

**Bicycle and Active
Transportation Advisory
Committee**

**Correspondence
as of**

September 14, 2021

From: [George Schroeder](#)
Subject: LSAP City Council Hearing - Sep 14th
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:28:05 PM
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Hello,

Thank you for your interest in the Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Update project. This is a reminder of the final City Council hearing on **Tuesday, September 14th** to make a decision on the LSAP amendments, Lawrence Station Sense of Place Plan, and Intuitive Surgical Development Project in the LSAP boundary expansion area. The Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) will also be reviewed for certification. On [August 23rd](#), the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council adoption of the LSAP components and approval of the Intuitive project.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING

When: Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m.

Where: [Telepresence Meeting on Zoom](#)

[Hearing Agenda](#)

[LSAP staff report and attachments](#)

[Intuitive project staff report and attachments](#)

For more information, view the project website at:

<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/business/projects/lawrence.htm>. Please send comments and questions to myself at gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Thank you,



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From: [Bartholomew, Tasha](#)
To: [Bartholomew, Tasha](#)
Subject: NEWS: Caltrain to Operate Weekend Schedule for Labor Day
Date: Friday, September 3, 2021 11:05:49 AM
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NEWS

September 3, 2021

Media Contact: Tasha Bartholomew, 650.339.5257

Caltrain to Operate Weekend Schedule for Labor Day

[Caltrain](#) will operate a [weekend schedule](#) for Labor Day on Monday, September 6.

With the recent schedule [changes](#) that began on August 30, Caltrain now operates a unified weekend schedule with identical schedules operating on Saturdays and Sundays. The last northbound train of the day will depart Tamien Station at 11:05 p.m. and San Jose Diridon Station at 11:12 p.m. The last southbound train of the day will leave from San Francisco Station at 12:05 a.m.

For more information about Caltrain Holiday Service or help planning a trip, passengers can call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-660-4287 or visit www.caltrain.com. The Customer Service Center is open on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The administrative offices of the San Mateo County Transit District, which manages Caltrain, will be closed on Labor Day.

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About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides commuter rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with commute service to Gilroy. While the Joint Powers Board assumed operating responsibilities for the service in 1992, the railroad celebrated 150 years of continuous passenger service in 2014. Planning for the next 150 years of Peninsula rail service, Caltrain is on pace to electrify the corridor, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations. Follow Caltrain on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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From: [Bartholomew, Tasha](#)
To: [Bartholomew, Tasha](#)
Subject: NEWS: Caltrain Board Proclaims September Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 12:18:25 PM



September 2, 2021

Media Contact: Tasha Bartholomew, 650.339.5257

Caltrain Board Proclaims September Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month

For most people living and working along the rail corridor, the sight of Caltrain operating daily service up and down the Peninsula is commonplace. However, complacency around a heavy commuter train and relatively open access to the rails often leads to tragedy.

To highlight the importance of safety around train tracks and the high rate of intentional deaths on the rails, the Caltrain Board adopted a proclamation designating September as both Railroad Safety Month and Suicide Prevention Month during its monthly meeting.

“This proclamation for Railroad Safety & Suicide Prevention Month reaffirms Caltrain’s commitment to provide safe and efficient train service between San Francisco and Gilroy,” said Caltrain Board Chair Dev Davis during the meeting. “It is an opportunity to highlight the promotion and advancement of safety and prevention on the right of way through enhanced safety measures and increased public awareness.”

In honor of Rail Safety and Suicide Prevention Month, Caltrain will be promoting agency-created rail safety videos, in addition to promoting rail safety and suicide prevention messaging on our various social media platforms throughout the month, using #CaltrainSafe and #railsafety. The railroad has historically collaborated with suicide prevention agencies to prevent intentional deaths on the rails by posting crisis hotline signage at points all along the corridor and partnering with local behavioral and mental health organizations.

On Friday, September 17, at 10 a.m., Caltrain will host a ribbon-cutting event at the new Hillsdale Caltrain Station to celebrate the completion of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project in San Mateo.

The project separates the train tracks from the road at East 25th Avenue, between El Camino Real and South Delaware Street, while creating new east-west connections at 28th and 31st Avenues. This eliminates the risk of pedestrians and vehicles accessing the tracks, and prevents traffic bottlenecks at grade crossings. Studies have shown that separating train tracks from roads is the most effective way to prevent people from getting struck and killed by

locomotives.

Caltrain addresses safety through a comprehensive, ongoing program that focuses on the “Three E’s” of railroad safety – Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

For the last 17 years, Caltrain has planned or participated in an annual rail safety event in conjunction with [Operation Lifesaver](#), an international model program for rail safety. Since 2009, [California Operation Lifesaver](#) has declared September as Rail Safety Month. As one of the nonprofit organization’s community partners, Caltrain joins in their efforts to promote rail safety initiatives.

To be a part of the conversation during Rail Safety Month, passengers and local residents can pick a favorite safety tip and share it on social media with **#CaltrainSafe** and **#RailSafety**.

Examples of tips:

- If you encounter an emergency on Caltrain or see something suspicious, call the **Transit Police at 1.877.SAF.RAIL (1.877.723.7245)**.
- A typical Caltrain train can take nearly a mile to stop, even when emergency brakes are applied.
- It is never safe to stop closer than 15 feet from the rails, and a train is at least three feet wider than tracks on both sides.
- Only cross Caltrain tracks at designated crossings when it is safe to do so. While it might not be the quickest route, it is the safest.

For more information, visit www.caltrain.com/railsafety.

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From: [George Schroeder](#)
Subject: LSAP Final SEIR and Final Draft Plan Documents
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:11:52 PM
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Hello,

The City has released for review on the [project website](#) the [Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report \(SEIR\)](#) for the Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Update and Intuitive Surgical Development Project. The Final SEIR includes responses to comments received during the public comment period, minor clarifications to the Draft SEIR, and the [Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program](#). The City has also released the final drafts of the [Amended LSAP](#) and [Lawrence Station Sense of Place Plan](#).

As a reminder, the [Planning Commission](#) will consider the project components on **August 23rd** and provide a formal recommendation to the [City Council](#) for a decision on **September 14th**. The public hearings both start at 7 p.m. and will be virtual telepresence on Zoom. The hearings are also streamed on [YouTube](#).

The staff report and attachments for the Planning Commission hearing will be posted to the City's [meeting agenda website](#) and [project website](#) by August 20th.

Please send comments and questions to myself at gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

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From: [George Schroeder](#)
Subject: LSAP Final Public Hearing Dates and Incentives Program Availability
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:41:33 PM
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FINAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning Commission

When: Monday, August 23 at 7 p.m.

Where: [Telepresence Meeting on Zoom](#)

City Council

When: Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m.

Where: [Telepresence Meeting on Zoom](#)

The staff report and attachments for the Planning Commission hearing will be posted to the City's [meeting agenda website](#) by August 20th.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The [Draft Development Incentives Program](#) is also available for review. The voluntary incentives program allows property owners to develop their properties beyond the base maximum densities in exchange for providing community benefits that advance the goals of the Plan.

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From: [Provence, Dan](#)
To: [Jorge Pont](#)
Cc: [Caltrain, Bac \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: Menlo Park Bike Locker
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 4:25:34 PM

Hi Jorge,

Thanks for your patience while I was on vacation. I appreciate you confirming your address and I have reached out to our Operations people so another key can be sent.

Thanks,
Dan

From: Jorge Pont <jorgefpont@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Provence, Dan <ProvenceD@samtrans.com>
Cc: Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <baccaltrain@samtrans.com>
Subject: Re: Menlo Park Bike Locker

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Dan, just to let you know, I have not received the key yet.

Jorge

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021, 9:23 AM Provence, Dan <ProvenceD@samtrans.com> wrote:

Hi Jorge,

Thanks for giving me a call yesterday. I got confirmation that a key for the Menlo Park bike room is headed your way.

Thanks,
Dan

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From: Provence, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 9:19:46 AM
To: Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <baccaltrain@samtrans.com>; Jorge Pont <jorgefpont@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Menlo Park Bike Locker

Hi Jorge,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I'll need your address and some other information from you in order to get you a key. Please give me a call when you get a chance and we can get you set up with access.

Thanks,

Dan

Dan Provence, Principal Planner

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From: Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <baccaltrain@samtrans.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 8:40 AM

To: Jorge Pont <jorgefpont@gmail.com>; Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <baccaltrain@samtrans.com>

Cc: Provence, Dan <ProvenceD@samtrans.com>

Subject: RE: Menlo Park Bike Locker

Hi Jorge,

Thank you for your patience. I'm cc'ing Dan Provence who is our bike parking guru. He can get back to you directly regarding your question. Thank you!

Best,

Lori

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From: Jorge Pont <jorgefpont@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 4:52 PM

To: Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <baccaltrain@samtrans.com>

Subject: Fwd: Menlo Park Bike Locker

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Hi BAC:

I am writing to ask about the bike cage in the Menlo Park train station.

How do I get a key to store my bike there during the day?

There is a phone number on a sign but no-one ever answers it.

Also, the directions on the web do not seem to work.

I sent a check in and never heard back.

Once we start going back to the office (we are still working from home)

I would like to start using the cage.

Thanks.

Jorge

From: [Roland Lebrun](#)
To: [Donald Pollitt](#)
Cc: [SFCTA Board Secretary](#); [MTC Info](#); [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [CHSRA Board](#); [SFCTA CAC](#); [cacsecretary \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [Caltrain, Bac \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [TJPA CAC](#)
Subject: Private sector role in Financing, Delivering, Operating and Maintaining PAX, DTX and LINK21
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 3:39:33 AM

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Dear Chair Gee and Board members,

The intent of this email is to substantiate and elaborate on the comments I made at the July 22 TJPA Special Board meeting that the DTX is likely to attract significantly higher private sector interest if the PAX, the DTX and the LINK21 projects were combined into a single project.

Background

The TJPA issued the following RFI on June 30 2021:

Industry Sounding No. 02

Project Delivery Approach for the Transbay Program

Phase 2 – Downtown Rail Extension

“The purpose of the Industry Sounding is to inform strategy and future decision-making relative to the feasibility of the procurement and delivery of the DTX project under a design-build-finance (DBF) or design-build-finance-maintain (DBFM) model, or both, as alternatively financed options relative to other options for procurement and delivery.”

<https://tjpa.org/uploads/2021/06/RFI-02-Industry-Sounding.pdf>

Discussion

While encouraging, there are significant issues with this RFI as currently drafted:

1) “The TJPA will determine whether an Interested Party meets the minimum qualifications at its sole discretion.”

The above paragraph conflicts with the statement that *“The DTX project is being developed in collaboration with the following major stakeholders: the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), the CHSRA, and the City and County of San Francisco.”*

Recommendation: Defer determination of qualification to the entire IPMT and report results to the DTX ESC for review/concurrence.

2) “The DTX project configuration will be in accordance with the Transbay Program Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

(Final SEIS/EIR) dated November 2018”

- a. ***“Three-track, 1.95-mile rail alignment”***
- b. ***“Ventilation and emergency egress structures along the alignment”***
- c. ***“At-grade maintenance-of-way and **turnback tracks**”***
- d. ***“Railroad operations would be exclusively provided by Caltrain and the CHRSA”***
- e. ***“The assumption is that \$500 million to \$1 billion worth of financing would be sought from the Project Company”***

Recommendation: Private sector rail investment (other than a construction loan) typically requires revenues from an operating concession (30 years or more). ROI in a concession is typically achieved through a combination of reduced costs (value engineering) and increased revenues often including value capture:

- a. DTX Costs can be reduced substantially by eliminating the 3rd track, the ventilation and exit structures (https://www.sfcta.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Public%20Comment%20-%20Item%2010%20-%204%20comments%20REVISED_1.pdf page 18), the “tunnel stub” and the turnback track.
- b. Rail concessions often derive their revenues from train track miles and/or passenger counts. In this case, track miles would be doubled if the concession was extended to Cesar Chavez and passenger counts would increase 5X if the LINK21 tunnel was included in the concession.
- c. There are multiple opportunities for significant value capture between Brisbane and Emeryville, including the existing railyard block between 6th & 7th Streets (elimination of 7th to Townsend curve), Treasure Island land reclamation/remediation (LINK21 tunnel spoils) and the Brisbane integrated station (joint development).

I hope that you find this information useful and that you will consider directing staff to include some of the above in the forthcoming Industry Forum discussions.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

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