City Council and VTA representatives cannot attend in person.	Bylaw changes to be written and approved by Committee, and then approved by City Council and JPB after review by City Attorney and JPB Counsel.	Opened 1/25/06. 1 <sup>st</sup> draft Approved 7/26/06. 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft approved 10/25/06. Approval pending from City Council and JPB. N. Rice-Sanchez reports City Attorney disapproves of "alternate" clause. Specific feedback has been requested so need for further changes can be assessed.	
006	Shared objectives commitments being weakened for items A-16 (Limit scheduled maintenance to only daytime shifts) and A-18 (Limit engine run-up noise at night) due to expanded service schedules and changes in federal regulations regarding timing of daily inspections.	Caltrain to provide operations schedule and updated status regarding ability to perform all scheduled maintenance and daily inspections during daytime shifts.	Opened 2/22/06. Committee will monitor instances of after hours idling, engine run-up, and maintenance events. Unresolved.	
007	College Park neighbors are concerned that trainwash drying fans will cause excessive noise. Not blocked by sound wall. Potentially in violation of Shared Objective A (Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours).	Committee to observe trainwash testing performed by Caltrain in July/August, and make judgment at that time.	Opened 2/28/07. Committee observed trainwash acoustic test on 7/30/07 and startup test on 8/27/07. Fan noise levels not appreciably higher than mid-day ambient noise. Committee observed nighttime trainwash test (after airport curfew) on 10/2/07. Low level of fan noise discernible at edge of College Park neighborhood. Committee will monitor status.	
008	Shared objectives commitment being weakened for item A-18 (Upon opening of the facility, shift overnight storage of the first four outgoing trains to Diridon) due to plans for having train crews report to work at CEMOF. Original intent was to minimize early morning startups at CEMOF.	Caltrain to evaluate alternatives for minimizing noise due to startup and operation of trains departing from Diridon before 6:30 am.	Opened 4/25/07. Caltrain has reinstated plan for overnight storage of first four outgoing trains at Diridon. Committee will review impact after CEMOF opens.	