

Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF) Monitoring Committee - Quarterly Report

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The CEMOF Monitoring Committee Quarterly Report supplements the official meeting minutes. It provides the community, the San Jose City Council, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board with a brief overview of unresolved issues. Each issue is assigned a tracking number when first added to the report and is removed from the report one quarter after being resolved.

Current Issues

No.	Issue	Planned Action(s)	Comment
001	Screeching train wheels on track relocated by Caltrain for CEMOF project. Primary noise sources are Union Pacific (UP) freight trains on Track #1. In violation of Shared Objectives, Goal A (Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours).	UP to install rail lubricator using equipment to be provided by Caltrain. Ongoing equipment maintenance to be provided by UP.	Opened 10/26/05. UP installed rail lubricator on Track #1 in August 2006. Noise was reduced, but not eliminated. Caltrain obtained UP agreement to maintain lubricator in January 2010. UP subsequently installed longer wiper bars and is considering increasing capacity to improve lubricator performance. On a parallel path, a trial run is tentatively planned for week of 6/21/10 with top-of-rail "friction modifier" on Track #1 as recommended by consultant following noise assessment. In addition, Caltrain is considering installing lubricators on Tracks #2 and #3.
012	Failure to respond to complaints regarding horn testing within 72 hours. In violation of Shared Objective H-3 (JPB will respond to community complaints within 72 hours of receipt).	Caltrain to develop/implement plan for improved communications regarding potentially disruptive activities.	Opened 9/22/09. On 10/28/09, Caltrain presented draft communication plan for using e-mail, public service announcements and website postings to provide: (1) advance notification and explanation of potentially disruptive activities; and (2) clear and timely responses to community complaints. Second and third drafts were presented on 1/27/10 and 5/19/10. Caltrain is making final revisions to plan based on Committee input and has begun implementation. Resolved.
013	Horn relocation project (Issue 011) identified need for advance identification/mitigation of disruptive activities to ensure compliance with Shared Objectives, Goal A (Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours).	Caltrain to develop/implement plan for advance identification and mitigation of potentially disruptive activities.	Opened 1/27/10. Plan has been incorporated into communication plan (Issue 012). Caltrain's Public Affairs staff now participates in capital project planning meetings to identify potential issues and initiate work to minimize disturbances when possible. Resolved.