



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of February 6, 2020

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From: [Stephanie Reyes](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; [Kiyomi Honda Yamamoto](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:50:39 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Stephanie Reyes and I am a resident of San Mateo.

I am excited about the proposed TOD Policy, which would require developers to build 30% affordable homes, and include density and height minimums for development. This is a good start, but I would like to also see:

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- - A requirement that Caltrain staff negotiate with affordable housing developers first, prior to any other parties.
- - A requirement to prioritize proposals that produce the most affordable units at the deepest levels of affordability.

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Please consider a system-wide TOD policy that benefits our community!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Reyes
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From: [John Crowell](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org](#); [kcamacho@hlcsmc.org](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 1:04:12 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is John Crowell and I am a resident of Redwood City.

I am excited about the proposed TOD Policy, which would require developers to build 30% affordable homes, and include density and height minimums for development. This is a good start, but I would like to also see:

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Sincerely,

John Crowell

From: [Furquan Amanat](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [kcamacho@hlcsmc.org](#); [khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 3:53:44 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Furquan Amanat and I am a resident of San Mateo.

I am excited about the proposed TOD Policy, which would require developers to build 30% affordable homes, and include density and height minimums for development. This is a good start, but I would like to also see:

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In the current environment of high land prices and limited supply of land, it is expensive to build affordable homes. As the region's housing affordability crisis continues to worsen, it affects the well-being and financial security of low- and moderate-income residents. It also create resentment between the have and have nots, which I am sure we all agree is not something we need in this country with the situation surrounding our national life.

In addition, jobs in the region have continued to increase far faster than housing supply. The lack of affordable homes has led to ever-lengthening commutes, with resultant increases in traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions. I am sure you have read this; but there is a study that shows that we are stifling the bay area growth (1.6 trillion dollar per year) by not building more houses : <https://www.citylab.com/equity/2015/05/the-urban-housing-crunch-costs-the-us-economy-about-16-trillion-a-year/393515/>. With such influx in economy, it is only going to help the Caltrain to get better funding that can remove constraints on so many of Caltrain projects

These interrelated challenges call for bold, innovative solutions and I hope that Caltrain BoD can rise to occasion; lest we look back at this time and wonder how we squandered yet another opportunity to be the leaders that have solutions for people.

Please consider a system-wide TOD policy that benefits our community!

Sincerely,

Furquan Amanat
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From: [Adriana Sandoval](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [kcamacho@hlcsmc.org](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:36:22 PM
Attachments: [Business letter.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

From: [Thalia Lubin](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [kcamacho@hlcsmc.org](#); [khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:00:47 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is **Thalia Lubin** and I am a resident of **Woodside**.

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Thank you,
Thalia Lubin

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From: [Andrea Davis](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:59:14 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Andréa Davis and I am a resident of San Mateo, CA.

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Sincerely,

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San Mateo, CA 94401

From: [Karen Grove](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [kcamacho@hlcsmc.org](#); [khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide TOD Policy
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:58:42 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Karen Grove and I am a resident of Menlo Park. I am on the Menlo Park Housing Commission, but I'm writing as myself.

I am excited about the proposed TOD Policy, and I write to urge you to make it stronger.

I'm glad to see a minimum requirement for affordable homes, height and density. This is a good start but I would also like to:

- A system-wide policy that applies to all Caltrain-owned sites.
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Sincerely,

Karen Grove
3826 Alameda de las Pulgas
Menlo Park, CA 94025

From: [Cathy Baird](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [Collins, Ron \[rcollins@cityofsancarlos.org\]](#)
Cc: [Karen Camacho](#); [Kiyomi Honda Yamamoto](#)
Subject: I support a systemwide transit-oriented development policy
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 12:36:26 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors:

I am a resident of San Carlos. I use both the San Carlos and the Redwood City train stations to begin my Caltrain trips.

I am pleased about the work done on the proposed transit-oriented development (TOD) policy, which would require developers to include 30 percent affordable homes in projects on Caltrain land. I am pleased to see density and height minimums for proposed developments.

Here are some additional points I would like to see included in the Caltrain TOD policy:

- It should apply system-wide — to all Caltrain-owned sites.
- It should include a requirement for Caltrain staff to negotiate with affordable housing developers first, before considering proposals for other types of development.
- It should include a requirement to prioritize proposals that produce the most affordable units at the deepest levels of affordability.

Because of high land prices and limited supply of land, it is expensive to build affordable homes. Jobs in the region have continued to increase much faster than housing supply at any level. This affects the well-being and financial security of residents with low and moderate income. It has also led to increased traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions as commutes lengthen.

Please consider strengthening the TOD policy for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,
Cathy Baird
107 Fairmont Avenue
San Carlos

From: Thalia Lubin
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject: TOD Policy
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:00:30 PM

To: board@caltrain.com
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org, khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject line: I support a systemwide TOD Policy

Email body:

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From: Molina-Bucio, Dolores
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject: TOD Policy
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:49:32 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Dolores Molina-Bucio and I am a resident of San Mateo.

I am excited about the proposed TOD Policy, which would require developers to build 30% affordable homes, and include density and height minimums for development. This is a good start, but I would like to also see:

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Sincerely,

Dolores Molina-Bucio
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From: [Laura Tolkoff](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: SPUR letter: Items 4g and 9
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:42:01 PM
Attachments: [Caltrain Corridor Use and TOD Policy Letter-SPUR \(1\).pdf](#)

Dear Peninsula Joint Powers Board,

Attached please find SPUR's comments on tomorrow's Agenda, Items 4g (Rail Corridor Use Policy) and Item 9 (Transit Oriented Development Policy).

Thank you very much for your leadership on these important issues that will help ensure that Caltrain can continue to grow its service over time and leverage its investments to support sustainable and affordable communities with access to great transit.

Best regards,

Laura Tolkoff, AICP
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From: Ong, Carol
To: [Ong, Carol](#)
Subject: Invitation to Sea Level Rise State Assembly Hearing in Foster City, Feb. 7, 2020
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:53:27 AM
Attachments: [oledata.mso](#)

Dear Friend:

Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin and Tasha Boerner Horvath cordially invite you to attend an informational hearing on sea level rise and its impacts on coastal cities on **Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Foster City Council Chambers, 610 Foster City Boulevard from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.**

The Assembly Select Committee on Sea Level Rise & the California Economy chaired by Assemblymember Horvath is interested in learning about the regional, social, economic, and environmental challenges your local communities are experiencing with sea level rise.

Presentations will include: How the State Can Help Support Local Coastal Adaptation Efforts; San Francisco Bay Area: Sea Level Rise Challenges; and Regional Responses to Sea Level Rise.

California is already feeling the impacts of climate change. Coastal communities across the state are experiencing the effects of sea-level rise, including high tides, strong storm surges, coastal flooding, sand erosion, and bluff collapses. California's coastline could experience as much as 7 feet of sea-level rise by 2100, which will have extensive and expensive impacts on the state's residents, economy, and natural resources. Most responsibility for preparing for and responding to these threats lies with local coastal communities. Yet despite the significant threats and compelling reasons to take action now, many coastal communities still are only in the early stages of preparing for sea-level rise.

Please RSVP to Carol.Ong@asm.ca.gov by Wednesday, February 5, 2020 by 5 pm.

Sincerely,

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TASHA ASSEMBLY
MEMBER
District 76
Boerner Horvath



*Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath, Chair of the
Select Committee on Sea Level Rise and the California Economy and
Assemblymember Kevin Mullin cordially invite you to attend an
informational hearing on*

SEA LEVEL RISE AND ITS IMPACTS ON COASTAL CITIES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Foster City Council Chambers

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1:30 to 3:30 pm

For more information about the hearing, or to RSVP, please contact Assemblymember Mullin's District Office in San Mateo at (650) 349-2200.

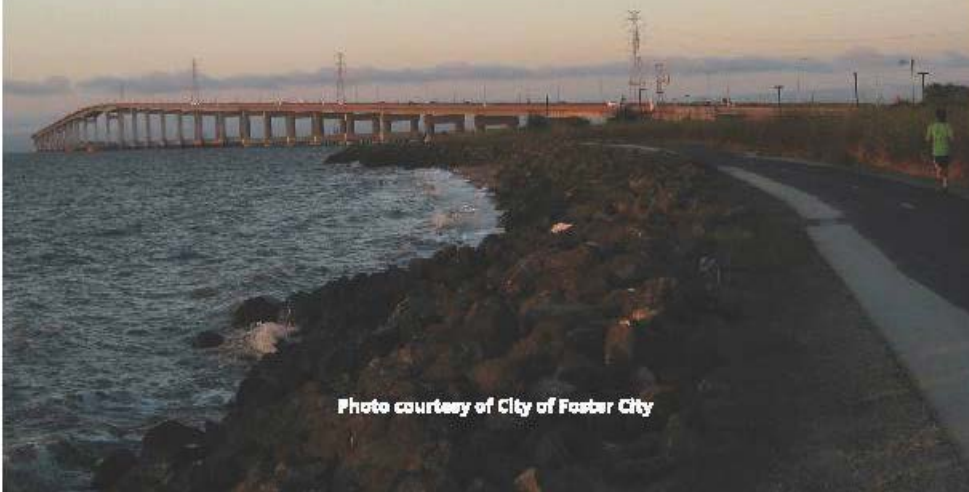


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From: Danny Vinh Nguyen
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Subject: Re: Stanford Student Government Collective Caltrain Passes
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:38:41 PM

Dear Board,

I'm emailing just to follow up on this. Please let me know if there's any better way to communicate if that's necessary.

Best,
Danny

On Jan 28, 2020, at 9:53 PM, Danny Vinh Nguyen <dannyn@stanford.edu> wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Danny Nguyen, and I'm part of Stanford's undergraduate student government. I'm reaching out because we're interested in exploring the possibility of a partnership between the ASSU (Stanford University Student Government) and CalTrain to provide all Stanford students CalTrain passes.

I know Stanford was able to come to a collective agreement to purchase Caltrain passes for most of its employees, and we're curious to see if it makes sense to have a similar agreement with the student body.

We look forward to hearing from you and exploring this further!

Sincere regards,
Danny

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Danny Nguyen

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