



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of March 7, 2024

Correspondence as of February 9, 2024

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From: [Sarah Nabong](#)
To: vincenthuang279@gmail.com
Cc: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: 2/1 Board Meeting Public Comment - Electrification services
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:23:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Vincent Huang,

Thank you for reaching out to Caltrain. Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence. We appreciate your feedback regarding our Electrified Service Plan. Our service planning process began earlier last year with multiple public and stakeholder engagements, in which we gathered over 1,650 comments from the public, partner agencies, and the private sector. San Mateo Station is one of our Top 10 highest ridership stops, while major infrastructure improvements were made at the South San Francisco Station to make it fully accessible to walk to and from Downtown South San Francisco or to get to the Oyster Point area. Demand, growth, and job creation were also important factors that staff considered to put forward this Service Plan. Lastly, anything faster than 59 minutes for our Express Trains would be challenging to implement operationally due to our 2-track system. Staff is currently working on finalizing a timetable schedule, which will become available to the public later this year. If you have any additional questions or comments, please continue to reach out to us!

Kind regards,

Sarah Nabong, Customer Service Representative 2

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On Sun, Jan 28, 2024 at 10:15 PM Vincent Huang <vincenthuang279@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi there,

While the new express planned services brought with the electrified trains stop more frequently, the services bring less to the table than the new electrified trains can offer.

The current "Baby Bullet" lines have some of, if not the highest, ridership compared to the other services. It stops at 8 stops for a, while the new "Express A" stops at 11. The new Express A service is faster than the Baby Bullet from SF-SJ by a menial 7 minutes. To fully utilize the new fleet's quick acceleration and maximum speed, during peak hours, there should be around 3 trains in each direction that skip a good amount of stops (or arrive at the

same stops as the current Baby Bullet). This will benefit current Baby Bullet riders by having a significantly faster travel time than just a 7-minute difference.

With that said, I believe adding a completely separate service (that may replace a different service for specific time frames) during peak hours will be the best solution. I suggest stopping at SF, Millbrae, Hillsdale, Palo Alto, (possibly) Mountain View, and SJ Diridon.

The overall trip time will decrease by having a service that stops only at the most popular stations. Automobile users will be more inclined to take the train if the benefits, including a shorter travel time than a car, are present. Simply put, an efficient service that can likely reach SF-SJ in ~50 minutes by skipping more stops will draw in new riders.

A different benefit of creating this new service is that railfanners (people who enjoy trains flying by stations) will have more options. By closing off South SF, San Mateo, and Sunnyvale, there will be less opportunity for railfanning and, therefore, less attention to Caltrain.

The problem with the feedback form left in October is that it only reached the individuals most passionate about the project, not the average rider.

Once again, this new service will greatly improve Baby Bullet Riders and will incentivize more people to ride the train rather than drive their cars.

Please reach out (email) if you want clarification on any points I suggested.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Vincent Huang

From: [Sarah Nabong](#)
To: michelleboughan@gmail.com; [@caltrain.com](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))
Subject: RE: Every day late...
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:42:25 PM

Dear Michelle Boughan,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence.

Thank you for contacting Caltrain, though we regret it was due to issues with our service. We are in receipt of your correspondence, please note this has been filed as Report #916214. To aid us in our investigation, would you mind giving us a little more detail? If possible, would you be able to provide the location at which you boarded, direction traveling, time of occurrence, and train number.

We know it is extra hassle on top of everything else you have had to deal with but providing us with such information will help the process immensely.

We sincerely apologize for the trouble.

Best regards,

-----Original Message-----

From: michelleboughan@gmail.com <michelleboughan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2024 8:47 AM
To: Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>
Subject: Every day late...

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Hello,

Every day I try to take the train to work there is a delay. Right now my train is 23 minutes late and the one after is 10... how are supposed to reliably get to work? It's hard to convince my employer that this is going to get me where I need to go on time. Please resolve these issues so I can get on the train and not say "sorry I'm 30-45 minutes late!!"

It's the same price as parking in the city and then I won't be 30+ minutes late.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sarah Nabong](#)
To: [Sydney Wong](#); [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: Reinstating Shuttle at Lawrence Station
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:21:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Sydney Wong,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence.

Thank you for your feedback regarding shuttle services to and from Caltrain stations. Caltrain no longer manages or sponsors any shuttle services. For inquiries regarding Santa Clara County bus or shuttle services, please contact the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), who manages light rail, bus and shuttle service in Santa Clara County as well connecting service to Caltrain stations. Once more, we appreciate your feedback!

Kind regards,

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From: Sydney Wong <sywong@paloaltonetworks.com>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>
Subject: Reinstating Shuttle at Lawrence Station

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Hello,

Hope this email finds you well. As a regular Caltrain rider, I appreciate the convenience it offers for my car-free commute to work. I am particularly excited about the upcoming electrification efforts. I also wanted to express my gratitude for organizing the Electric Caltrain Tour; it was a delightful community event.

Recently, I came across an [archived route](#) online that mentioned a shuttle service from Lawrence Station to the major tech campuses in the area. Given that my company, Palo Alto Networks, has implemented a return-to-work policy three times a

week, Lawrence Station has become the most convenient stop for our employees.

Currently, some of our colleagues opt for a longer route, riding to Sunnyvale and then taking the #20, while others rely on rideshare options from Lawrence. **To streamline the commuting process for our employees and make it more efficient and enjoyable, I would like to ask you whether there is a possibility of reintroducing a shuttle or bus route from Lawrence Station.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sydney

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Sydney Wong | Principal Machine Learning Engineer

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From: [Sarah Nabong](#)
To: [Zavala, Gelser](#); [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Cc: [Brown, Rowena](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent: Oakland 29th Ave Malfunctioning Railroad Crossing Arms Public Safety Issue
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:47:57 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Dear Gelser Zavala,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence. Please be advised that the location you mentioned is not owned or maintained by Caltrain. This crossing is the responsibility of Union Pacific Railroad. To report a problem or emergency call 1-800-848-8715 and refer to Xing DOT # 749621T.

We appreciate your concerns.

Regards,

Sarah Nabong, Customer Service Representative 2

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From: Zavala, Gelser <Gelser.Zavala@asm.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>
Cc: Brown, Rowena <Rowena.Brown@asm.ca.gov>
Subject: Urgent: Oakland 29th Ave Malfunctioning Railroad Crossing Arms Public Safety Issue

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Esteemed CalTrain,

I hope this email finds you well! Rowena Brown, District Director for State Assemblymember Mia Bonta and myself received a serious public safety hazard for the railroad crossing of 29th Ave in Oakland before reaching E 12th St -- train cross arms

and hazard lights are malfunctioning, for about 2 weeks now. The railroad crossing arms and crossing flashing lights are closing the road with no incoming train, forcing cars and AC Transit busses to maneuver the crossing arms.

Please advise how to urgently address the malfunctioning crossing arms and lights at your earliest convenience, and receipt of this message.

Thank you and appreciate your prompt response.

All the best,

Gélser Zavala

Field Representative

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From: [David Boyce](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: The essence of Caltrain
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 11:27:08 AM

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Yesterday (January 4), I learned that the new electric train cars will not have handrails and handholds, essentially mirroring the current cars.

This has always been outrageous, particularly in the bike cars, and cannot have been an accident. Someone had to have made a decision against these common affordances. The question is why.

Anyone who's ridden a common subway, including conductors, knows the value of a handhold when a train's momentum is changing.

I have lately begun to suspect Caltrain's actual concern for its passengers, based on incidents of disrespect by conductors that were slight but still memorable. Compared to trains in Europe ... well, there is no point in making a comparison.

I have to conclude that Caltrain is cheap and is so boldly and unashamedly in the face of its sources of revenue: the people who ride its rails. This news about handholds puts that outlook beyond question.

Dave Boyce
Menlo Park

From: [Sarah Nabong](#)
To: boycedaveboyce@gmail.com
Cc: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: The_Essence_of_Caltrain
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:55:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Dave Boyce,

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We appreciate the opportunity to clarify the design features of our new electric train cars.

We would like to inform you that our new trains are equipped with various handhold options for passenger safety and convenience. These include handholds on every seatback, at stairs, doors, and other strategic locations throughout the train.

To provide a clearer picture of the train's interior and these features, we invite you to view a virtual tour of our new trains at <https://calmod-vr.org/>. This interactive experience will allow you to explore the train's layout and see firsthand how these handholds are integrated into the design.

I am sorry to hear about your experiences with our conductors. We are committed to addressing any issues of disrespect or unprofessionalism. We encourage you to share specific incidents with us, so we can take appropriate action to ensure a respectful and comfortable environment for all our passengers.

Once again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us and thank you for riding Caltrain. We look forward to providing you and the rest of our riders with a better transit experience as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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From: Sarah Nabong
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:13 PM
To: Mila Heally; beautifysj
Cc: Batra, Arjun; Candelas, Domingo; Carla Davis; Cohen, David; Davis, Dev [dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov]; DeborahMiller; Dhanya Rajan; Doan, Bien; Elvera Faria; Flores Shelton, Andrea; Foley, Pam; Frimann, Nora; Izzac Khayo; Jimenez, Sergio; John & Jill; Kamei, Rosemary; Maguire, Jennifer; Mahan, Matt; Mata, Anthony; Mayor Matt Mahan; Mila Heally; Ortiz, Peter; Passons, Omar; Patty Fishburn; Raul Lopez; Rois, Joseph; Sandoval, Vanessa; Torres, Omar; Williams, Olympia; Board (@caltrain.com); Chavez, Cindy [cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org]; customer.service@vta.org; darryl ospring; jon.cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov; senator.cortese@sen.ca.gov
Subject: RE: [Great Oaks camp]Arson, narcotics and trash increasing

Dear Mila Heally,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence. The locations you indicated are not Caltrain property as it is not part of the train platform. Please check with Valley Transportation Authority or your local Police Department for further assistance.

We appreciate your concern, thank you for contacting Caltrain.

Kind regards,

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From: Mila Heally <heallym@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2023 6:14 AM
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Subject: Re: [Great Oaks camp]Arson, narcotics and trash increasing

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Beautify,

The clean up team was along this encampment past week at Great Oaks and there are piles of trash again. It is endless and they seem to bring more and more. There is some strange smell along the tracks at Monterey road like trash and urine.

Noticed more narcotics incidents and even two Arson fires at Great Oaks.

It is too much considering that we are supposed to get enhanced services (D2 budget item - \$300k) and we have all these EIH units between Branham, Bernal, Rue Ferrari and ST safe parking.

We are all tired of all this mess that started to spread along this area since we got the campers that headed south from Capitol and Branham abatements and people from Columbus. We were told that people from Columbus was brought previously to EIH Rue Ferrari too.

Beautify states that they need to follow the rules but they do not follow. We are demanding escalated actions.

How much trash they can produce in a week after beautify just stopped by to collect it? My garbage and recycling bin does not get that full at the amount of bags they accumulate is less than a week by their tents.

This encampment management is lacking enforcement or removing the repeat offenders when they do not cooperate with the good neighbors policy.

We are seeing the narcotics activity spreading along Cottle too that is next to this camp. Today I had an encounter by Beswick and Cottle with an intoxicated man at the traffic light. The person could barely walk and had foil in his hand as used for drug consumption.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13aTMCfuoh-Pb6W6IOTyx51mjt3SSIApO>

All of us who live next to this area are seeing the impact at the main streets in the area.

When we contact Helen Chapman from D2 responsible homelessness and environmental we only hear to contact Beautify or go talk to Olympia.




We were expecting to see more from our district representative to resolve these issues. We are attaching the message our neighbor Dhanya received from senator's Cortese office after they tried to communicate with the district.

We all are requesting that Beautify and city leadership intervene to address these issues between Cottle/ Blossom Hill and Bernal along Monterey rd: Great Oaks.

Thank you,
Mila

Great oaks

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Drugs / Alcohol Violations

6000 BLK GREAT OAKS PK
11-12-2023 @ 5:29 AM




Description

NARCOTICS

Incident #

233160165 (Report)

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Drugs / Alcohol Violations

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Description

NARCOTICS

Incident #

233320277 (Report)

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Arson

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11-17-2023 @ 9:00 AM




Description

ARSON (447A)

Incident #

233210228 (Call for Service)

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Arson

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Description

ARSON (447A)

Incident #

233210221 (Call for Service)





Our Encampment Management addresses:

- Encampment Trash Program provides weekly trash service to 185-200 active encampments



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Description

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Description

NARCOTICS



This is Mario with Senator Cortese's office and have taken over Roy Tongilava in our office. Received your call earlier today regarding the unsheltered encampment at the intersection of Endicott Blvd and Great Oaks Parkway.

In conversation with Councilmember Sergio Jimenez's Office, it is my understanding that this is now a managed unsheltered encampment which receives weekly clean up services and is not considered to be an immediate hazard at this time. I have further been informed that unhoused residents at this site receive weekly services as well as priority for the forthcoming interim housing community on Branham and Monterey HWY.

On behalf of Senator Cortese, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We will continue to work with the City to address your concerns as best as possible. In the meantime, please feel free to call 911 for any immediate emergencies.

Sent from Gmail Mobile

On Sun, Dec 3, 2023 at 2:26 PM Raul Lopez <lopezinc_2000@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you Mila and Deborah for mentioning that this gang-related criminal activity is being allowed on a city-sanctioned encampment. I would also like to emphasize that if someone is injured or sustains property damage or theft due to the city's refusal to take action after they have been repeatedly warned by hundreds of concerned citizens. We, as a community, will bear witness to the city's irresponsible behavior in any legal action taken against it.



Raul

On Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 02:10:41 PM PST, DeborahMiller <dkalbmiller@gmail.com> wrote:

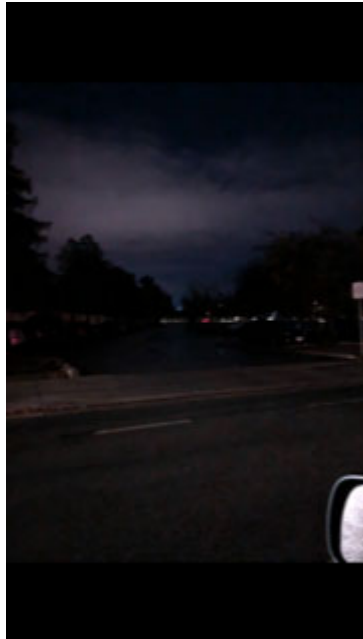
Dear Mayor Matt Mahan and VTA, Caltrain, and City Managers,

There is no evening lighting at the Ford Road Caltrain station directly across from your sanctioned gang encampment and next to the mobile home park in which there was a newsworthy drug/weapons bust.

It is only a matter of time till a person is assaulted, raped, or injured as a result

The City, VTA, and Caltrain have created and are maintaining an unsafe condition of property. Please address this immediately and consider this email legal notice so as to eliminate any notion of plausible deniability on the City's, VTA's, or Caltrains part should, as would not be surprising, there be an incident at this location.

Regards,



Deborah Miller

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2023, at 4:01 PM, Deborah Miller <dkalbmiller@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jon,

I found your response to Raul as somewhat off-putting, if not rude. Yes, we all know how to report via 311, for all the good it does. Nuts and bolts- District 2 and 10 have had enough of the city's failed homelessness policy, and we will no longer tolerate irresponsible policies that endanger our families and quality of life. You are inviting hardened criminals onto our streets and into our, once safe, neighborhoods, and we will not sit silently by as you do so.

Let's make something very clear. Gang graffiti and signs are used to mark territory, intimidate, threaten and send messages to rival gangs and to the community at large. These same persons have been seen walking around with gang tattoos and carrying machetes, baseball bats, and other weapons. Therefore, by allowing this at a city sanctioned encampment, you are sanctioning gang threats and intimidation on public lands. Even with private property, there are limits to free speech. For, example, the city would not sit silently if a neighbor painted a swastika on their home garage door. So, that is an absurd comment given that the tent is on public lands.

You are creating a public nuisance and unsafe condition of property. Considering that there was a bust consisting of weapons, ammunition, fentanyl, cash, etc. in the mobile home park almost directly across from this sanctioned encampment, it is clear that the City's policies are endangering my neighborhood.

The City needs to clean this up now, or we will be organizing and taking this fight public. I'm finished watching the City destroy my neighborhood, while politicians in an effort to gentrify the downtown, redline the homeless and export the homeless problem, to include criminal gangs, to my neighborhood and District.

Shame on the City of San Jose!

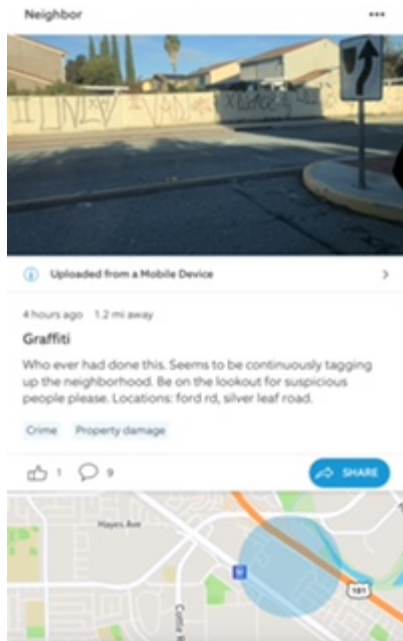
Deborah Miller

On Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 1:09 PM Mila Heally <heallym@gmail.com> wrote:

FYI

Ford road across the street from Great Oaks where the tag showed up today.

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/guns-drugs-cash-seized-in-san-jose-mobile-home-park-bust/amp/>



Sent from Gmail Mobile

On Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 11:08 AM Mila Heally <heallym@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jon,

I created a report on 311 for the tent. Now sure how they will handle it since is private property but the anti graffiti team does a very good job.

As you mentioned the tent is private property and they are staying on the managed camp. So my understanding is that they should not be glorifying gang preference as it is in any facility where there is gangs.

There are rules posted on the flyer too. They have been doing a lot of stuff that is not allowed listed on the flyer too.

They need to follow the rules if not escalated actions need to be enforced.

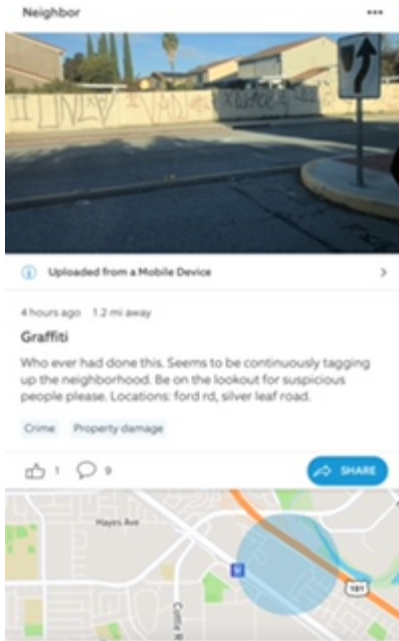
We all use the app and Elvera and I spent some 3-4 weekends recording hot spots with gang tags and reporting. We are tired of their tags and not following the rules.

They keep accumulating stuff more stuff at Great Oaks and Endicott tents. The tents are getting bigger and bigger and they have pallets structures there too. They need to respect the 12 x 12.

I do not think they will leave all the stuff they accumulated to move to a shelter. They are squatters and come with vehicles including moving trucks and unload stuff according to neighbors reports. It is turning into something else.

Thank you,
Mila

Meanwhile another gang tag showed in Silverleaf across the street and had the four dots and two lines like the tents tags.
People reported to 311.



Sent from Gmail Mobile

On Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 10:31 AM Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Raul,

If it wasn't clear in my previous email, I will reiterate: we will see what we can do to resolve this particular issue.

I know you all know to report any graffiti on 311. Gang graffiti is removed within 24hrs from public property. If you have reported it and it has not been removed timely, then let me know (separately) those locations. It is not as easy for us to remove it from private property, but we do work with the property owner to accomplish that.

To your question about a tent on public property, the TENT (and any other possessions) is private property. I assure you, the courts are clear about this.

Sincerely,

Jon Cicirelli | Director
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From: Raul Lopez <lopezinc_2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:51 AM

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Subject: Re: [Great Oaks camp] Beautify tent with gang tag

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How about removing all the gang-related tagging on public property first? This appears to be the majority of instances where this problem is occurring. As for posting gang-related tags on private property, if these encampments are built on public property, they cannot be considered private property. The taxpayers who paid for this property with their hard-earned tax dollars should have a say as to what can and cannot be allowed on it. As a homeowner, I am not allowed to post gang-related signs on my property as they would be considered blight and I would be forced to remove it. The homeless encampments should be held to the same standard given your explanation that they are considered "private property".



Raul

On Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 08:53:32 AM PST, Cicirelli, Jon <jon.cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Thank you for this notification Mila, and the others from yesterday. This isn't as simple as it looks since the tent is in fact private property. We will see what we can do to resolve this.

Sincerely,

Jon Cicirelli |
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Dear City Leaders,

I am attaching the picture of the first time the gang tag showed up in a tent. We appreciate if you start to escalate the actions to abate this encampment.

If this is a city managed encampment gang symbols, colors or anything that can be used as a weapon should not be allowed.

We appreciate if escalated actions are taken towards addressing this issue and abating this growing encampment.

None of us want to see more gang symbols in this large encampment or gang colors as happens in facilities to prevent turf war or gang attacks towards our community.

Gang is considered public nuisance.

We the neighbors appreciate if this public nuisance encampment gets abated.

Below is a resident of the encampment that was seen on Ring app throwing food at vehicles by the Blossom Hill and Monterey ramp in the same area where the encampment is. They are not all peaceful loving unhoused neighbors as homeless advocate Gail Osmer has been telling during council meetings. And we know that services were rejected multiple times when offered by outreach according to records provided by Housing and Beautify to Omar Passons and Mayor's office.

We have reported more than 70 gang spots with multiple gang tags these past two months. Beautify should have the records.

Below is the page of the MOU between CSJ and UP where the City of San Jose has committed to abate encampments adjacent to the UP tracks, fix fences and prevent reencampment. This MOU has not expired and if not enforced shows how San Jose does not keep its word in MOUs with other jurisdictions.

CSJ has been asking favors for the community like joining multiple CAC, and reporting blight by the EIH. But has been failing to enforce the MOU with UP and to give back to our community abating this enormous camp that keeps growing daily in a property adjacent to UP tracks that are covered in the MOU. This shows that our leadership word has no value.

Below is a court case about gang been treated as a public nuisance in San Jose. It was abated by district and city attorney because gang turf is a public nuisance. We have been seeing gang turf in the surrounding if this encampment with multiple tags at Ramac Park and in the area surrounding this encampment.

We are extremely shocked about CSJ lack of commitment to keep your agreements with our community in South San Jose and overloading us with EIHS and not abating an encampment that is a public nuisance in our area. We have no proof that there are no gang folks in this camp or a proof that outreach has not visited them as Gail Osmer is suggesting.

Would any of feel safe in your local grocery store or living across the street of these folks that reside in the managed encampment by the city seeing gang tags, machetes, jail tattoos, public intoxication, fights, throwing substances at cars, etc?

You know why I am writing you late at night? Because of us are awake and not being able to sleep well feeling the impact of this encampment in our surrounding neighborhoods specially at night when are asleep.

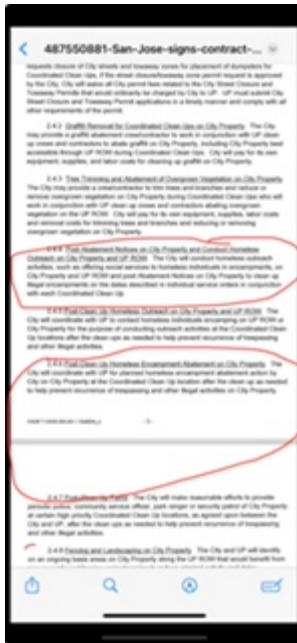
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“Almost a decade ago, the California Supreme Court endorsed the use of public nuisance injunctions as a means to control street gangs. Public nuisance injunctions against gangs ("gang injunctions"), which result from civil suits filed by district or city attorneys, prohibit the nuisance conduct within a prescribed geographical area, focusing on the "turf" claimed by the gang. In *People ex rel. Gallo v. Acuna*, the California Supreme Court upheld an injunction against thirty-eight named members of a San Jose gang in a four square block area where none of the gang members lived. The court described the neighborhood as "an occupied territory" and its residents as "prisoners in their own homes." To resolve the public nuisance posed by the gang, the *Acuna* injunction contained a controversial provision prohibiting gang members from publicly associating with each other. The California Supreme Court declared the provision constitutional; such provisions are now common in gang injunctions. Gang injunctions today also frequently limit otherwise legal behavior beyond public association, such as being out after dark, possession of various objects, making gang-related hand signals, and wearing gang colors. Many of the substantive constitutional rights issues raised by *Acuna* have been critiqued by commentators, but numerous gang injunctions have been imposed since *Acuna* was decided. Two distinct developments in gang injunction usage warrant deeper examination than existing scholarship provides.”

Thank you,

Mila









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On Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 10:48 PM Raul Lopez <lopezinc_2000@yahoo.com> wrote:

Here is a picture of a Norteno gang tattoo identical to the gang tag you referred to in your email to Omar Passons. These gang-related symbols should not be tolerated in our neighborhoods and encampments that post these signs should be forced to take them down. We have enough problems with crime in South San Jose, there is absolutely no reason to encourage it!



Raul

On Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:37:55 AM PST, Mila Heally <heallym@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Omar,

What are the Beautify protocols for gang symbols in your managed camps?

Are the campers allowed to express their gang preference on their tents?

I don't know if you are familiar with facilities in gang neighborhoods but people can't enter using gang colors to prevent turf wars or gang violence. Gang symbols can put surrounding people at risk if violence happens.

What's the actions that should be taken about it since is at the property that you are managing?

This tag is Nortenos.

Can Beautify be called to remove this tag or they can have gang tags on their tents?

This is the second time a gang tag is seen in a tent in this camp. Are they going to be allowed to move to EIH if there are people who can be gang affiliated?

Are you covering this topic in the encampments report next Spring?

Thanks,

Mila



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February 7, 2024

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Dear CALTRAIN Board of Directors,

I too have been a monthly pass holder and when I read the article about Mr. Mueller accusing many CALTRAIN passengers of "FARE EVASION" I took notice!

I AM enclosing some other people's "take" on this issue. please read them.

Sincerely

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Caltrain tickets

Dear Editor: A big thank you to San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller for exposing the negligence and poor performance of Caltrain ("Few are paying to ride Caltrain," Daily Post, Friday).

I suspect this act of leadership took some political testosterone for Mueller. Caltrain management has cried poor-mouth in the past, saying it had insufficient revenues. Perhaps this latest revelation will help Caltrain meet its rudimentary requirements for efficiency going forward.

**David Altscher
Belmont**

Many use Clipper

Dear Editor: San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller raises the concern that less than half of the people boarding Caltrain during commute hours tapped to pay with Clipper cards.

This causes me to wonder if the supervisor is aware that Caltrain offers monthly passes as well as one-way tickets and day passes? These are far more convenient as well as being much less expensive for those who commute on a regular basis. They only need to be activated once each month, no need to "tap on" daily!

I totally concur with the supervisor that the current crews are

not as assiduous as they should be, but I'm not sure the non-payment problem is as serious as he seems to suggest.

**Pria Graves
Palo Alto**

Cards and tagging

Dear Editor: I'm disappointed with Ray Mueller's announcement about fare evasion on Caltrain ("Few are paying to ride Caltrain," Daily Post, Friday). He evidently is not aware that auto-renew monthly passholders need to tag only on their first ride of the month. Riders who buy monthly passes at a Clipper service center or Clipper machine never tag. And

riders with Caltrain "Go Passes" — employees of Stanford and other large Bay Area companies — never tag. Roughly a half of all riders (as Mueller observed) do not need to tag off or on — but they do pay. Also, except in special situations, tickets are checked for everyone who boards every train in San Francisco.

An unusual feature of Caltrain is that one-trip riders must remember to tag off so they are charged the proper zone-based fare. Otherwise, they are charged the maximum fare — and may never notice that they were overcharged. A system like this in the private sector would be challenged in a class action suit, and its managers roasted for ripping people off. Maybe Mr. Mueller could investigate that problem?

Clipper 2, planned for this summer, will simplify paying a fare. All you'll have to do is tap your phone or contactless credit card on a card reader. No need for a Clipper card, which will make Caltrain easier to navigate. But will people who forget to tag off still be overcharged?

**Jonathan Seder
Palo Alto**

From: Sarah Nabong
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 1:55 PM
To: richard Yao <richard Yao@gmail.com>
Cc: Board (@caltrain.com)
Subject: RE: Reckless driving

Dear Richard Yao,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence.

We apologize for the negative experience you had on the road with one of our company vehicles. We have forwarded your report to management for further review. We can ensure you that safety is our top priority; we expect our employees to obey all traffic laws and drive with caution whether in or out of company vehicles. Thank you for bringing this to our attention to address accordingly. We appreciate your feedback.

Kind regards,

Sarah Nabong, Customer Service Representative 2

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Subject: Sanitary Sewer Parallel Trunk Line (Manhole T-0 to T-32) Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (East Palo Alto Sanitary District)
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On behalf of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District (district), serving as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, please find attached a copy of a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above referenced project. Information about where to find a copy of the environmental document and how to submit comments to the district during the 30-day public review period (February 12, 2024 to March 13, 2024) is included in the notice.

Thank you,



Shannon Davi

Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the East Palo Alto Sanitary District has undertaken environmental review for the proposed Sanitary Sewer Parallel Trunk Line (Manhole T-0 to T-32), and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The East Palo Alto Sanitary District invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed Sanitary Sewer Parallel Trunk Line (Manhole T-0 to T-32).

- Lead Agency:** East Palo Alto Sanitary District
- Project Location:** North of Embarcadero Road through the Palo Alto Airport site to east of San Francisquito Creek in the City of Palo Alto
- Project Description:** The East Palo Alto Sanitary District (lead agency) is proposing to construct a new, 18-inch sanitary sewer line, parallel to an existing 24- to 30-inch sanitary sewer line, from manhole T-0 within the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, running north/northwest through the Palo Alto Airport (airport) site to manhole T-32, just east of San Francisquito Creek bridge. The total length is approximately 6,000 linear feet. The proposed improvements are located outside of the district service boundaries and within the City of Palo Alto. The new sanitary sewer line route would begin at manhole T-0 and proceed across Embarcadero Road north through the airport outdoor airplane parking area to manhole T-4 where the route turns northwest and parallels the runway along the east side of the adjacent golf course. At manhole T-10, the route turns southwest and runs between the golf course and the San Francisquito Creek Trail. The route ends at manhole T-32. The capacity improvements that would result from the proposed project, laid out in the sanitary district's 2002 and 2015 Master Plan Updates, are necessary to service the needs of existing users and for servicing the future growth of the City of East Palo Alto as projected in the 2016 Vista 2035 East Palo Alto General Plan.
- Construction activities will include survey staking of the pipeline alignment, trench excavations, import and placement of pipes, manholes, and backfill materials, compaction of backfill, and restoration of ground surface to match existing conditions. The width and depth of construction would be 20 feet, and 10 feet, respectively. Delivery of construction materials, a staging area, and traffic patterns on airport property will be coordinated with the Airport. The district will also work with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the airport to determine and implement the steps required to obtain a utility easement through the airport. A construction schedule for the proposed project is not known at this time but could last up to 12 months.
- Public Review Period:** Begins – Monday, February 12, 2024
Ends – Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**Proposed Mitigated
Negative Declaration is
Available for Public
Review at these
Locations:**

East Palo Alto Sanitary District Office
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Public Hearing:

Date: To Be Determined

Location: Board Room at the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, 901 Weeks Street,
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