Dear Caltrain Neighbor,

During late April and early May, crews have been placing dirt inside the Caltrain right of way between 9th Avenue and 14th Avenue in order to raise the level of the ground approximately four to five feet to be at the same level as the tracks. Crews will take steps to minimize impacts from the movement of soil, including installing two ditches for drainage purposes. The dirt is being placed in this location in preparation for a future track maintenance area.

**What Is a Track Maintenance Area?**
A track maintenance area creates a storage space for track maintenance equipment, including on-track trucks of various sizes, tampers, regulators, stabilizers, ballast cars, and flat cars. It typically includes a spur of track approximately 100’ in length and an access road. Equipment is stored in the area on an as needed basis for either the day or night shift maintenance crews. This area is necessary for the efficiency of track maintenance operations and would likely be used approximately 1 to 2 days per week.

**Why Is the Maintenance Area Needed?**
San Mateo previously had a track maintenance area at 28th Avenue in San Mateo. This was removed for the current grade separation project. In determining where the new track maintenance area would be located, a number of factors had to be considered, including space constraints and the height of the tracks.

**What Is the Timeline for Installing the Track Maintenance Area?**
No contract has yet been awarded for track maintenance area, thus the main construction will not commence until winter 2019 at the earliest.

Prior to the start of construction of the track maintenance area, Caltrain will notify the community. Caltrain also offers a weekly construction notice for those interested in the latest construction activities. To sign-up please visit www.Caltrain.com/ConstructionNotice. For questions please call the Caltrain Customer Service at 1-800-660-4287 or email construction@caltrain.com. Thank you for your patience while this pre-construction work occurs.

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