



# Set-Out Maintenance Track Area

Community Meeting  
June 11, 2019

## Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Comment/Questions Activity
- III. Project Information
- IV. Questions



# Project Information



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## Background Information

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25th Ave. Grade Separation Project prompted removal of a San Mateo track maintenance area in order to

- Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists
- Improve traffic flow
- Enhance east-west connectivity
- Support Caltrain electrification which will reduce noise and vibration
- Improve customer experience with new Hillsdale Station

Future Track Maintenance Area is a separate project from 25th Ave. Grade Separation Project

- Separate design
- Distinct timeline
- Separate construction contract



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## Purpose of Track Maintenance Area

- Needed to maintain efficient and reliable commuter rail service
- Staging and parking of maintenance equipment allows for
  - Tie replacements along corridor
  - Track repair due to wear and tear along the corridor
  - Support of capital projects, such as 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project and Caltrain Electrification
- Allows for efficient use of limited work windows to keep railroad functioning properly
- Intended purpose is not vehicle maintenance
- May be used for breakdowns to clear trains off mainline



## Other Track Maintenance Locations

| Location          | Adjacent Area                             |
|-------------------|---|
| San Francisco (3) | Commercial & Former Yard                  |
| Millbrae          | Residential                               |
| Burlingame        | School                                    |
| San Mateo         | Removed for Grade Sep, Replacement Needed |
| San Carlos        | Residential                               |
| Palo Alto (2)     | Commercial & Residential                  |
| Mt. View          | Expressway                                |
| Sunnyvale         | Commercial                                |
| Santa Clara (2)   | Commercial                                |
| San Jose          | Future Residential                        |



## San Mateo Project Siting Requirements

- In close proximity to previous track maintenance area
- Tracks at ground-level
- Width and length requirements
- Access road space
- Compatible with electrification infrastructure

## Future Project Location

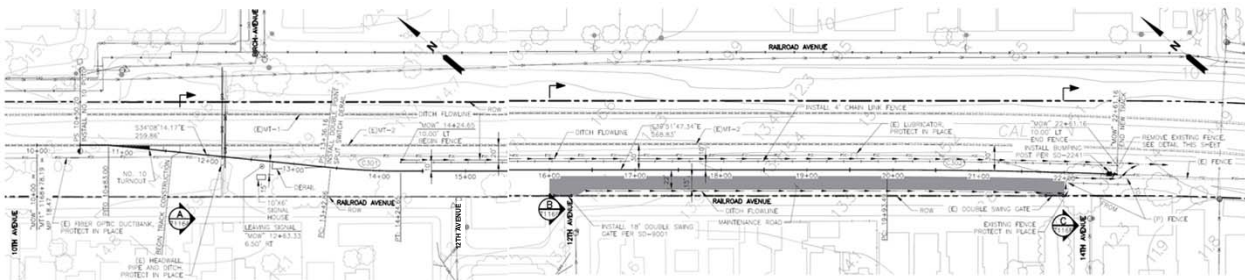


# Track Maintenance Area Description

- Creates storage space for maintenance equipment
- Includes spur track (approximately 1,000 ft) between 10th to 14th Ave.
- Gravel access road between 11th to 14th Ave.
- Built entirely on existing right-of-way



# Preliminary Design



## CEQA Process Timeline

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- Development of project concept and preparation of environmental study: July 2017- January 2018
  - Consider all environmental areas required under CEQA, including biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources/aesthetics, noise, air quality, hazardous materials and construction impacts, among others.
- Notice of Intent/Notice of Availability to Adopt a Negative Declaration: January 29, 2018
- CEQA Public Review Period: January 29, 2018 to February 19, 2018
- JPB Approval: April 5, 2018

## Environmental

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- No wetlands/waterbodies or special-status species
- No historic properties or archaeological sites
- No private property acquisitions
- No noise impact from use of setout track 1-2 times per week
- Overall, no potential for significant adverse environmental impacts

## Anticipated Order of Work

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- Additional grading, drainage installation, hydroseeding
- Contract bid and award
- Notification prior to construction
- Construction duration: approximately 4 months
- Work elements may include tree trimming; relocating utilities; grading; and installing setout track, fences and gates, and gravel access road
- Access to right-of-way by all vehicles and equipment would be limited to the southern end of the project area from Railroad Avenue between 11th and 14th Avenues.

## Possible Work Hours & Access

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### Construction

- While there is currently no contract, typical work hours in the City of San Mateo are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. One weekend of night work is anticipated to occur.

### After Installation

- Majority of staging anticipated to take place during daytime hours
- Crews may access site approximately one to two times a week during day or night shift

# Mitigation

During construction the project will:

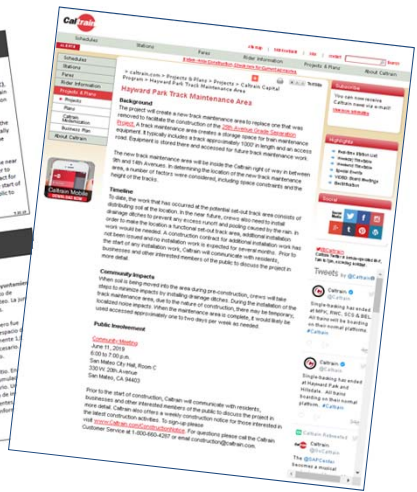
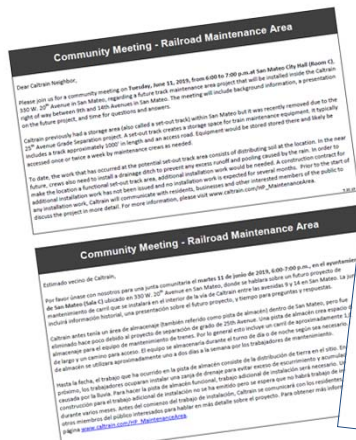
- Use construction Best Management Practices to reduce emissions
- Implement stormwater pollution prevention plan
- If determined existing trees may be impacted then pre-construction surveys for nesting birds will be conducted; construction control to protect birds during nesting season will be implemented; and establishment of tree protection zones

Long-term: Possible vegetative screening or other aesthetic enhancement



# Outreach

- Construction notices (mailers and social media)
- Weekly construction updates
- Website project page





## Project Contact Information

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## Questions



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