



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of September 1, 2022

Correspondence as of August 26, 2022

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From: Rick Jensen <rjensen@sjdowntown.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:03 PM
To: PRA <PRA@samtrans.com>; Board (@caltrain.com) <BoardCaltrain@samtrans.com>
Subject: Please send Peninsula Joint Powers plans for Diridon Station Office complex

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I'd like to share the news of the planned 1.2 million square foot development in front of Diridon Station with the Downtown San Jose community. (p.s. - bad form just to share with Mercury News).


The link to the document would work, too.
Thank you.

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From: aaknin@goodcityco.com <aaknin@goodcityco.com>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 10:42 AM
To: rjensen@sjdowntown.com
Subject: Caltrain Office Development at Diridon

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Hi Rick,

Thank you for reaching out. I am a consultant working with Caltrain to manage their development application and outreach process. Below you will find a link to the plans that the Caltrain team submitted to the City. It is good timing, as the City just started processing our

application last week, and we are beginning our “official” community outreach process in September. The Downtown Association is on a list of community and business groups that city staff recently provided.

In advance of our official outreach starting next month, do you have time to meet via zoom this week or next? We can take you through the project and process and answer any initial questions.

Thank you and talk soon.

Aaron

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August 17, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 922 (Wiener) Signature Request

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I write to you to respectfully request that you **SIGN** SB 922 (Wiener). This bill would modify the statutory exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for clean transportation projects, established by SB 288 (Wiener) [Chapter 200, Statutes of 2020]. Additionally, this bill would also allow the law's provisions to continue until January 1, 2030.

In 2020, recognizing that CEQA is often used by project opponents to stop or delay clean transportation projects, the Legislature passed, and Governor Newsom signed into law, SB 288 (Wiener), temporarily exempting from CEQA certain clean transportation projects, including projects for new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail services on public rail or highway rights-of-way; transit prioritization projects; projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians; projects to construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission buses; projects carried out by a city or county to reduce minimum parking requirements; and projects for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Under current law, these CEQA exemptions sunset on January 1, 2023.

SB 922 (Wiener) modifies the CEQA exemptions provided by SB 288 (Wiener) to include additional project types that will further expedite the delivery of clean transportation options and expand access to alternative modes of mobility. SB 922 (Wiener) extends the sunset on these exemptions for seven years. With the enactment of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, such project streamlining will help California leverage new funding opportunities to support the state's economic recovery and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Caltrain's 2040 Service Vision includes new projects that would benefit from SB 922, including Caltrain station upgrades and multi-agency projects Caltrain is involved with along the corridor that would require an environmental impact report (EIR). The exemptions set forth in this bill will allow Caltrain to pursue these sustainable transportation projects more efficiently.

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For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 922 at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please contact Devon Ryan, Government & Community Affairs Officer, at (650) 730-6172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MBouchard', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Bouchard
Acting Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
The Honorable Scott Wiener, California State Senate
Caltrain State Delegation

From: [charles mcintyre](#)
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Subject: Boarding Incident
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:14:19 PM

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Northbound train 307 on Tuesday, August 23rd arrived at the Northbound platform at California avenue. However, the station board and PA system said that all trains were boarding on the Southbound platform. This has happened multiple times recently...how does this happen? Your trains and dispatch are not in sync with your electronic system. Other than being a hassle for me, there were older people and a pregnant woman struggling to get to the other side. Embarrassing that this happens in a modern first world country!

Sent from Charlie McIntyre