



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of September 2, 2021

Correspondence as of August 13, 2021

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From: Angela Ghuloum
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Increase Caltrain stops on peninsula
Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:58:27 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in an effort to raise demand for the San Carlos and Menlo Park train station stop during commuting hours. Both of my teens will ideally be taking the train this fall for school (starting in August). One will be going Northbound and the other will be going Southbound. The one going Southbound would normally get off at Menlo Park, but there is no stop currently planned at San Carlos for the one she would ideally take, and if she took the earlier one there is no stop in Menlo Park. So she is without options either way.

Thanks for considering,
Angela Ghuloum

From: Julie Des Jardins
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Request to reinstate the San Carlos stop to College Park Station
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:17:07 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Julie Des Jardins, and I am a San Carlos resident. My son is a student at Bellarmine High School (College Park Station) and had planned to take Caltrain 214 to get to school in the morning and Caltrain 263 to get home. We discovered that Caltrain is NOT scheduling those trains to stop in San Carlos, which leaves my son (and others) with no way to get to school. Our son is one of several kids in Belmont and San Carlos who have no means to get to and from school (to the College Park Station). We would be so grateful if those trains could stop in San Carlos so that our children can get to school. Thank you!

From: Jagjit Wood
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Requesting reinstatement of Belmont and San Carlos Stops on CalTrain Schedule
Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:11:11 PM

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Hello CalTrain, we are a family that relies on CalTrain to get our son to school in San Jose every day (once school starts Aug 16).

I'm writing to request that CalTrain maintain morning Southbound and afternoon Northbound stops at both Belmont and San Carlos stations to service families like ours in the area. Our destination is the College Park stop (for Bellarmine College Prep school in San Jose).

I know there are many who are reaching out with the same request. Thank you sincerely for your consideration.

Best,

Jag Wood (Belmont resident)

From: [Board \(@smcta.com\)](mailto:Board@smcta.com)
To: [Board \(@smcta.com\)](mailto:Board@smcta.com); [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Subject: FW: public comment
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:49:58 AM

From: Matthew Harris <matthewharris2195@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 7, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@samtrans.com>
Subject: public comment

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This is in regards to the Aug 5th 2021 meeting agenda item #12 - legislative update. While things appear optimistic for federal and state financing, SMCTA should utilize the funds conservatively to build up core service before building out. This would mean putting money into Caltrain expansion south of San Jose to Gilroy and Caltrain passing tracks (including the proposed development in Redwood City) before a Dumbarton bridge rebuild or the Caltrain DTX. This would ensure Caltrain is best positioned to withstand whatever hardships might come over the next decade, either in the form of a covid recession or Trump 2. The bridge and DTX projects can still be financed, but would be assigned a lower priority. It is much easier for Caltrain to build down to Gilroy than across the bay or under San Francisco.

Please consider my comments,
Matthew Harris
San Carlos resident

From: Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Board (@caltrain.com)
Cc: MTC Info; Baltao, Elaine [board.secretary@vta.org]; SFCTA CAC; cacsecretary
[@caltrain.com]; SFCTA Board Secretary
Subject: Re: Item 3.a Systemic abuse of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Kindly be advised that staff's response to the email below was to disable the ability to save the transcript which now puts this agency's transparency on par with the High Speed Rail Authority's, so I will be submitting a PRA for the archived transcript at the conclusion of every meeting until the issue is resolved.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

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Closed Session in Progress

We will resume at approximately **10:25 am**

August 5, 2021
Joint Powers Board

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09:04:12
And that concludes my remarks. Thank you and see you later.

Dora Seamansd

09:04:18
Thank you.

Dora Seamansd

09:04:20
And I believe we have a separate Link for that is that correct or can you walk us through the process. Yes, there is a separate meeting link that was sent out Yesterday but I can resend it now.

09:04:35
So when everyone goes to that new meeting link you should close down out of this one if you're using the same device.

09:04:42
And then once the closed session concludes you may reuse your personalized link to resume an open session.

09:04:50
All right, and for the public, our estimated return time is 10:25am.

09:04:57
Thank you. All right, we're logging off now and we'll go into closed session.

From: Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 11:36 PM
To: Caltrain Board <board@caltrain.com>
Cc: MTC Info <info@bayareametro.gov>; VTA Board Secretary <board.secretary@vta.org>; SFCTA CAC <cac@sfcta.org>; Caltrain CAC Secretary <cacsecretary@caltrain.com>; SFCTA Board Secretary <clerk@sfcta.org>
Subject: Item 3.a Systemic abuse of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Dear Caltrain Board,

Further to PMOC Recommendation No. 6 - "*The PMOC has previously recommended that the JPB **obtain a second opinion from a well-qualified construction attorney with substantial experience in defending complex contractor claims, particularly those related to schedule delays.***"

<https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/Caltrain+Modernization+Program/Documents/PMOC+Reports/December+2020+-+FTA+Risk+Refresh+Report.pdf> (page 14 attached for your convenience), there is no sign of any "*well-qualified construction attorney with substantial experience in defending complex contractor claims, particularly those related to schedule delays*" and it is therefore unclear why the Board continues to ignore Vice-chair Heminger's recommendation to "*refer an item to one of the appropriate committees that can deal with it in public*" (full transcript below) and waste time "*dealing with these capital projects either in closed session, or in so-called ad hoc committees, neither of which meetings are public*".

FTA Led Risk Refresh Report - caltrain.com

Doc. No.: TO 69319520F300099.PCEP.CLIN2002.01 - 021 FTA Led Risk Refresh Report Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) San Francisco to San Jose, CA

www.caltrain.com

July 1st Caltrain Board meeting transcript:

12:43:53 Does anyone have questions or comments, Director Heminger.

12:43:58 Thank you Madam Chair.

12:44:01 You know I'm willing to support the staff recommendation here reluctantly I must say, but **I also want to try to draw a broader lesson from this project, which I believe has doubled in costs since the original budget.**

12:44:17 From the electrification program, which is we disclosed, a month or so ago, is looking at a significant schedule delay and cost overrun anyone observing our closed session agenda today would see that we're still dealing with the aftermath of the positive

12:44:38 train control program, even though it's been in operation for some time now.

12:44:44 And I know that Michelle is aware of these issues but I think it's worth stating out loud that I think **we've got a pattern here, a systemic problem of delivering large capital projects.**

12:44:58 We are not alone in the United States or the world in public agencies wrestling with these issues.

12:45:05 But I think we have to move ourselves toward the forefront of trying to identify some solutions.

12:45:12 I'm certainly glad that Rob is here and can bring his experience to bear.

12:45:17 But I think **one of our challenges, frankly, as a board has been that too often, we are dealing with these capital projects either in closed session, or in so-called ad hoc committees, neither of which meetings are public.**

12:45:35 *And I think that does some damage to our reputation and to our ability to be transparent to our constituents.*

12:45:46 *So, **I would like to request madam chair that you refer an item to one of the appropriate committees that can deal with it in public.** I sort of the lessons we have learned the challenges that we faced with the, with the capital projects that are either*

12:46:05 *finished are underway. And what potential solutions*

12:46:09 *we can fashion to reform our project delivery system, and that includes **involving the public eye and our stakeholders in a much more effective way than just hearing from us when we've got a problem and need more money.***

12:46:28 *So I make that request to you and hope that we could get that work started in the foreseeable future.*

12:46:37 *Certainly, and what's up committee I was what Michelle and I had in mind so we will do that at The Next Web committee meeting.*

12:46:48 *Thank you.*

Your prompt attention to this systemic lack of governance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

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From: [Jagjit Wood](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Weekday Morning Southbound CalTrain Schedule Change Request
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:19:25 PM

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Hello Caltrain!

I'm writing to request your help to adjust the CalTrain weekday schedule to accommodate Bellarmine College Prep where many students across the peninsula attend.

FYI - the school has a new start time – 8:30am and begins Mon Aug 16.

Based off of the current CalTrain schedule, I'm hoping you can accommodate a few changes:

- 1) Southbound Train #106 to add College Park stop to this route/schedule
- 2) Southbound Train #302 to add both Belmont and San Carlos stops

Thank you so much for your consideration and help!

Kind regards,

Jag Wood

(Belmont resident)