



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of February 4, 2021

Correspondence as of January 15, 2021

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- 1 Restoring Caltrain Ridership
- 2 South San Francisco Councilmember Solicitation
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- 4 Cost Breakdown Request
- 5 University Ave Beige Pole Color

From: Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 1:37 PM
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Subject: Re: Restoring Caltrain ridership

Dear Chair Shaw and CAC members,

Further to my letter of May 11th 2020 (attached and below), please direct SamTrans staff to add the following presentation to the 1/20 Caltrain CAC meeting agenda:
https://tjpa.org/uploads/2021/01/Item-4_Caltrain-Presentation_CAC_01_12_21.pdf.

Thank you in advance and Happy and Safe New Year to you and yours.

Roland Lebrun

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From: Brian David Shaw <bshaw2@stanford.edu>
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Subject: RE: Restoring Caltrain ridership

Roland,

We can put this item on our work plan of items to be scheduled. This item was discussed with the CAC during the November 2020 meeting.

Thanks,

BRIAN SHAW

Executive Director
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From: City of South San Francisco <leslie.arroyo@ssf.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Board (@caltrain.com)
Subject: Council Appointment to the City Council - Applications due this FRIDAY, Jan. 15



Notice of Soliciting Interest for the Office of City Councilmember

Due to the resignation from South San Francisco City Councilmember Mark Nagales as a member-at-large, the City Council of the City of South San Francisco solicits interest in the elected office of City Councilmember. Councilmember Mark Nagales is now the representative for District 2. At present, the City Council has decided to appoint a representative to fill the position.

Pursuant to the South San Francisco Municipal Code, a person must be 18 years of age and a registered voter of the City of South San Francisco at the time of appointment

Applications are being accepted for an appointment to the City Council for the City of South San Francisco. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be submitted by the following methods:

1. Online: [Application for City Council Appointment](#)
2. E-mail: One copy of the completed application to rosa.acosta@ssf.net
3. Fax: (650) 829-6641
4. Mail: Office of the City Clerk
Attn: Rosa Govea Acosta, CMC, CPMC
P.O. Box 711

South San Francisco, CA 94083

A paper application can be retrieved here:

<https://www.ssf.net/home/showpublisheddocument?id=22288>

*** Please note, postmarks do not count, application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the deadline.**

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From: [Seamans, Dora](#)
To: "Roland Lebrun"
Cc: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [cacsecretary \[@caltrain.com\]](#)
Subject: FW: Records request FW: Caltrain Board meeting item 12.a 5-year TASI contract extension
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:46:36 AM

Dear Mr. LeBrun – this email is to confirm receipt of your records request received on 01/07/2021 for a comprehensive list of incidents involving TASI employees and passengers since the 2011 contract award (with dates, description, action, and response). We will produce any responsive records that are neither privileged nor exempt from disclosure by the California Public Records Act. We will work reasonably and diligently to determine if the District has responsive records, and will provide those records to you promptly, with document production occurring on a rolling basis as needed. However, we are sure that you will understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused staff-time shortages and put inordinate stress on all District functions. Due to the requirements set forth in California's Executive Order No. 33-20, it may therefore reasonably take some time to collect and appropriately review records prior to disclosure. We will provide you a status update as to your request as soon as possible.

Best,

Dora Seamans

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Subject: Re: Caltrain Board meeting item 12.a 5-year TASI contract extension

Dear Chair Davis,

Pursuant to Government Code §6250 et seq, please provide a comprehensive list of incidents involving TASI employees and passengers since the first (2011) contract award categorized as follows:

- Assault

- Sexual encounter (whether consensual or not)
- Substance abuse (alcohol/drugs)
- Breach of safety protocols

For each incident, please provide the following information:

- 1) Date of the incident
- 2) Brief description
- 3) TASI corrective action
- 4) JPB response

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Roland Lebrun

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From: Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:31 PM

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Subject: Re: Caltrain Board meeting item 12.a 5-year TASI contract extension

Dear Chair Pine,

Please accept my apologies for attaching the wrong document to my earlier email.

The attached document is the Stadler price proposal for maintaining the EMUs and the remaining diesel trainsets.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

From: Roland Lebrun

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:11 AM

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Subject: Caltrain Board meeting item 12.a 5-year TASI contract extension

Dear Chair Pine and Board members,

Further to Ms. Bouchard's March 2017 letter to TASI (attached) which ignored the September 1 2011 Board resolution to award a 5-year contract followed by five one-year extensions, please modify the current staff recommendation for a third 5-year contract extension to five one-year extensions for the following reasons:

- 1) It is unclear why SamTrans are proposing a \$1/2B+ 5-year (100% of Measure RR!) **single-source bundled evergreen contract** extension to 2027 given that the JPB is currently engaging Howard Permutt on recommendations for a new governance structure.
- 2) **The execution of this contract extension should be the responsibility of the new administration, not SamTrans.**
- 3) **The next administration's top priority should be to unbundle this evergreen contract**, starting with establishing specific cost ranges for the following categories:

- Administration/Safety

Why should Caltrain have to pay for Administration twice (SamTrans and TASI)?

What are the opportunities for streamlining/consolidation including bringing this function in-house under the new administration?

- Operations

Why is SamTrans proposing to bundle rail and train operations?

While there is sufficient overlap between rail operations and Maintenance of Way to justify awarding a bundled rail O&M contract to TASI or some other entity, it is unclear why train operations should be bundled with the same contract when ACE, Capitol Corridor and Metrolink operate primarily as UPRR and/or BNSF tenants (they do not own the rails they operate on).

Of more serious concern, **train operations should be a net source of revenue** (trackage rights, rolling stock availability payments/leasing to a Train Operating

Company (TOC), etc.) **not an operating expense.**

As an example, the JPB was approached by a private company in 2015 but **this unsolicited proposal was never referred to the Board for consideration:**

. Verbal presentation to the LPMG: “***Finance and operate trains at a significantly lower cost***”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=5463&v=3TNFWZrzUw4>

. Promotional video: <https://youtu.be/BTYUBsu6KQg>

. CNBC interview: “***We can bring new trains in two years (2018) to run on freight infrastructure or public railroads***” <https://www.cnbc.com/video/2015/06/03/czech-company-to-bring-euro-style-trains-to-us.html>

. Testimonials (**Stanford and others**):
<https://leoexpress-california.herokuapp.com/#testimonials>.

Last but not least, **private operators are always incentivized to increase revenues (profits) through increased ridership, not increased fares** and could provide valuable input on schedules and train configurations (Leo Express' fleet includes five Stadler FLIRT EMUs financed with private capital). **A private operator would also never settle for a less than a 100% ticket checking target** vs the SamTrans/TASI 50% proposal.

- Maintenance of Equipment

Once again, why is rolling stock maintenance bundled into a single contract when the optimal solution is to entrust maintenance to the manufacturer (**superior service AT A LOWER COST**)? Specifically, **why did SamTrans staff ignore the Stadler proposal included with their response to the EMU RFP** (attached)?

Please refer the above proposals to Howard Permutt for further analysis and eventual recommendation to the Board on how to proceed with this contract.

Thank You.

Roland Lebrun.

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Subject: Re: Caltrain Board meeting item 12.a 5-year TASI contract extension
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:50:18 AM
Attachments: [TASI Contract.bmp](#)

Dear Chair Davis,

Pursuant to Government Code §6250 et seq, please refer to this slide and provide an annual breakdown of costs by category since the first (2011) contract was awarded:



The slide features the Caltrain logo in the top left corner. The title "Scope" is prominently displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, a bulleted list in red text details the bundled services. The background of the slide includes a faint image of a train and a red decorative border on the left and bottom edges. A small number "3" is located in the bottom right corner of the slide.

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Scope

- **Procuring Operator for Bundled Scope of Services**
 - Management Services
 - Safety Oversight
 - Train Operations
 - Fleet Maintenance
 - Right of Way Maintenance
 - Signal and Communication Maintenance
 - Station and Facility Maintenance
 - On-call Additional Services and Construction Support

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Caltrain Rail Operations, Maintenance and Support Services Procurement Process

Caltrain Rail Operations, Maintenance and Support Services Procurement Process Board of Directors
September 1, 2011 2 Background • Current agreement expired June 30, 2011 –Service provided for 10 years under current agreement –Services continue to be provided on a month-to-month basis until June 2012, if needed

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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

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Subject: Re: University Ave Beige Pole Color

Hi Brent,

Thanks for talking this morning. Yes, please try to put a number on repainting the top half of one or more poles at the University Ave station. Once we have this number, I will reach out to the City Of Palo Alto, for potential funding sources.

Best regards,
Martin

From: CalMod@caltrain.com <CalMod@caltrain.com>

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:49 AM

To: Martin J Sommer <martin@sommer.net>; CalMod@caltrain.com

Cc: Board (@caltrain.com) <BoardCaltrain@samtrans.com>; city.council@cityofpaloalto.org; Pat Burt <pat@patburt.org>

Subject: RE: University Ave Beige Pole Color

Hi Martin,

Thank you for the call on Wednesday morning. It was helpful to get a better understanding of your concerns. As I committed on the call, I will bring your request to my management team for consideration. I aim to get you a response by the end of next week.

Have a great weekend,

Brent Tietjen, Government and Community Relations Officer

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