Correspondence as of September 20, 2019

1. Email subject: Street Renaming Proposal

2. Email subject: Caltrain Business Plan Comment Letter from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors

3. Email subject: More Caltrain Service is South San Francisco
Dear Ms. Teresa O'Neill,
I'm a member of the Pres. Barack Obama Blvd. Committee and what to know the vote status of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board concerning our street renaming proposal? Please see the attached letter and contact or direct me to the correct entity to answer my question. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give.
Cynthia Cooper
Teresa O’Neill  
Director of Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  

Dear Ms. O’Neill  

My name is Cynthia Cooper and I am a member of the Barack Obama Blvd Committee. The Committee is a community interest group with the sole purpose of honoring the legacy of the 44th President of The United States, Barack Obama by naming a street “Barack Obama Boulevard” in San Jose, California.  

This effort was started by a group of local residents to honor the 44th President of the United States who made history as the first African American President of the United States. He led the county out of a recession and supported many policies that impacted the city of San Jose and Santa Clara County. Implementing this proposal will enable generations of people to share in the recognition of the accomplishments of this inspiring, and positive leader.  

The city council of San Jose’s policy requires support from Impacted Property Owners of which the Board is one. We are reaching out to you and the PCJPB. This proposal is being presented by the Committee and is supported by local and national politicians, labor, community organizations, and members of the public at large. We have obtained over 2,400 petition signatures, 40 letters of support and raised funds for implementation cost.  

I am asking you for assistance in finding out if the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, with seven (7) votes, will vote on our proposal or remain neutral. We are looking at several streets to rename and currently are asking about the parcels #26134006, 26134012, 26133403, 26134014, 26134018, 26134017, and 26134016 located near Montgomery/Bird & Autumn Street Corridor. I can be reached at (408) 460-1203 or cynthiacoop427@gmail.com.  

Sincerely,  

Cynthia Cooper  

Cynthia Cooper, Member,  
Barack Obama Blvd Committee  
Alex Shoor, Barack Obama Blvd Chair  
Hellen Sims, Barack Obama Blvd Co-chair
Attached please find a comment letter from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors regarding the Caltrain Business Plan. Thank you.

Annette D’Adamo, Legislative Coordinator  
County of Monterey – Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs  
168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901 – (831) 796-3045
September 9, 2019

Gillian Gillett
Chair
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Ave
San Carlos, CA 94070

Subject: Caltrain Business Plan Comments

Dear Chair Gillett:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to comment on the staff recommended preferred alternative for the Caltrain Business Plan. Monterey County encourages Caltrain to include the Monterey County Rail Extension in all near-term scenarios for the Business Plan.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is the lead agency for the Monterey County Rail Extension project. It is our understanding that TAMC and Caltrain staff have been reviewing the 75% engineering plans for the improvements at Salinas (six-train layover facility) and in Gilroy (connection of the station track to the through track to enable the extension of service). The near-term scenario is two round trips as an extension of trains currently serving Gilroy; the long-term scenario could support a much more robust service. The project has been environmentally cleared and is fully funded with state grants. The extension of service to Salinas is a priority for the State of California and is shown in the near-term 2022 vision in the State Rail Plan.

Initiating rail service in Monterey County will increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between Monterey County and Silicon Valley. Monterey County supports this important regional rail project and asks the Caltrain Board to include the extension in the Business Plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Cc: Debra L. Hale, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Let's Work Together to Get More Caltrain Service in South San Francisco!

Caltrain is writing a new Business Plan (https://www.caltrain2040.org/), which includes examination and adjustment of Caltrain station stops. Caltrain staff has endorsed a plan of "moderate growth" which results in a 400% increase in Caltrain service to South San Francisco, going from two trains per hour to eight trains per hour. Caltrain is soliciting community comment on the new Business Plan, and will make a decision soon on future service.

We need your help! Please send a letter of support to BusinessPlan@Caltrain.com requesting, at a minimum, eight trains per hour in South San Francisco.

Caltrain's advisory body, the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG), meets on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the SamTrans offices (1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos).

A final vote on the new Business Plan is scheduled for the Caltrain Joint Powers Board (JPG) meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at SamTrans Headquarters (1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos). A letter of support to the JPG Board is also requested, as well as in-person testimony during public comments.

This is the critical, final meeting to decide future service, and we need them to hear from our South San Francisco residents!
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