



July 16, 2019

Gillian Gillett, Chair
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

Dear Chair Gillett and Directors:

The City Council (Council) of the City of San Mateo¹ is writing to formally request that the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) reconsider the decision to allow Caltrain to relocate its set-out track in San Mateo. This relocation, while a separate project, is related to the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, which will displace the existing set-out track. The area that has been selected is directly adjacent to a large residential neighborhood, and a set-out track at that location would cause a significant, tangible impact on our residents' quality of life.

The Council is concerned that the decision to locate set-out track in a residential area was made based on a CEQA process in 2018 that did not include adequate outreach to impacted stakeholders, specifically the residents in the Hayward Park neighborhood of San Mateo who did not receive notification of your CEQA efforts. The inadequate outreach prevented our residents from any meaningful participation in the public process.

The City appreciates the PCJPB's support of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, which will provide significant benefit to both the City and Caltrain, and we understand that projects of this magnitude can have unavoidable impacts on residents and businesses. We respectfully request, however, that the PCJPB reconsider the set-out track location and support a new CEQA process on this project that allows for public feedback from our residents.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Papan,
Mayor

Maureen Freschet,
Deputy Mayor

Joe Goethals,
Councilmember

Eric Rodriguez,
Councilmember

¹ Councilmember Bonilla is recused from this action because of a conflict based on the proximity of his residence to the proposed project location.