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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager
MEETING DATE: July 15, 2019

SUBJECT:
Letter to Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Regarding Location of a Set-Out Track

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve a letter to be sent by the City Council to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) requesting reconsideration of the decision to locate a set-out track in the Hayward Park neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:
Caltrain has an existing set-out track south of 25th Avenue. A set-out track creates storage space for train maintenance equipment and typically consists of a 1,000 foot track and a gravel access road. To accommodate the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, this existing set-out track must be relocated, which will be conducted as a separate Caltrain project. Caltrain has decided to relocate the new set-out track adjacent to the Hayward Park neighborhood of San Mateo, parallel to B Street between 9th and 14th Avenues. While Caltrain went through the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process in 2018 related to this project, the residents of this neighborhood were not adequately noticed, and therefore no input was provided.

Area residents have only recently become aware of Caltrain's plan and have expressed significant concern about the impact this project will have on the quality of life in Hayward Park. At a community meeting hosted by the City on June 11th, Caltrain presented its project plan and heard residents' concerns about the project. Caltrain was asked to reconsider the selected location for the set-out track and redo the CEQA process to provide for adequate noticing to the residents. While Caltrain has committed to explore alternative sites for the set-out track, if they were to remain committed to the currently selected location in Hayward Park, they would not be required to redo the CEQA process. Under this scenario, our residents would not have the opportunity to formally provide input on the impacts of this project on the neighborhood. In an effort to avoid this scenario, a letter from the City Council to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board has been drafted and is included as Attachment 1. In this letter, the City Council is requesting that the PCJPB reconsider the decision to relocate the set-out track in Hayward Park and redo the CEQA process.

The letter has been drafted so that each member of the City Council will sign. Councilmember Bonilla, however, has a conflict due to his residence's proximity to the project site and will recuse himself from this action. Thus, he will not be a signatory on the letter, and the reason why has been footnoted in the letter for the PCJPB's information.

BUDGET IMPACT:
There is no direct budgetary impact for taking this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This action is not a project subject to CEQA, because the City is not the lead agency for the set out track project and is only requesting the lead agency to revisit the project and the appropriate environmental analysis for the project.

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Letter to PCJPB

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