



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of January 6, 2022

Correspondence as of January 5, 2022

Subject

- 1 MTC Letter Regarding ROW Repayment and Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project



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Dear Ms. Bouchard:

As follow-up to recent discussions and in reference to the January 6th Joint Powers Board (JPB) item #8, Draft Recommendation on Caltrain Governance, I plan to brief and seek input from the MTC Commission on the nature and scope of their role, going forward, in the \$19.6 million right-of-way repayment principal balance. I note that the JPB Draft Governance Recommendation Part C assumes MTC will provide this repayment. The timeline for final action on the Governance Recommendation at the February 3rd JPB meeting provides time for the Commission to weigh in on this important matter.

I also plan to provide an update to the Commission this month on the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification project given the December 2021 action by the JPB to approve a cost increase, global settlement with the contractor, and a revised funding strategy. It will be important to acknowledge the intersection of this situation with the ROW repayment, as regional fund programming capacity for each very likely comes from similar sources—all of which are limited compared to transportation demands across the Bay Area. As well, there will be interest in the project delivery challenges the Electrification project and other mega projects face, and the connections those have to implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050 and other inter-related initiatives such as the Regional Rail Governance Study and the Megaproject Advancement Policy.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you on these efforts in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Therese W. McMillan
Executive Director