



JPB Board of Directors  
Meeting of November 7, 2019

Correspondence as of October 11, 2019

#    Subject

1.    Mountain View Comments on Caltrain Business Plan Service  
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**From:** [Lo, Ria](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Cameron, Dawn](#); [Fromson, Casey](#); [Petty, Sebastian](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Mountain View Comments on Caltrain Business Plan Service Vision  
**Date:** Friday, October 11, 2019 3:54:50 PM  
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Hi Dora

No worries, and thanks for the heads up

Cheers

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**From:** Board (@caltrain.com) [mailto:BoardCaltrain@samtrans.com]  
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**To:** Lo, Ria  
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**Subject:** RE: Mountain View Comments on Caltrain Business Plan Service Vision

Dear Ria Lo, Good Afternoon,

Per my telephone call to you earlier today, my sincere apologies for having missed adding this included into the Board's weekly correspondence last week. It will be included into today's correspondence packet and posted online soon at [http://www.caltrain.com/about/bod/Board\\_of\\_Directors\\_Meeting\\_Calendar.html](http://www.caltrain.com/about/bod/Board_of_Directors_Meeting_Calendar.html)

Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Mountain View Comments on Caltrain Business Plan Service Vision

Hi folks

I notice that the City of Mountain View's comments were not included in the agenda package for the Board meeting last week along with the other comments submitted at the same time or later. Any reason why they were not?

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Dear Board Members

Please find attached an electronic copy of the City of Mountain View's comments on the Draft Service Vision for the Caltrain Business Plan. Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment.

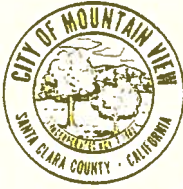
Cheers

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October 1, 2019

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
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Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Service Vision of the Caltrain Business Plan. On April 9, 2019, the Mountain View City Council approved the following principles to guide the City's input on the Caltrain Business Plan:

1. The City of Mountain View strongly supports Caltrain service.
2. The City supports Caltrain electrification and associated increases in service.
3. Caltrain should fully support timely completion of Mountain View's grade separation projects.
4. The City encourages Caltrain to prioritize reconstruction of Mountain View station platforms.
5. Caltrain should conduct a feasibility study of passing track locations before adopting a Service Vision.
6. The City opposes passing tracks at the Mountain View station.

As stated in these principles, the City of Mountain View supports the Caltrain staff recommendation for increased peak and off-peak service frequency and evenly spaced, bi-directional service patterns; however, the City needs Caltrain's support for timely completion of the Castro Street and Rengstorff Avenue grade separation projects in advance of significant increases in train frequency. This support may include participation in the financing of the projects to help advance the grade separation funding allocated from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Measure B sales tax program.

The City concurs with the Caltrain staff recommendation regarding the need for platform reconstruction. Mountain View's Transit Center Master Plan includes extending and shifting the platforms closer to Castro Street for easier bike/pedestrian access from downtown and the new bike/pedestrian undercrossing of the tracks and Central Expressway. Given the importance of the Mountain View station within the

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Caltrain system, the City encourages Caltrans to prioritize platform reconstruction for this station. This project could potentially serve as a model for the reconstruction of other stations.

The City of Mountain View understands that higher service levels may require passing tracks at various points throughout the corridor. The City expects that a feasibility study to determine potential impacts of passing tracks on the local community, including the need for additional right-of-way that may impact trees, land uses, and parallel roads, will be undertaken prior to any final decisions for locating four-track segments.

In addition, the City of Mountain View strongly opposes development of passing tracks at the Mountain View station and requests that "Alternative D" for the North Santa Clara station passing tracks be removed from further consideration. Development of a four-track section at the Downtown Mountain View station would be incompatible with the Transit Center Master Plan, which was developed collaboratively with community and agency stakeholders including Caltrain. It would also require a significant modification to the existing VTA light rail line and station and/or Central Expressway.

Thank you for the transparent and holistic approach that you have used in undertaking the Caltrain Business Plan. The City appreciates the opportunity to provide input and trusts that these comments will help refine the Service Vision and further development of the Business Plan.

Should you have questions or require further information, please contact Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Manager, at [ria.lo@mountainview.gov](mailto:ria.lo@mountainview.gov).

Sincerely,



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