



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of May 5, 2022

Correspondence as of May 6, 2022

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From: [Anthony Lazarus](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: Caltrain service is how we connect to the future
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 8:34:03 AM

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Distinguished JPB/Caltrain board members,

I realize you are charged with acting in the best interests of a transit service during trying times, and that this will lead you to difficult decisions. It's not an enviable position. Nevertheless, it's critically important that you look ahead 30, 40, 50 years or more to the kind of world we will leave behind.

Communities up and down the Peninsula, and in fact across the state, are grappling with a housing crisis and a climate emergency. As places like Redwood City look ahead and build the housing we so desperately need around transit, not cars, cutting off Caltrain at the knees today is the most counterproductive thing you could do.

An electrified Caltrain with improved service and access is a key component of the infrastructure that will get us out of our current mess. I beseech you to please explore all possible avenues — fundraising, borrowing, even philanthropy — to lead us into the future.

This is certainly a challenge, but over the years, you'll be proud that you did not flinch and took it on. Thank you.

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As an 80-yea-old longtime Caltain rider, I urge you to keep improving service with as little fare-hiking as possible. Caltrain helps keep cars off our freeways, which saves money and helps avoid increasing greenhouse gas emissions from cars. My son has made many friends commuting from Mountain View to work in San Francisco. Caltrain is more than good anti-greenhouse transit; it's socially valuable in many ways. Electrifying it is very good; extending it is also very good. Three cheers for Caltrain!
-- Julie Spickler
Palo Alto

From: [Nancy Arbuckle](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: Do not cut service or raise fares
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask that Caltrain not cut service or increase fares. To do those things will reduce ridership rather than encourage it. Public transport is MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER as the climate catastrophe we face becomes ever more apparent. All those people in cars on 101 that drive in a parallel route to Caltrain's right of way? They are POTENTIAL RIDERS and must be encouraged to get out of their cars and get on the train. In order for this to occur, we have to make it easy and seamless — frequent service (ideally to the Salesforce station as soon as possible), easy regional connections all along the corridor, better service connections (as in the proposed passing station in RWC), clean seats and cars and stations (no leaky roofs please), etc. We can be the next Tokyo! The next Madrid! We can do it — everyone loves to ride the train once they try it. Make it happen.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Arbuckle
SF, CA

Caltrain's [capital budget](#) for the coming year includes participation in major regional connections all along the corridor - the Downtown Extension to San Francisco Salesforce Terminal, a Redwood City passing station that will increase capacity and enable better schedule connections, fixing the leaky roof in the historic and Diridon station that is becoming a major hub. Also, safety fixes to ancient, at-risk bridges, and maintenance for system reliability. And, Caltrain plans to work with its train car manufacturer to explore possible hybrid trains for electric service to Gilroy.



April 28, 2022

The Honorable Alex Lee
California State Assembly
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 6330
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 1944 (Lee) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Lee:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I am pleased to support AB 1944, which would allow members of a local legislative body to vote to waive certain Brown Act requirements for meetings held partially or fully via teleconference.

Remote participation in official business by Caltrain Board Members has been critical for our system and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would continue to allow this option for leaders of local bodies subject to the Brown Act.

Subject to a majority vote, this bill allows local legislative bodies to permit members to video or teleconference into a public meeting without needing to reveal their private address or participate from a public location. Members of the public would also be able to address their elected representatives through video or call-in options and ensure their voices are heard in local government decision-making during hybrid or fully remote meetings.

AB 1944 supports health and safety and increases options for community members to participate in local government meetings, while protecting the privacy of serving board members.

Again, I am pleased to support AB 1944 and thank you for your leadership on this bill. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jadie Wasilco at wasilcoj@samtrans.com with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Bouchard", written over a white background.

Michelle Bouchard
Acting Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors

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